

Residential Building Energy Labeling Working Group
Meeting Notes
7/16/20

Attendees: Leslie Badger (EVT); Michelle Coburn (VGS), Kelly Launder (PSD); Chris Gordon (EVT); Melanie Paskevich (NWWVT); Craig Peltier (VHCB); Richard Faesy (EFG); Keith Levenson (PSD); Mike Russom (BED); Chris West; Paul Zabriskie (Capstone); Tim Yandow (CVOEO)

- **Review/approve meeting minutes**

- Richard Faesy moved to approve the meeting minutes from June, Paul Zabriskie seconded. Approved by voice vote.

- **Subcommittee updates and budget estimates** (Subcommittee leads)

General discussion:

- Is the budget going to be an appendix? Kelly L: budgets by section, then a total budgets section for Residential part of the report.
- Kelly L.: maybe separate budget items into need to have and nice to have items. Differences between voluntary and mandatory program designs. Tim Y: core costs and optional costs.

Label Subcommittee

- Had a number of comments about making the directions more visual, which they are working on.
- Budgets:
 - Infrastructure costs (HELIX), which includes \$10,000 for that and another \$7,500 for labels.
 - Staffing for Admin.
- Should there be cost-sharing for all the participating organizations?
 - If yes, should there also be a recommendation on what the methodology might be for the cost-saving?
 - Yes, seems like this would be reasonable
 - Richard F: Munis that are using infrastructure should pay part of the cost. Chris G: NEEP will need payment from some source.
- Leslie B: Josh LaRose estimated \$50k for OEO but that was based on having Hancock automatically input data into Energy Estimator/HELIX. And creating label. No hands-on work by OEO. Only situation where this would be a significant issue is where program is mandatory. OEO would have to go back to homes and create label

Impact Subcommittee

- Haven't met again, but write-up is in good shape.
- Haven't been able to get any additional realtor feedback outside of survey, which didn't happen
- Budgets:
 - Could hire someone to do realtor feedback survey (outside of VAR); Maybe also research for impact on mandatory labeling requirement, like Montpelier; analysis of VARs sellers report.

Scores & Reporting Subcommittee

- Already discussed the costs for HELIX, etc and the cost-sharing which this subcommittee has recommendations regarding
- Privacy concerns – OEO being named on profile. If credit is given to a program sponsor (like an EEU) but not for a WAP project, would that by default identify the property as a WAP participant.
 - When programs are uploading data into HELIX there's a field for the entity completing the data (EVT, etc) and this would flow up to the MLS.
 - CG: on label it is now generic program. LB: "program sponsored weatherization upgrades" Only address on label. But in HELIX, when PAs upload data, there is a field that ids the org that did the W/X. No personal info (name of homeowner) but associates home with a low-income program. PZ: make program name more generic. KL: But some programs may want there program name out there, want to identify. RF: goal is to have 'weatherized home' show up on label somehow.

Assessors Subcommittee

- Keith presented draft budget.
- Richard – I think the development of the training protocol is way low. Keith – they assumed that the training requirements would be pretty light seeing how its designed for home owner input.
- Chris G. – what about the development of a webinar that could walk assessors through the process.
- Leslie – would existing contractor networks be included on the database or would you specifically go through training to be in the database (Keith – the latter).
- **Program identifier on Profile, OEO confidentiality issue** (Scores and Reporting Subcommittee)
 - Discussed whether a more generic name/identifier could be used, such as Home performance with Energy Star Project, without an organization identified so it wouldn't be identified as a WAP project. (Also see additional notes above regarding.)
- **Montpelier Update** (Richard Faesy)
 - Mayor will introduce time of listing ordinance at August meeting, which has been significantly simplified. Specifically references the RBELWG, energystimator.
 - If vote yes, then implementation would begin January, 2021. So if you list a home after January 2021 you will need to use the energy estimator to provide the profile.

Next Steps:

All subcommittees will send their budget estimates to Kelly with an identifier of what costs are required vs. nice to have and she will compile and send out with the meeting notes.

Next meeting discuss budget recommendations, cost sharing, and confidentiality issue (Richard and Tim will share what they've learned from DOE).