

EAP Advisory Board  
October 28, 2022  
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Amanda Noonan (NHDOE), Jessica Arnold (Liberty), Sue Corson (Unitil), Steve Tower (NHLA), Valerie Provenzano (Belknap Merrimack CAP), Lea Francoeur (NHDOE), Gary Cronin (NHDOE), Julie Desmet (OCA), Karen Emis-Williams (NHLWAA)

1. Review of July 29, 2022, and August 5, 2022 draft minutes

Approved unanimously.

2. Utility-CAA contracts for CAA administrative costs

The utilities were reminded that the budgets have been approved, and the contracts with Belknap-Merrimack CAP as the lead agency should be executed.

3. Discussion of a sustainable EAP

The volatility of the energy markets makes projections for the future difficult. Discussion ensued around opportunities for coupling messaging about energy efficiency with messaging about bill assistance.

4. Role of Advisory Board

Responsibility for EAP is shared between the Department of Energy and the PUC, with the Department having responsibility for managing the EAP fund and the PUC having responsibility for the program. Proposals to attach the Advisory Board to the Department rather than the PUC are challenging as the board was created by PUC order, and a PUC staff person is intended to be a member of the Advisory Board. Currently, the PUC does not participate on the EAP Advisory Board. As a result, the Board is not being utilized for the purpose intended. After much discussion, the majority of the board agreed to focus on the sustainability of the EAP first and address the other issue at a later date.

5. New Business

None