WELCOME! We will start at 2:05 pm
AGENDA

- **Recap and Refresh** (25 min)
  - Who are we and why are we here?
  - What we heard (Google Forms)
  - What comes next
  - Q&A

- **Breakout Room Discussions – Emerging Themes** (45 Min)
  - Review emerging themes (from kick-off)
  - Self-select into one theme to dig in and refine

- **Next Steps and Look Ahead** (5 min)

- **Close Out** (5 min)
VIRTUAL HOUSEKEEPING

- **Please mute yourself** during the presentation portions
- **Use the chat and “Q&A” feature** to ask questions
  - There will be an opportunity to ask Q&A after this recap and refresh section
  - We welcome questions or comments through the meeting – facilitators will monitor chat
  - Any unanswered questions will be responded to after meeting (and – we are working to respond to those we received from kick-off meeting!)
WHO WE ARE

Organizing Group:

MN Energy Efficiency For All
WHO WE ARE

Donte Curtis (he/him)
Owner/Lead Consultant
Catch Your Dream Consulting

Arlinda Bajrami (she/they)
Policy Manager, Stakeholder Engagement
Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance
**Overall Goal:** create a process for non-utility participants to influence decisionmakers in the design and access of utility energy efficiency programs and propose new solutions or programs to be formally reviewed in the energy efficiency regulatory process.

**Non-utility participants:**
- Advocates
- Program implementers
- Community organizations or members
- Local gov’t
- Anyone else interested

**Focused on:**
- Programs designed for under-resourced customers (incl. “Low Income”)
- Multifamily residents
- Renters
- Black, Indigenous, People of Color*
**Why Are We Here?**

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**PHASE I (Current)**

Build groundwork for goal, focused on providing high-level recommendations to INVESTOR-OWNED utility energy efficiency planning currently underway

(Jan 2023 – April 2023)

**PHASE 2**

Permanent “Low-Income+” Energy Efficiency Working Group

(ALL UTILITIES)

(Summer/Fall 2023)
WHAT IS THIS?

PHASE 1
(We are Here)

PHASE 2
Permanent Working Group(s)

TRANSFORMING SYSTEMS OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY TO INCREASE ACCESS AND EQUITY
Questions & Answers

Put questions & answers in the chat or in the Q&A box

You may use the “raise hand” function to ask out-loud (wait until called upon)

Questions may also be sent afterwards, by email to facilitators (email to be shared in follow-up)
WHAT WE HEARD

Individual Informal Comments

Combined Informal Comments (written recommendations)

Utility Feedback Forums (oral recommendations)
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NOW THRU APRIL

Utility Feedback Forums (oral recommendations)

APRIL/MAY
WHAT WE HEARD

+ interest in ‘subtopics’ of:
- Pre-weatherization
- Efficient Fuel Switching
- CIP Financial Incentive
1) Spend this meeting digging into THEMES (basis for written recommendations)
WHAT WE HEARD

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2) Spend Meeting #3 Diving into Subtopics
TIMELINE FOR PHASE I (this process)

- **JAN 2023**: Kick-Off Meeting #1 - Brainstorm responses and improvements
- **FEB 2023**: Meeting #2 - Refine emerging themes
- **MARCH 2023**: Meeting #3 - Draft of written recommendations + Subtopic Deep Dives
- **APRIL 2023**: Meetings 4 & 5 (Utility Feedback Forums)
- **MAY 2023**: Draft utility plans shared
- **JUNE 2023**: Formal Regulatory Process for IOUs begins
**BREAKOUT-ROOMS**

- **BREAK-OUT ROOMS** = 30 min, designated facilitator in each
- **Self-select into topic of interest (emerging theme) to dig into and refine** *(will introduce each theme on next slide)*
  - Synthesized responses from last week *(Google Doc with summarized responses shared in chat)*
  - Dig into one theme here, option for offline input on others afterwards

**Will return to large group close-out at 3:00 pm**
Breakout Rooms: Emerging Themes

1) **Consumer-Owned Utilities** (cooperatives/munis)

2) Making it easier for **Energy Service Providers** to implement energy efficiency

3) Making it easier for **customers** to participate in programs

4) **Workforce Development** and Contractor Training

5) **Specific improvements** for “low to moderate” income CIP programs
Breakout Rooms: Emerging Themes

**General topics being held until meeting 3**

- Pre-weatherization, efficient fuel switching or related
- Federal funding (i.e. Inflation Reduction Act home energy rebates)

**General topics being held until Phase II (summer/fall)**

- General review of consumer-owned programs and activities (outside scope of investor-owned utilities)
- Activities beyond near-term scope of investor-owned utilities (e.g. braiding of fund)
Thank you!

Next steps:

• Link to documents will be shared for offline feedback (thru Meeting #3 – TBD)

• Organizers will make minimal edits for clarity and compile as written recommendations for participants to review and sign-off on before sending to investor-owned utilities
WHAT’S NEXT: Meeting #3

Deep dive and discuss:

- Efficient Fuel Switching
- Pre-weatherization Measures
- CIP Financial Incentive
Feedback is welcome and critical to this process

Trying to build something useful here for all participants and iterate based on participant feedback. Welcome thoughts on this process and the ‘permanent working group’

Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts!
WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

- Will share a follow-up email to share slides and compiled responses from today’s breakout room, and compile responses to Q&A
- A ‘save the date’ for the next meeting (Late March/early April)

SHARE IN THE CHAT

- What new thing did you learn about?
- How do you feel?
THANK YOU!