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david wortman 00:00:52.965 --> 00:01:07.455
And unmute you, but we'll also monitor the chat. So if you have questions, you can put those in the chat as well. So, with that, uh, I will call the meeting to order.

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david wortman 00:01:09.765 --> 00:01:16.635
And, uh, 1st thing we'll do is the will approve the.

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david wortman 00:01:18.854 --> 00:01:38.834
Meeting minutes from the last meeting we're doing these the same way that we've been doing in the past. So we had a link sent out to the video and then the transcript of the meeting from the last meeting. So those are out there.

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david wortman 00:01:56.565 --> 00:02:04.185
Mute or type into chat that they move to approve the last meeting minutes.

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Eric Schrader 00:02:14.835 --> 00:02:15.465
I approve.

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david wortman 00:02:16.365 --> 00:02:17.385
Thank you Eric.

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david wortman 00:02:25.394 --> 00:02:44.744
So, uh, we have Nicole and Eric and Mo have done emotion and prove all in favor. Say, aye, you're saying it on mute if you're not in favor typing into the check we will count those later. We will assume the meeting minutes are approved. We need a better way to do that. We will move on.

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david wortman 00:02:44.804 --> 00:03:04.934
To the discussion items, now I'm going to start with a quick legislative update and I'll start by saying that there are people on this call who understand the legislative process better than I do. So if I get anything wrong, feel free to unmute and clarify but I.

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david wortman 00:03:09.780 --> 00:03:29.935
Process work this last session so, uh, we went through the energy affordability discussion group and came up with a language for revisions to the energy efficiency, or the energy assistance act. Uh, and that was all put together. I think we had some competing bills with, uh.

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david wortman 00:03:29.939 --> 00:03:49.509
Slightly different language, but largely similar, uh, what ended up getting past there's Senate bill 265. that has a lot of the changes that we talked about in the, the energy affordability group.

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david wortman 00:04:02.160 --> 00:04:22.300
Information was put into the budget implementation bill so there's language in the bill that was passed as well that is similar to but not identical to the language that was in Senate bill 265.

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david wortman 00:04:26.000 --> 00:04:46.115
The bill has the no sweep language. The No sweep language is not in 265 and I don't know how that happened, but that is what happened so, the bill has that language that's not in 265. the build does not.

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david wortman 00:04:52.895 --> 00:04:56.735
With language, but without any of the changes for the PIP program.

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david wortman 00:04:59.014 --> 00:05:18.264
The bill was signed by the governor, so it is currently law. The 265 has been sent to the governor. Uh, it was sent on 630 so, June 30th, but it to my knowledge as a, just a couple days ago, it has not yet been signed.

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david wortman 00:05:18.965 --> 00:05:39.065
So, um, we have some of the changes that were talked about, but, uh, the changes that were specific to Pip have not been signed yet. We started the new tip year July 1st, with the certifications and there.

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david wortman 00:06:04.365 --> 00:06:24.297

Uh, we continue to enroll people and Pip up to 150%. If I say this wrong Maria stopped me, but we enrolled tip up to 150% last year as we had in the past, even though the lie he was.

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david wortman 00:06:24.319 --> 00:06:44.419

To go up to 200 we did that, because we didn't know whether the 200% would be permanent and we didn't want to enroll someone in Pip at 170 and then have the 200 go away and have to remove them. So we believe as soon as Senate bill 265 gets signed, we will be able to enroll people.

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david wortman 00:06:44.504 --> 00:07:04.622

Tip up to 200%, but as of today, that's not the law. If someone can signed up in the past for Kip and as they come in to recertify this year are above the 150, but below 200, we're going to recertify them.

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david wortman 00:07:04.664 --> 00:07:24.784

Assuming that 265 is going to be passed the other items in the 265 that affect PIP that aren't law. Yet we're holding off until that is signed. So, in her update, Maria is going to go.

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david wortman 00:07:24.799 --> 00:07:44.923

Go through the significant changes for the PIP program in 265 that we're going to implement pending the signing of 265. so I hope all that makes sense. That is the legislative update. There is.

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david wortman 00:07:44.959 --> 00:08:04.094

1 other thing that the lawyers and legislative experts on this can tell me if there's conflicting language and bills I've been told, I haven't read this, but I was told by a governor's office lawyer that the bill that was last out of the legislature.

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david wortman 00:08:17.640 --> 00:08:37.794

They were both past June. 1st, so, now we need to know what time they were passed. If indeed that's the case because there is the sweeps language is different. So I don't know for sure exactly where we'll end up with all that, but that's what I know. And stuff today, so that is the legislative update.

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david wortman 00:08:37.823 --> 00:08:57.954

Any questions do you know when 265 will be signed? No, no, we've asked that. I don't know. I don't I'm not plugged in over the governor's office. I don't know, for sure what the process is or why this weight is going on. We do believe it will be signed, but I'm not for sure when.

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david wortman 00:08:58.134 --> 00:09:13.934

And I'm not sure why it hasn't been yet. So, with that, if there are any other questions, you can type them in or I'll be watching that. But other than that, I will turn it over to Maria. Who's going to go through the program changes for 2022.

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Maria Gallardo 00:09:15.144 --> 00:09:18.114

Thank you David. Hey, just to bring to your attention.

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Maria Gallardo 00:09:18.564 --> 00:09:24.534

There's another questioning the chat asking is the anti suite legislation, and now it's law.

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david wortman 00:09:26.604 --> 00:09:38.259

Yeah, so the anti sweep legislation, this is a mystery to me as well. It was in 265. I was told that it had to be removed from 265 because the governor wouldn't sign it.

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david wortman 00:09:38.279 --> 00:09:48.594

It was in there, but somehow it ended up in the BIM and so it was in the bump and the bank has been signed. So the anti sweep language is.

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Maria Gallardo 00:09:52.284 --> 00:10:10.944

Thank you David right? So good afternoon. Everyone we will both I head now with the program update so to piggyback on David's, he's the chief of paid. We thought that we will start off today with.

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Maria Gallardo 00:10:33.680 --> 00:10:53.798

Will be implementing as soon as the energy we receive authorization from the energy assistant act. So, in terms of what we are implementing the currently effective July 1st, the 2022 income guidelines are based on the 200% of the federal.

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Maria Gallardo 00:10:53.864 --> 00:11:13.934

Covered poverty guidelines and the state median income, as David was saying earlier, we are doing it this way because whether says the eligibility to be categorical or whether we station. So.

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Maria Gallardo 00:11:13.999 --> 00:11:34.004

Any salaries that our programs with kind of are aligned in terms of the income guidelines and as David was mentioning earlier our last year, our customers that we started fine. We're also recertify under the.

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Maria Gallardo 00:11:34.159 --> 00:11:37.573

Percent of the federal poverty.

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Maria Gallardo 00:11:40.695 --> 00:11:59.355

Uh, we have increased significantly the benefits matrix for the new program year. We'll, we'll plan to talk a little bit more about those during the draft by state plan that we are planning to present to the pack.

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Maria Gallardo 00:11:59.535 --> 00:12:19.485

July 2009 meeting, but we wanted to share with this group that the benefits has been increased significantly this year and the other change that we already plugged entities that would increase the percentage to the local.

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Maria Gallardo 00:12:19.544 --> 00:12:39.043

Agencies to 8% instead of the 6% as you know, this was 1 of the biggest item when the energy affordability group discussions was going was going on. So we have implemented these 3 changes.

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Maria Gallardo 00:12:39.679 --> 00:12:59.244

In terms of the changes that have any impact and stars that we are authorized by the energy assistant act, we plan on implementing the maximum benefit amount of 1800. now.

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Maria Gallardo 00:12:59.839 --> 00:13:14.919

Get up into 3rd 4th, it won't be split 50% of the benefit. It will go to the gas utility and then 50% will go to the electric company. Sydney are in the.

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Maria Gallardo 00:13:15.284 --> 00:13:34.930

I will follow that 50% distribution. So, customers now, instead of 3.6 and 4 will be saved, 3% of the total 6% will go to the gas. And then 3% will go toward the.

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Maria Gallardo 00:13:35.145 --> 00:13:54.461

Electric CPR, and they find finally the drop date will be changed instead of a day 45 then we can potentially be dropping a customer due to payment the changes that those customers will be dropped.

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Maria Gallardo 00:13:55.279 --> 00:14:15.355

5, so we have been working very hard with our guest consulting, which is it contractor to have everything ready in the test system. So, as soon as we received that authorization from the energy assistance.

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Maria Gallardo 00:14:15.584 --> 00:14:35.594

Thing we plan on implementing those stars as soon as possible. So, with that makeup pause here, in terms of the program changes, I'm seeing that there are no current questions type of the chat. If someone would like.

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Maria Gallardo 00:14:35.624 --> 00:14:39.764

To ask a question about that, you can read it to yourself.

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david wortman 00:14:45.434 --> 00:15:02.119

Maria, the only thing I would add to that is that, um, we, uh, at the pack meeting, it's gonna be a long pack meeting. Next time I plan on going through kind of item by item, uh, the 265 changes. So.

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david wortman 00:15:02.414 --> 00:15:12.494

That stated publicly, but the ones that you mentioned here were all PIP. There are some for the live program that aren't listed. So we'll do that at pack meeting.

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Maria Gallardo 00:15:13.034 --> 00:15:22.394

Okay, perfect Thank you David for adding that or right? So I'm not seen any questions right now coming coming up. So let's.

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Maria Gallardo 00:15:22.605 --> 00:15:42.531

This time to the program, regular program updates, so currently a total of 30,893,931 it's currently obligated and only on behalf of 30,806 customers that are.

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Maria Gallardo 00:15:42.560 --> 00:16:02.235

Currently enrolling, Pete, you can see the break breakdown in the program status summary report that David showing at this time. So you can see the total number of enrolled households by agency.

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Maria Gallardo 00:16:02.745 --> 00:16:22.847

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Average by benefit currently, 2000 dollar with 3 daughters, the average benefit last year during this time of year was around a 1000 dollars as well. So looks like our average hasn't been changed.

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Maria Gallardo 00:16:22.879 --> 00:16:42.524

As much we're planning to open, we'll keep enrollments. Nike opens the doors September. 1st. So, at that time, all will be rolling new customers and.

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Maria Gallardo 00:16:43.094 --> 00:17:03.062

Continue planning on leaving New enrollments in place to be March 31st of 2022 and that hopefully, that will help agencies that may have riding in the past. They leaving, but.

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Maria Gallardo 00:17:03.344 --> 00:17:23.144

Budget money or widely available, so hopefully with expanding that duration will help those agencies, spend them on as do know when we have to record it in the past meetings. We also have been serving undocumented, alien race events with.

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Maria Gallardo 00:17:23.359 --> 00:17:29.354

Farms during the last program year, as, you know, we deploy these changes.

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Maria Gallardo 00:17:31.904 --> 00:17:51.794

Denver star speed not require any changes. So applicants who do not have a social security number, but our residents may have a tax payer ID number or team. They have been able to be served through the programs.

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Maria Gallardo 00:17:56.180 --> 00:18:15.696

It's the same or an 18, the local agency could issue a special ID or can we call it sync for you? So, within all of that, we're happy to report that total of 962 households were served.

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Maria Gallardo 00:18:16.754 --> 00:18:36.475

That either included on 19, or basically a 19 in a total of 65 costumers were served to feed that included in it. And they, for the special ID number that were issued by the local that you didn't seize.

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Maria Gallardo 00:18:36.524 --> 00:18:56.322

Had approximately 2029 customers that were served during the program year so we on the beach sites and so we're here talking about the being a steering committee. We are planning to continue serving those customers.

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Maria Gallardo 00:18:56.984 --> 00:19:16.598

As, you know, that those were part of the changes also that were included incentive, build to 65 so just wanted to record those at this time local agencies began therapy certification process. We conducted a webinar.

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Maria Gallardo 00:19:16.819 --> 00:19:36.592

Face on, may 24th as a refresher of the activities that needed to start the research in July as how reminder local agencies last round the recertification report that it's located under the research report section. It starts.

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Maria Gallardo 00:19:37.274 --> 00:19:55.934

To find which customers are ready for planning status. So, then the agency at that time knows that they are of a level to break the customer in in the research and provide their benefit comparison. Let me make.

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Maria Gallardo 00:19:57.139 --> 00:20:17.294

That there are a couple of questions in the chat so Kathy is asking about the research agreement that we'll have to wait for the changes. We send the research agreement with the research.

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Maria Gallardo 00:20:17.299 --> 00:20:37.454

Vacation procedure, I think it was some time in May. However, that document does not include the changes yet because we cannot implement those. So, our thoughts behind the scenes is that as soon as we are authorized by the energy assistant, then we will.

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Maria Gallardo 00:20:37.484 --> 00:20:55.604

Have to change our agreement to reflect the current speeds and the CPR and those changes that are current on the between Eastern. So most likely I'm sorry we'll definitely we should the reseller agreement that time.

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Maria Gallardo 00:20:57.825 --> 00:21:05.265

There's another question for customer certifications, prior to the stores change, will there be benefits will be re, adjusted.

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Maria Gallardo 00:21:08.384 --> 00:21:27.494

That's this is something that we haven't had the opportunity internally to further discuss. So we will have to take a note today and basically talk further internally about what would that entail? Things? Stars how we can.

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Maria Gallardo 00:21:28.394 --> 00:21:45.374

Implement that if anything so and our hope is that we are authorized as soon as possible so that we can implement those changes as soon as possible. So we'll definitely take that. 1. I do want to say something data.

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david wortman 00:21:45.944 --> 00:21:47.654

Yeah, the the change.

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david wortman 00:21:47.659 --> 00:22:07.724

Would have to be readjusted to me, makes it sound like we would go backwards. We can only do it from the time that the act is signed forward. So we would just be updating the. It we, our intention is to as soon as it's signed to implement the new regulations in.

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david wortman 00:22:07.964 --> 00:22:11.204

The act, but it would be going forward, not looking backwards.

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Maria Gallardo 00:22:12.674 --> 00:22:26.226

Thank you, thank Thank you for that clarification. There's another question could you confirm the admin cost was increase increases capital expenses from 10% to 13%.

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Maria Gallardo 00:22:27.675 --> 00:22:47.325

Yes, so they, they can confirm those were increased, however, keep in mind that also the CEO keeps part of that as mean as well. So a percent of that amount is going toward the local agencies happening. Expensive.

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david wortman 00:22:48.464 --> 00:22:48.974

That's correct.

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Maria Gallardo 00:22:49.184 --> 00:23:03.494

There's another question, how will the new, 50, 50 split being trudges will everyone get change at once? Yes. So as soon as we're authorized by the.

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Maria Gallardo 00:23:04.184 --> 00:23:23.774

Plan rolling those over in the star system so the star system will automatically calculate that fleet and data when you present that beta feed comparison to the customer that will be already taken care of by the benefits.

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Maria Gallardo 00:23:24.554 --> 00:23:25.334

Comparison.

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Maria Gallardo 00:23:27.404 --> 00:23:46.678

And the last question that I see, can you confirm that the 200% has been approved for peak for program year 2022 for recertified customers and your role with the customers? Yes. So, currently our guidelines that we should think it was last week in June.

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Maria Gallardo 00:23:47.564 --> 00:23:56.380

Are based on the 200% of the federal poverty level guidelines and the state 60%. So currently the.

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david wortman 00:23:57.014 --> 00:24:07.694

Yeah, I, I think this needs to be clarified here though right now we are re, certifying people for PIP. If they signed up last year, they were.

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david wortman 00:24:07.724 --> 00:24:27.772

Below 150, if their income has gone up and now they're at 160, we are re, certifying them but that is not in accordance with the current Senate, the current rules. Because then a bill 265 has not been signed. I have cleared that with our legal and with the governor's office so they.

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david wortman 00:24:27.859 --> 00:24:46.735

Know that we're not currently that we are certifying people who according to the law today are not eligible to be served with the knowledge that Senate bill 265 is going to be signed. So we are serving but.

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david wortman 00:24:48.019 --> 00:24:57.403

Maria, correct me if I'm wrong here, we are not enrolling people right now so we are not enrolling anyone who has above 150.

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Maria Gallardo 00:24:58.094 --> 00:24:58.664

Correct.

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david wortman 00:24:58.904 --> 00:25:08.174

And if we get to the point where it still hasn't been signed, that's the way we will proceed. Because we, I was told that we can research.

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david wortman 00:25:08.180 --> 00:25:28.292

Verify someone who has moved into a above 150, but we are not to enroll anyone above 150 until the bill gets signed. So, that's that also there is a question about the cost going into effect when 265 is signed. So the.

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david wortman 00:25:28.365 --> 00:25:48.315

8% we are doing 8% on the PIP grant this year. Ben. I see. You don't have a microphone, but can you type in? I believe it's 10 minutes. Yeah. Yeah. I can't. You don't have it. Okay.

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david wortman 00:25:48.885 --> 00:25:55.231

We're at 8% now. Really? Kind of, regardless of when build gets signed correct for PIP.

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Ben Moore 00:25:55.275 --> 00:25:57.465

Correct for that. And yes.

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david wortman 00:25:58.605 --> 00:26:01.005

Okay, thank you.

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Ben Moore 00:26:02.685 --> 00:26:03.045

Huh.

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Maria Gallardo 00:26:04.635 --> 00:26:07.155

Thank you David. Insane.

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Maria Gallardo 00:26:08.685 --> 00:26:14.685
You and data Cena, Neil question type by then.

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Maria Gallardo 00:26:17.985 --> 00:26:37.065
He's saying that looking at enroll law that was 2017, it looks like 1 service territory, limit, removed priority for households with children on their given priority. And then the theatre charge on utility bills can increase.

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Maria Gallardo 00:26:37.184 --> 00:26:37.934
Um.

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david wortman 00:26:38.684 --> 00:26:54.254
All those things, those are, those are the things I was saying, that will go over more completely during the pack meeting because, um, but, yes, the, the, those were included in the.

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Maria Gallardo 00:26:55.004 --> 00:26:56.624
Yes or right.

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Maria Gallardo 00:26:57.260 --> 00:27:17.265
Okay, so, in terms of going back to the report, also, you know, that currently our policy says on that during the program here, if they have to participating utilities and 1 of the participating utilities.

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Maria Gallardo 00:27:17.534 --> 00:27:35.222
Gets dropped from peak because of nonpaying things we allow that cost to her to stay active with that state on PT with that active utility. And then at the end of June or July 30th, when we drop behind.

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Maria Gallardo 00:27:38.855 --> 00:27:58.655
They can return to the program and they fly for energy assistance and then we can address again, the 2 participating utilities either or so we call that activity, future drugs and doing a total of.

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Maria Gallardo 00:27:58.744 --> 00:28:18.846
336 costumers due to these recent again, these sentence, the customer leads to each local agency so they know which customers for those and then I will also send a drop letter to the costumer.

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Maria Gallardo 00:28:19.114 --> 00:28:39.034

Telling them that they weren't, they weren't dropping on the active side, but they can return for energy assistance and to contact her local agency once open enrollment it's, it's open again. So they can return starting September. 1st.

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Maria Gallardo 00:28:39.124 --> 00:28:59.194

And then they apply for energy assistance at that time. 1 of the biggest items that we have been working recently with the guest consulting has been now that we are afraid our big customers.

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Maria Gallardo 00:28:59.224 --> 00:29:19.354

Opportunity for them to upload their documentation with the portal, the same way that we were doing with our population last year. So now the customers who want to upload their documentation on the portal can do that and then the agency will be able to see.

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Maria Gallardo 00:29:19.654 --> 00:29:39.424

That documentation online, so we rolled over that portal starting July. 1st. I will go ahead and type that link to chat. Momentarily. Again. This is not a require. It's just another way that we are offering. Now.

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Maria Gallardo 00:29:39.694 --> 00:29:59.674

Customers that they cannot either submit their documentation or facts, or any other way. They can upload their documentation online if they choose to. So, if these are these important Intel, Eva will actually to see it.

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Maria Gallardo 00:29:59.679 --> 00:30:19.144

pgnp the customers, so, customers will need to enter the family ID their last 4 digits of social security number and the birthday. In order to access that portal. We offer integration from July. 1st. We don't offer any.

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Maria Gallardo 00:30:21.544 --> 00:30:39.976

Coordinators to explain how the portal will work and then how they will be able to see the documentation stars cetera and we offer that webinar on 28th as a side view as any new.

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Maria Gallardo 00:30:40.000 --> 00:31:00.095

Process we're sure that there will be a lot of questions that box in the roads, but we'll definitely are happy to be offering these to these customers and we're going to deal with those new questions and bugs in the road. This.

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Maria Gallardo 00:31:00.544 --> 00:31:16.924

This as possible at that time. So, with that, let me make a pass. I don't see any new questions that group have any questions. If you will to yourself and ask any question. Now it's a good time.

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Maria Gallardo 00:31:26.315 --> 00:31:44.435

Yeah, I'm not hearing anything else. There are 2 other items that we like to share with these group. What we said already that the new heating assistance program is scheduled to start September. 1st.

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Maria Gallardo 00:31:44.465 --> 00:32:04.595

But that time, we're going to be opening Nike, but they beat for new enrollments. We are planning to have no specific priority groups or month, mainly because we're going to be having something availability and that all old customers shouldn't be serve.

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Maria Gallardo 00:32:04.600 --> 00:32:24.508

Starting September 1st, Allegheny will be starting taking appointments on August 16, but then the applications will be entered starting September 1st and on. We also would like to bring to group attention that.

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Maria Gallardo 00:32:24.935 --> 00:32:44.855

We have a local agency change with our network. So task would be emergency provider or dial in in the leaving stone and counties previously administered by Central. So they are starting July. 1st they are now.

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Maria Gallardo 00:32:45.124 --> 00:33:04.924

Recertified those customers, but then once likely, we'll start September 1st, they will be the provider for for Nike as well. We're going to be sending out and out to the utilities that are that those counts are part of.

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Maria Gallardo 00:33:05.164 --> 00:33:14.314

Their service salaries, but we thought that we will give you a heads up on this meeting. So I heard wanting to where there's.

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Maria Gallardo 00:33:14.465 --> 00:33:34.295

New question though Chad is August 16 underline application acceptance. It's only so we are turning on starting August 16 to help the Nike portion, or the utility bills assistance portion of the help families.

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Maria Gallardo 00:33:34.625 --> 00:33:54.695

So, that's gonna be available for customers who will like to submit their Pre application because I believe my family's website, but also they can start calling their local agencies starting August 16 and then the agency will start giving them appointments. So.

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Maria Gallardo 00:33:54.904 --> 00:34:14.914

Um, they can be seen starting September 1st, there's another question which county is tasked with handling the beginning September 1st and then leavings done early.

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Maria Gallardo 00:34:15.214 --> 00:34:16.954

Administered by the same.

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Maria Gallardo 00:34:19.503 --> 00:34:25.654

So, with that, those are the questions so far, I guess I'll turn it back to you, David.

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david wortman 00:34:29.554 --> 00:34:32.945

Okay, uh, thank you Maria. Um.

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david wortman 00:34:35.493 --> 00:34:55.233

I think, uh, the only thing we have left here is, uh, other business and, um, the, um, the only thing that I have is to give a very short preview of the pack meeting 2 weeks from today. That's going to be a rather long meeting. I think, um, we have a lot of stuff to.

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david wortman 00:34:55.239 --> 00:35:15.273

Go over, we're going to go over the, the changes to the energy efficiency. Our assistance act. I keep saying that in more detail we're going to talk about the benefit matrix. We're going to go over the results of the program year, 21 showing what was budgeted and then.

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david wortman 00:35:15.484 --> 00:35:35.164

We ended up doing with the app and the supplemental payment and how much funding we got out the door. I'm going to show the performance by local agency, but I'm, I'm keeping the local agencies anonymous, but going to show what.

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david wortman 00:35:35.559 --> 00:35:55.709

Was budgeted and then actually put out the door by local agencies so you can get a feel for how different agencies ferry. This is in preparation for next year. So, another thing that I'm going to do is put out what the allocations for program year 2000.

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david wortman 00:35:55.720 --> 00:36:15.875

To what funding is available to every agency and how much if every agency spent all of their money, how much they would have available to them in preparation for a new section of the energy assistance act, which requires us to submit to the pack at.

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david wortman 00:36:15.880 --> 00:36:36.035

End of every program year, the performance, the allocations and then the benefits paid by agency. I think it actually is by county in the in the act. So, this year we're going to put out a report, but mask the names I'm going to take seat out because they would be.

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david wortman 00:36:36.514 --> 00:36:56.194

But the rest of the state is yeah, I'll let people see, and I'll be letting the agencies know what their performance was so that they, they can find themselves on the chart, but all of this is heading towards letting agencies know upfront at the beginning of the program year.

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david wortman 00:36:56.199 --> 00:37:13.564

Exactly, how much they have available to spend, and then tracking that performance through, at the end of the year. So that we can see how agencies have done. So, there's going to be quite a bit on the pack meeting, but that's all I have for other business today.

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Maria Gallardo 00:37:13.834 --> 00:37:16.354

And David, this is Maria just to all.

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Maria Gallardo 00:37:16.684 --> 00:37:36.464

Give everyone a heads up in the in our back needing to we're going to be same thing with the members that draft of the 2022 Nike statement. So then they can review starting next week. We also are anticipating.

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Maria Gallardo 00:37:36.519 --> 00:37:56.374

To schedule the public hearing the receive public comment on the draft plan on Tuesday. August 3rd, is we're going to go over to those tickets also with the back on the back meeting but since you're touching a little bit on the back meeting, I thought that was.

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david wortman 00:37:57.874 --> 00:38:16.834

Yeah, that's good. Thank you. And Alan, I see yours. I I want to say 1 more thing and then I'll go to you for what you want to say this is not connected with gas and electric. But we also, I believe everyone on this call should have received an email. If you.

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david wortman 00:38:16.839 --> 00:38:36.943

Didn't reach out to us, or if you didn't in your interest did reach out to us. We have a water and sewer assistance program that is being funded by relief money from the federal government. We're not required to hold a public hearing, but we are having a public meeting on August.

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david wortman 00:38:37.000 --> 00:38:56.945

Thursday, August, 5th, so 1 week after the pack meeting to go over our state plan for that. So, anyone that wants to hear what we're planning for that program can log in then, and we've sent out information on the state plans. So if you.

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david wortman 00:38:57.159 --> 00:39:07.684

That let us know and will include you. Okay. So, is there anything else from anything else from team before we move to public.

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david wortman 00:39:10.624 --> 00:39:13.414

Okay, hearing that Maria are you going to talk.

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Maria Gallardo 00:39:14.044 --> 00:39:16.744

No, I was just going to say, I have nothing birds or at this time.

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david wortman 00:39:16.864 --> 00:39:25.204

Okay, very good. All right, so, Alan, and I think you should oh, yeah, it was Allen. I think you should be able to on mute and talk.

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Allen Cherry 00:39:26.224 --> 00:39:29.914

Thanks so I guess we were all disappointed about.

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Allen Cherry 00:39:29.944 --> 00:39:33.574

The participation numbers on both hip and.

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Allen Cherry 00:39:34.264 --> 00:39:54.214

I'll start by saying that was very understandable, although there's work that we should maybe start doing. What got me thinking about this was the Chicago energy council meeting on Tuesday, and some really active ideas from people's gas about reaching out to.

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Allen Cherry 00:39:54.994 --> 00:40:14.554

Participants looking at communities where the percentages were down greatly and doing outreach to community groups and to those targeted outreach to those communities. Uh, so I think we should be looking creatively to get the number.

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Allen Cherry 00:40:14.584 --> 00:40:34.714

Back up, when we started in September 1 specific issue that I raised with peoples was texting as a way to reach people working on political campaigns. We have found that the best way to get out the vote is with a text. Now.

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Allen Cherry 00:40:34.720 --> 00:40:54.605

For the people's gas representative on Tuesday said that they looked at that, and they had their lawyers had some concerns about sending a text to folks without their Pre permission for that. Now I know when we were working to create the.

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Allen Cherry 00:40:54.905 --> 00:41:15.005

Uh, the, it system long time ago, it was pretty clear that had the power to send texts. Now, the 1 issue that was raid was sent said to me, when I raised this previously, was that you have some doubts about how accurate.

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Allen Cherry 00:41:15.454 --> 00:41:35.194

Your phone numbers are, and I would think that's probably true. I mean, you didn't have as a political campaign might have a door to door canvas that was at the end of any visit of a likely voter would make sure to get their cell phone. So, I guess I'm just thinking we should think, and look.

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Allen Cherry 00:41:35.200 --> 00:41:46.805

Simply how to get numbers back up and I thought that those ideas from Eric at people's gas, we're, we're exciting and, and a good place to start. So, thanks for letting me raise that.

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Maria Gallardo 00:41:50.885 --> 00:42:08.885

This is Maria, and I think this is a good opportunity to address 1 point that it's bringing up in terms of the reduction in participants and what we are planning on the new program here, which we're going to go while we're through the.

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Maria Gallardo 00:42:09.039 --> 00:42:14.314

Have like heat statement, but just so these critical somebody's. So Blair.

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Maria Gallardo 00:42:14.974 --> 00:42:34.744

We're anticipating to offer equal eligibility to Amy snap 10 and an, by cash customers told her that they still have to go through the application process. But for.

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Maria Gallardo 00:42:35.134 --> 00:42:54.814

For we're allowed to offer categorical eligibility to 1 of those programs. So we are anticipating on doing that in the new program and also to give to spread the work about these will be in communication with the DHS.

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Maria Gallardo 00:42:55.119 --> 00:43:15.274

Colleagues to insert a 1 pager very, very to the point to tell this population in the DHS notice of decision that they are in need of natural gas, or for pain or electricity.

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Maria Gallardo 00:43:15.279 --> 00:43:35.434

If there needs of account with those, that they need to contact the local agency, and then we'll be providing the contact information. So we have been working on that. And we anticipate that those letters are going to be coming out.

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Maria Gallardo 00:43:35.440 --> 00:43:41.795

In the month of August, because that's the month where the check, it's a little bit more slow.

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Maria Gallardo 00:43:44.315 --> 00:44:03.845

But we are talking about, I think if I recall correctly over 300,000 customers that could potentially be getting that inserted through there. No decision. So very in the next few weeks, we need to continue working internally to.

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Maria Gallardo 00:44:04.624 --> 00:44:24.034

Better know how we're going to train the local agency so when these customers are coming to the local agency, and they apply, we need to teach them how to then work with them in terms of their categorical eligibility implementation. So, just.

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Maria Gallardo 00:44:24.454 --> 00:44:26.074

I try that 1 now.

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david wortman 00:44:27.784 --> 00:44:44.524

Yeah, and, uh, I've got an additional, uh, piece of information Alan on what you're talking about with the previous participants. The, what? The LDAP showed me data wise is, uh, we, we broke it up.

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david wortman 00:44:44.559 --> 00:45:04.698

Because federal dollars versus state dollars, and the flexibility we had, because of the executive order, we were able to use date dollars to pay previous program years. So the utilities sent us information on why heap customers from program. You're 21 that.

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david wortman 00:45:04.720 --> 00:45:24.820

The local agencies were able to pay with funding, but the utilities also sent us a program year, 19 and 20 data. So these were light heat clients from 19 and 20 that weren't customers in 21 and the 2 you'd have payments. We're both, I don't remember the exact.

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david wortman 00:45:24.880 --> 00:45:44.930

Number, I'll present it 2 weeks from today, but they were both above 50Million dollars. So the 19 and 20 was nearly equal to the program year 21, which tells me that there were as many clients and 19 and 20. that weren't served in 21 as clients served in 21.

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david wortman 00:45:45.334 --> 00:46:04.804

So, uh, we definitely have the case where there are clients out there that have been, like, clients that aren't coming in every year. So that's the 1st pool to look at. I would say, would be previous years clients that are not.

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david wortman 00:46:05.285 --> 00:46:08.645

Served yet and the program year that we're in so I agree.

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david wortman 00:46:12.214 --> 00:46:22.894

So anything else I also see that Martha, we will, we will get you information on that meeting. Is there anything else from the crowd?

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david wortman 00:46:28.504 --> 00:46:44.996

Okay, hearing none. Um, we will see you, hopefully 2 weeks from today at the pack meeting the next up Pip sub committee meeting is October 14 2021 the.

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david wortman 00:46:45.784 --> 00:47:01.774

Uh, this meeting is a bit funky with everyone on mute. I'm going to assume that we have a motion in a 2nd to adjourn and if anyone doesn't agree, you can type it in the chat right now and stay on. But for the rest of us meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much. Everyone.