

Barrier Busters Network Action Group

October 26, 2005, LLRC

1:30pm—3:00pm

BBN Attendees: Shirley Tarvis, Beth Manuel, Patricia Love, Mel Batkins, Angela Edmonds, Sandy Reeber, Peggy Johnson, Kirsta Girty, Patricia Parker-Self, Monson Enuidie, Susan Gialanella, Carolyn Hastings, Paula Bartha, Helena Prince, Jill Ratajczak, Jodi Trisdale, Cindy Maritato

Staff Present: Mike Scholl, Staff Coordinator HSCC

I. Welcome/Introductions

- Mary Beth Lampe opened the meeting

II. Public Comment

- There is a housing advocates training scheduled for 11/7 please see the flyer.

III. Weatherization Program

- Sharon Henderson of ETCS was in attendance to discuss the Weatherization program.
- The funds can be used for mobile home windows.
- The funds can also be used for rental units as well as for homeowners.
- The funds can be used for extra insulation, roof, furnace and furnace inspections as well as windows and window caulking.
- Sharon included a power point presentation on how to assist families in winterizing their homes.
- For more information, please contact Sharon at 544-2948 or via email at henderss@ewashtenaw.org.

IV. DTE Utility Update

- Mary Beth Lampe chaired the Ad Hoc Work Group.
- Our average utility request has increase from around \$300 to \$569.
- There are a number of inconsistencies with DTE including the shut off notices and the availability of payment plans.
- We need to have earlier shut off notices so that we can identify cases before the bills get to high.
- Request was made to have a DTE representative at the next Barrier Buster Network Action Group.

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- There was a request that the person be knowledgeable and able to change policy

V. Announcements – New Payee Services

- Bobby Johnson and Benji Johnson of B&B Payee Services were in attendance.
- *B&B Payee Services* is the new payee service for Barrier Busters.
- Bobby Johnson, CEO of B&B will be handling the Barrier Buster account.
- B&B does primarily Social Security Payment services and is available for Barrier Buster clients.
- His phone is 480-1347 and his email is bjohnson@bbpayeeservices.org
- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30.

Adjourned 3:30 pm

***The Next Meeting is scheduled for
Wednesday, November 30 - 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm @
Washtenaw United Way***