



NATIONAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION

## Virtual Meeting Agenda April 13-14, 2021

### **Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

All Times in Eastern Daylight Time

- 12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.      **Welcome and Introductions**  
**Barbara Klug**, Board Chair  
**Mark Wolfe**, Executive Director
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.      **Washington Update**  
**Introduction:** Mark Wolfe, NEADA  
**Rick Kessler**, House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
**Jackie Miech**, Office of Senator Reed (D-RI)  
**Ben Schreiber**, Office of Senator Merkley (D-OR)
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.      **Rental, Mortgage & Utility Assistance Roundtable Discussion**  
Developing State Housing/Low Income Energy Partnerships  
**Introduction:** Andrew Bryk, New York  
**Stockton Williams**, Executive Director, National Council of State Housing Agencies
- 1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.      **Break**
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.      **LIHEAP in Context of the American Rescue Plan**  
**Introduction:** Theresa Kullen, Colorado  
**Deborah Weinstein**, Executive Director, Coalition for Human Needs  
**Olivia Wein**, Staff Attorney, National Consumer Law Center  
**Jenifer Bosco**, State Attorney, National Consumer Law Center
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.      **NEADA Update**  
**Mark Wolfe/Cass Lovejoy**
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.      **State Roundtable – Pandemic Debrief**  
Discussion of states' experiences managing LIHEAP during the pandemic, lessons learned, policy changes and next steps.
- 4:30 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.      **Congressional Address**  
**Introduction:** Richard Giddings, Vermont  
**Congressman Peter Welch**, (D-Vermont)



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### **National Partners Roundtable Discussion**

**Introduction:** Häly Laasme, Delaware

[Jeff Genzer](#), NEADA Counsel, Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer & Pembroke

[Ian Gray](#), Legislative and Communications Analyst, National Association  
for State Community Services Programs

[Katrina Metzler](#), Executive Director, National Energy and Utility  
Affordability Coalition

**John Godfrey**, Senior Director, Government Relations, American Public  
Power Association

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 pm.

### **Administration on Children and Families Update**

**Introduction:** Barb Klug, Wisconsin

[Lanikque Howard](#), Director, Office of Community Services (Invited)

[Janelle George](#), Deputy Director, Office of Community Services (Invited)

[Lauren Christopher](#), Director, Division of Energy Assistance

**Akm Rahman**, Branch Chief, Energy Programs Operations, Division of  
Energy Assistance

**Iris Curtis**, Supervisory Auditor, Division of Energy Assistance

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

### **Break**

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

### **Outreach, Application Requirements, and Program Integrity**

Challenges in Signing up New Clients

**Mark Wolfe/Cass Lovejoy**

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

### **Challenges in Distributing Water Stimulus Assistance Funds**

**Introduction:** Thomas Hartnett-Russell, Indiana

**Kristina Surfus**, Managing Director, Government Affairs,  
National Association of Clean Water Agencies

**Shelley Morgan**, LIHEAP Coordinator, Arizona Department of Economic  
Security

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### **Breakout Sessions**

We will break out into smaller rooms to have more in-depth conversations about LIHEAP administration including the additional \$4.5 billion in funding, water assistance, and other pertinent topics.