



OPERATION WEATHER SURVIVAL

Tuesday, February 19, 2008 – 2:30 p.m.

Conference Call Minutes

Welcome and Introductions: Cameron Satterfield, Rhonda Bartow, Miranda Witherspoon, Rich Krueger, Ellen Sherman, Molly Martin, Debbie Fagin, Anneliese Stoever, Linda Hiette, Gloria Thirdkill.

Energy Reports: Rich stated that CAASTL has funds, is taking applications, and is waiting for additional funds for weatherization from Jefferson City. The numbers are astronomical this year. Molly asked how long their money will last but Rich isn't sure. CAASTL has recently received some funds and is trying to handle anything already in their system. Molly stated that there should still be \$150,000 in Dollar More funds throughout the service area. CAASTL is spending federal funds first and then will move on to local funds. Rich asked Gloria if, with the extreme temperatures, the heating costs will be rising. Gloria said she had not heard so but would look into it. Gloria stated that John with Home Services is interested in becoming involved with Energycare "Heat is On" program. Gloria said the Dollar Help funds are distributed based on if the agencies need additional funds. Rich said CAASTL has requested additional Dollar Help funds and are waiting to hear back.

Regarding the Washington DC Advocacy Day, Gloria said that each Missouri Delegate's office was visited and they asked for continued support with LIHEAP. The Economic Stimulus bill did pass but the portion regarding increasing the LIHEAP dollars did not pass.

Cameron reported that the St. Charles Health Department has had 1,300 cases of flu (double what they've had other years). The publicity around the flu this year and the partial mismatch of flu shots to this year's strain are part of the causes. Previously the highest number of flu cases they had was 7,065. He stated that it's believed they are over the hump and the numbers will be declining—they had 250 new cases last week and 450 new cases the week before. Rhonda reported that the City of St. Louis has had 466 flu cases reported this year whereas last year they had 169 cases reported.

Cold Weather Plan: Reviewed Cold Weather Plan and made updates.

Other announcements: Rich is planning a Job Fair on February 21st at the Overland Community Center (see CAASTL website for flier: <http://www.caastlc.org/pdf/JobFairFeb2008.pdf>).

Next Meeting Date: April 15th at 2:30

Summer Outreach Efforts will be discussed!

Location: St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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Submitted by: Anneliese Stoever