



NATIONAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION

Virtual Meeting Agenda October 12-14, 2021 (Draft as of 9/29/21)

Tuesday, October 12, 2021: General Meeting

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

Hear from House and Senate staffers about current proposal and outlook for LIHEAP in 2022 and beyond.

Molly Ryan, Office of Senator Collins (R-ME)

Gabie Camozzi, Office of Representative Welch (D-VT)

Rachel Mitnick, Office of Senator Reed (D-RI)

Jake Tyner, Office of Congressman McKinley (R-WV 01)

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Post-Pandemic & the New Normal: National Partners Roundtable

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

Katrina Metzler, National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition

Brian Caudill, American Gas Association

Stockton Williams, National Council of State Housing Agencies

Kristina Surfus, National Association of Clean Water Agencies

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Break



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Tuesday, October 12, 2021: General Meeting (Continued)

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2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Policy Perspectives: LIHEAP, WAP and Climate Proposals

Proposals to combat climate change will have a significant impact on low-income households. Learn about the Biden Administration's climate priorities and how they will affect the lives of the families we serve.

Jeff Genzer, NEADA Counsel

Shalanda Baker, U.S. Department of Energy (Invited)

Tony Reames, U.S. Department of Energy (Invited)

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Census Pulse Survey

A representative of the U.S. Census Bureau will discuss findings from the Census Pulse survey, which has been tracking the impact of the pandemic on American families since April 2020. Energy data was first included starting in July 2021.

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

NEADA Update & Membership Meeting

Mark Wolfe/Cass Lovejoy

- 1) Member Categories
- 2) Policy Priorities
- 3) Training & Technical Assistance

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Wednesday, October 13, 2021: LIHEAP Topics

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12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Administration on Children and Families LIHEAP Update

Updates from the federal office that administers LIHEAP.

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

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

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

Akm Rahman, Branch Chief, Energy Programs Operations, Division of Energy Assistance (Invited)

Iris Curtis, Supervisory Auditor, Division of Energy Assistance (Invited)

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 pm.

LIHEAP, Renewables, and Climate Adaptation

1) *NASEO/NEADA Shared Solar Initiative*

Cass Lovejoy, NEADA

Sandy Fazeli, NASEO

2) *The Growing Need for Cooling*

Mark Wolfe, NEADA

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Break

1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

EIA Winter Fuels Update

Thomas Leckey, Energy Information Administration

2:015 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Update from the LIHEAP Performance Measures Workgroup

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

State LIHEAP Roundtable

States share recent program changes and current challenges.

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Break

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.

1) Cooling Assistance

2) Lessons from CARES/Pandemic

3) Coordinating Services and Outreach: ARP funds and rental assistance

Thursday, October 14, 2021: LIHWAP Topics

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12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Administration on Children and Families LIHWAP Update

[Lanikque Howard](#), Director, Office of Community Services
[Janelle George](#), Deputy Director, Office of Community Services
[Lauren Christopher](#), Director, Division of Energy Assistance
Christina Clark, Policy Analyst, Division of Energy Assistance
Updates from the Federal LIHWAP office about the status of the program, and important information LIHWAP directors need to know about federal program requirements.

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Break

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Getting to Know the Network: Water Assistance Partners

Federal assistance for water bills may be new, but water issues have been around for a long time. This session will provide perspectives from national water stakeholders.

[Scott Berry](#), US Water Alliance (Invited)
Jim Maras, Association of Regional Water Organizations (Invited)
David LaFrance, American Water Works Association (Invited)
[Robert F. Powelson](#), National Association of Water Companies (Invited)
Diane VanDe Hei, Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (Invited)

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

The Future of Water Assistance

Update and policy outlook on water funding in FFY 2022 and beyond.
Office of Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR) (Invited)
Office of Representative Rashida Tlaib (D-MI 13) (Invited)
Office of Representative Frank Pallone (D-NJ 6) (Invited)

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Break

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Water Assistance: How it Started vs. How it's Going

State Roundtable on the development and launch of LIHWAP.

Topics:

- 1) Vendor Management
- 2) Serving Renters
- 3) Program launch lessons learned