



NATIONAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION

Winter Meeting Agenda

March 15 – 17, 2022

Tuesday, March 15, 2022: General Meeting

All Times in Eastern Standard 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.

Congressional Update Roundtable

House and Senate staff discuss the funding outlook for FY 22 and FY 23 LIHEAP and LIHWAP.

Introductions: Mark Wolfe, NEADA

Gabie Camozzi, Office of Representative Peter Welch (D – VT)

Molly Ryan, Office of Senator Susan Collins (R – ME)

Rachel Mitnick, Office of Senator Jack Reed (D – RI)

Richard Kogan, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

National Partners Roundtable

An update from NEADA's national partners on issues and opportunities across the network in the coming year.

Introductions: Theresa Kullen, Colorado

Katrina Metzler, National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition

Bill Malcolm, AARP

Jacob Peterson, National Propane Gas Association

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Break



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Tuesday, March 15, 2022: General Meeting (Continued)

All Times in Eastern Standard Time

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

LIHEAP and LIHWAP Policy Discussion with National Resources Defense Council

Panelists will discuss lessons learned from LIHEAP during the pandemic, and how those lessons can inform policymakers as they contemplate a permanent water assistance program.

Moderator: Mark Wolfe, NEADA

Deron Lovaas, Senior Policy Advisor

Larry Levine, Director, Urban Water Infrastructure

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Remarks from Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT)

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Child Tax Credit Research – Helping to Pay Essential Expenses

The expanded child tax credit provided unprecedented support for struggling families during the pandemic. This session will discuss the impact of the program on American households.

Introduction: Betsy Ransdell, Nevada

Megan A. Curran, Center on Poverty and Social Policy,
Columbia University

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Quarterly Reporting in LIHEAP and LIHWAP

HHS is requiring quarterly reporting in both LIHEAP and LIHWAP, including new demographic data collection requirements. The session will discuss state compliance obstacles in implementing these requirements, and what HHS plans for using the data.

4:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

NEADA Update

Mark Wolfe/Cass Lovejoy

- 1) Welcome New Members
- 2) Training & Technical Assistance
- 3) National Energy Assistance Day Debrief
- 4) Board and Membership Updates



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Wednesday, March 16, 2022: LIHEAP Topics

All Times in Eastern Standard Time

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Federal Agency Update: Administration on Children and Families

Key discussion topics include the Administration's Justice 40 goals, new HHS regional reps, ARPA expenditures, and changes to LIHEAP reporting.

Introductions: Barb Klug, Wisconsin, NEADA Chair

Lanikque Howard, Director, Office of Community Services

Lauren Christopher, Director, Division of Energy Assistance

Akm Rahman, Chief, Energy Programs Operations Branch

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 pm.

Increased Funding and Changes to WAP

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is undergoing major changes between the program's reauthorization in FY 2020 and \$3.5 billion in appropriations in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Introductions: Christine Taylor, Iowa

Jenae Bjelland, Executive Director, NASCSP

Jeff Genzer, NEADA Counsel

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Break

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Innovation in LIHEAP and Weatherization

Policymakers are looking at ways to work across programs to help low-income households. Learn about some efforts to weave together housing, energy, and climate programs to benefit these families.

Introductions: Thomas Hartnett-Russell, Indiana

Elizabeth Bellis Wolfe, Office of Loan, US DOE

Michael Freedberg, Office of Environment and Energy, HUD

Ruthy Gourevitch, Office of Congressman Jamaal Bowman (D – NY16)

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Update from the LIHEAP Performance Measures Workgroup

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

State LIHEAP Updates

Interactive poll and feedback session for states to share information on program developments.

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.



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Thursday, March 17, 2022: LIHWAP Sessions

All Times in Eastern Daylight Time

- 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Congressional Award: Representative Jamaal Bowman (D – NY16)**
Introduction: Andrew Bryk, New York
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Administration on Children and Families LIHWAP Update**
Status updates from the Federal LIHWAP office and discussion about upcoming federal program actions and developments.
Introduction: Barb Klug, Wisconsin
Lanikque Howard, Director, Office of Community Services
Lauren Christopher, Director, Division of Energy Assistance
Christina Clark, Operations Branch Chief
Mary Watts, Policy Branch Chief
- 1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Break**
- 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Vendor Management**
State roundtable to discuss vendor management issues in LIHWAP.
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Moving to a Permanent Water Program**
Current LIHWAP funding expires September 2023. The future of the program has not yet been settled. This session will discuss potential paths forward for LIHWAP funding, and the trends of water affordability around the country.
Introduction: Brian Sarensen, Washington
Kristina Surfus, National Association of Clean Water Agencies
Sri Vedachalam, Environmental Policy Innovation Center
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Water Assistance Roundtable**
State Roundtable on the development and launch of LIHWAP.