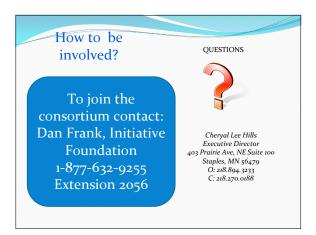


OPPORTUNITIES

- PROJECT PLANNING FORM
- PREFERRED SUSTAINABILITY STATUS
- •Collage of Sustainability Symposium Oct 13. Pine River. (see handouts)



Survey

- Eight respondents
- Seven Utility Companies
- One Housing /Redevelopment Authority.

All Region Five Counties Represented

Crow Wing, Cass, Todd, Wadena and Morrison.

Number of Members served

1 serves: 0-999

•2 serve: 1,000 - 4,999

•2 serve: 5,000 - 9,999

•2 serve: 10,000 - 49,999

•1 serves: 50,000 +

Services Provided

- Energy Efficiency Education: 85.7%
- Energy Efficiency Rebates: 100%
- Renewable Energy Rebates: 28.6%
- Energy Efficiency Loans: 42.9%
- Renewable Energy Incentives: 28.6%
- Energy Management Services: 57.1%
- Build Energy Efficient Homes: 14.3%
- Provide Weatherization services: 0%

Programs specific to Low Income

• Yes: 75%

• No: 25%

Which Programs?

- 1. Low income Housing section 8
- 2. Work with Local CAPs on Weatherization
- 3. Several programs through local CAPs
- 4. Grant program with local HRA to target low income properties they manage.
- 5. Energy Awareness Expo and Energy Partners
- 6. Funding to CAPs for weatherization as well as funding member improvement projects directly.

What Orgs do you collaborate with?

- Utility Companies: 57.1%
- Community Action Programs: 71.4%
- Central MN Housing Partnership: 14.3%
- Habitat for Humanity organizations: 42.9%
- Housing and Redevelopment Authorities: 28.6%
- Economic Development Practitioners: 28.6%
- Division of Energy Resources: 14.3%
- Clean Energy Resource Teams: 28.6%
- Region Five Development Commission: 28.6%
- Renewable Energy Companies: 28.6%
- Energy Management Companies: 57.1%
 Energy Education Companies: 14.3%
- General Topics around collaboration you would like to discuss
- 1. Low income HVAC Installation
- 2. CAP Agencies and How \$\$ is spent on weatherization
- 3. Education Efforts, single point source for information
- 4. Helpful to Develop plans for collaboration that address specific goals within the region.

- **Discussions around Collaborations**
- Fill out Post it and put it up
- We can do up to three topics at a time
- We can do two sets of discussions

The Nominal Process

- Use Go-Rounds
- Everyone has an opportunity to speak once before anyone speaks twice
- Respect every ones contributions
- No side conversations

Record Answers on sheet on tables

Questions

- What is the issue?
- Who can be involved?
- What are the benefits?
- What are the cautions?

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Record answers on sheet on tables

Next Steps

- Go to a topic of interest
- Discuss Next Steps with Others
- Brief report out to group

Record Next steps

Wrap Up

- Thanks!
- Complete Evaluation
- Upcoming Events, December 15th
- Lunch

Group Discussion Summa	
General Topics Around Collaboration	Next Steps
How do we provide more energy efficiency low-interest loans?	8. Start an energy rating system for rentals for tenants to use, like "Agnie's list" 9. Additional incentives for landlords-wouchers for low income 10. If landlord receives HUD voucher-low income 11. If tenant has high bills will struggle to pay rents (andlord's problem)
How do we work with CEE to do neighborhood energy challenge?	Use existing software, "My Meter" to encourage customers to manage usage Publicize case studies of families that have utilized programs that save energy
What are additional opportunities to spend low-income dollars?	Utilities will list the programs they have for low income; target group homes and programs serving low- income/senior disabled
How do we consistently share information on commercial building projects?	Have city/county/RSDC put utilities on email for agendas of EDA/HRA/Planning Commissions, etc. Utility can review for possible projects EDA to send email to utilities with prospects Utilities not IEDAs for information

