

Low Income Utility Assistance Workgroup Meeting Minutes

December 15,2021

Attendance

1. Shanise Smith
2. Bob Smith
3. Brandi Neiland
4. Cindy Carter
5. Eduardo Hayden
6. Jacob Ouslander
7. Kate Natafji
8. Laurel Peltier
9. Lauren Molineaux
10. Lisa Smith
11. Delegate Lorig Charkoudian
12. Senator Malcom Augustine
13. Nathan McCurdy
14. Nicole Fernandes
15. Robbie Black
16. Ryan Lancaster

- I. Minutes approved
- II. Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Business Affairs Presentation
 - A. Utility assistance for small business-hard to find reporting but the need is there.
 - B. 35-40 billion debt to small business indicated an assistance need to small business
 - C. No programs specifically targeting businesses in low income and under resourced areas.
 1. GOAL= try to make it the account personal if it does not interfere with business
 2. Just because you are a small business does not mean you meet the commercial requirement
 3. PSC - what do we need to add as a residential client?
- III. Inventory of programs that Utilities currently have?
 - A. Assess programs that currently exist in other jurisdictions and compare.
- IV. Systems and Program considerations

- A. Everyone completes an application for enhancement
- B. Those who pay condo fees to be eligible for EUSP
- C. policies/best practices