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
Gacie 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**
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

Remarks from Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT)

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

Break

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.

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
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.
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.