



NATIONAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

## NEADA Annual Meeting

September 16 – 17, 2024

Renasant Convention Center, 255 N Main St, Memphis

Room #LL-9

### Monday, September 16, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.            **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:50 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.            **Welcome and Introductions**  
*Thomas Hartnett-Russell, NEADA Chair*  
*Mark Wolfe, NEADA Executive Director*
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.            **Washington Update/Appropriations Issues**  
*Ellen Nissenbaum, Center for Budget and Policy Priorities*  
*Mark Wolfe, NEADA Executive Director*
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.            **Categorizing Extreme Heat as “Major Disaster” under FEMA**  
**Introduction:** *Brian Sarensen, Washington*  
**Speakers:** *Gabriela Sarri-Tobar, Center for Biological Diversity*  
*LaTricea Adams, Young, Gifted and Green, and the White House*  
*Environmental Justice Advisory Council*
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.            **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.            **NEADA Board Introductions & Projects Update**  
*Cassandra Lovejoy, NEADA Policy & Managing Director*  
*Thomas Hartnett-Russell, NEADA Chair*  
*Mark Wolfe, NEADA Executive Director*
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.            **The Impact of Energy Bills on Family Finances**  
**Introduction:** *Theresa Kullen, Colorado*  
**Speaker:** *Daniel M. Sullivan, Ph.D., JPMorganChase Institute*



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12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**Working Lunch**

Discussion: HHS Memo on Vendor Refunds

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Update from the PMIWG**

2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**Assurance 16 Case Study: Connecticut**

**Introduction:** *Betsy Ransdell*, Nevada

**Speakers:** *Linette Pisani*, Connecticut

*Shauneice Mitchell*, Connecticut

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Break**

3:30p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Roundtable Discussion**

- State/Tribe Agreements
- Recent Experiences in HHS Monitoring
- State Plan as a “Living Document”

5:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

**NEADA Reception**

Sheraton Memphis Downtown

Nashville Room



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- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.                **Update from the Administration for Children and Families**  
**Introduction:** *Thomas Hartnett-Russell*, NEADA Chair  
**Speakers:** *Megan Meadows*, Director, Division of Energy Assistance, OCS  
*Akm Rahman*, Energy Program Operations Branch Chief, OCS  
*Andrew Germain*, Supervisory Auditor, OCS
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.                **Model Utility Shutoff Rules**  
**Introduction:** *Brian Whorl*, Pennsylvania  
**Speakers:** *Charlie Harak*, National Consumer Law Center  
*Ria Pereira*, Pennsylvania Utility Law Project  
*Brandi Nieland*, Maryland Office of People’s Counsel
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.                **Break**
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.                **Rising Residential Electric Prices: The View from EIA**  
**Introduction:** *Brian Sarensen*, Washington  
**Speakers:** *Alexander Gorski*, U.S. Energy Information Administration  
*Tyson Brown*, U.S. Energy Information Administration  
*Lori Aniti*, U.S. Energy Information Administration



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- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.      **Working Lunch: Case Study: Pennsylvania DCED & LIHEAP**  
**Introduction:** *Cassandra Lovejoy*, NEADA  
**Speakers:** *Brian Whorl*, Pennsylvania  
*Kathryn Rulli*, PA Department of Community & Economic  
Development
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.      **Energy & Social Justice**  
**Introduction:** *Lisa Goben-Toninato*, Oregon  
**Speakers:** *Forest Bradley-Wright*, American Council for an  
Energy-Efficient Economy  
*Michael Reiner*, Office of Energy Justice and Equity at DOE
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.      **Examining the Suitability of AI in Social Service Programs**  
**Introduction:** *Michael DeYoung*, Texas  
**Speakers:** *Brian Pendleton*, Tasaane Mgmt LLC  
*Rachel See*, Seyfarth Shaw LLP  
*Ken Kato*, Kindo, and former White House Presidential Innovation  
Fellow
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.      **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.      **Peer Exchange**
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.      **NEADA/NASCSP Board Mixer**