**RESILIENCE LEADERS MEETING MINUTES**

The following are draft minutes for the meeting of the Resilience Leaders held June 30th, 2023, via in person at City Hall (Las Cruces) and zoom, any corrections will be added/corrected later

**Friday, July 28, 2023, 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

**9:00- 9:15: Welcome and Introductions-** Kasandra

**9:15-9:45: Lorenzo Alba presentation/ Information on New Building**

* New facility opening up! Purpose of new building is to build capacity and reduce waste ○ Expanding throughout the county and Sunland Park.
* Averaging 4-5 million lbs of food per year (original building was built to maintain 5,000 lbs/year)
* Post-pandemic, realized the importance of drive-up services, Drive-Up service - Up to 3 months then transition participants to lobby services to connect them to other services.
* Extra amenities: office-space for community partners to utilize on food disbursement days to connect participants to services, Designed a delivery program for community agencies, Collaboration with LCFD to provide food and grocery store gift cards for the community, Education through our community schools for students, How-to videos made by kids for kids, On site, Certified Nutritionist employed (New), Senior Days through drive-up pantry, Discussion of collaboration to build food pantries around the community, Involving kids to build awareness, also looking at the various collaboration projects involved with our local churches.
* Food Pharmacy for health compromised participants who have specific diets, Food insecurity increases when medical issues arise. A Collaboration with Presbyterian, Molina Healthcare will help support the food pharmacy.
* Full capacity operation expected by January-February 2024
* Historical video is in the works to represent CDP
* Ribbon cutting: August 11th, 2023 @ 4:30 PM, Sister Rose Kidd and Sister Marsha Carrigan will speak.
* Sylvia Ulloa with Senator Henrich’s office wants to partner to do office hours at CDP to help clients with things like Social Security and IRS.

**9:45- 10:15: EPE presentation**

* Goals (megawattage) are met through energy efficiency measures, replacements, data captures, pre & post inspections, audits. All is reported, rebates, events, what was done, marketing strategies, file testimony, and annual reports to the public regulation commission (appointed).
* 3 Pieces- regulatory, marketing, running the program collaboration with architecture, engineers, ensuring efficient equipment is being used ○ Incentives to promote energy efficient practices for buildings ○ *Question? “How is information being relayed to our rural communities and older populations”* Collaboration with promotoras and entities like DACRL to disperse information and connect to low income households
* Most customers prefer emails
* Vulnerable populations are more likely to receive information through text messaging (Michelle Abrams)
* Green job opportunities, lesson plans
* Possible DACC collaboration mentioned
* “Energy$mart Weatherization Program”
* No cost weatherization measures for low income customers
* Application process through MFA
* Tools readily available to start small businesses
* Low-Income Programs- Energyworks (575) 524-2300- no-cost replacement of non-working evaporative coolers for low-income customers. Rebates of $600 for non-low-income > appliance recycling.
* *Question? “Who qualifies, renters or homeowners?”* Both!
* *Question? “Any outreach for NMSU and college students?”* Not currently, Discussed sharing programs through Corbett Center and identifying someone to head warm handoffs for customers.
* *Question? “Low-income households tend to be in crisis mode, how are these families being assisted when, say, their power is already off and bills are piling up”* City allocated funding and community programs that assist in paying utility services for both residential and commercial.
* Ideas, Preventative Outreach, Seamless Referral system
* *Question? “Local Commercial is heavily dependent on manufacturing, how is EPE being energy efficient while promoting economic development”*
* Collaboration with government affairs and provide incentives to corporations who utilize energy efficient practices.
* EPE is a part of the WECC grid.
* Utilizing window screens to decrease heat-gain
* NM residential Lighting Program- partnership with businesses to provide markdowns on energy efficient light bulbs
* Appliance Recycling- ARCA will pick up running-old appliances to be recycled through EPE

**10:15-10:45: other business/ news, etc…**

○ Insight Grant- final meeting update from Esther

○ Transition from Microsoft Teams to Google Drive (resilience.leaders@gmail.com)

○ Handouts for sectors to fill out to identify projects for the current grant cycle.

* SOS Training August 24th 9AM-4PM (Lunch will be provided)
* ECE Coalition is hosting Foundations for Success Early Educator Conference Saturday, Sept. 16. They are also completing the Toy Lending Library that is based in Anthony, the plans are to open in a couple of months.
* **Social Media Information –**
* Social media platforms: please share with others:
* **Website:** dacrl.org
* **Facebook:** @dacresilienceleaders
* **Twitter:** @resiliencelead1
* **Instagram:** donaanar4esilience\_leaders1

**Set Next Meeting Date.**  Friday, September 29, 2023. 9am -11am at City Hall.

Reminder: the September monthly meeting will be held at DACC or in Sunland please reach out if you have space for the meeting.

● **11:00: adjourn**

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