

## **Minutes: CATF Meeting - Thursday, July 19, 2018 - 10 a.m., 604 Cohodas**

**In Attendance:** Bob Kulisheck, Brad Neumann, Greg Seppanen, Gerry Messana, Lauren Luce, Char Spruce, Emily Leach, Leslie Jones

### **1. Welcome & Comments from the Chair**

**2. Review and approval of minutes from the April 19, 2018, meeting.** 4/19 minutes are attached to these minutes, as they were not sent out beforehand.

**3. Report - Northern Climate Network-** Jes Thompson not present, no NCN update.

### **4. Report - The Superior Watershed Partnership- Emily Leach**

The Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP), Emily Leach, gave an update on the involvement of SWP Great Lakes Conservation Corps (GLCC) in the Houghton County Flood relief and response efforts. SWP deployed a GLCC crew within 24 hours of the storm event, and worked with Jon Stone (Region 8 Healthcare Coalition; Volunteer Liaison) and Houghton County Emergency management staff (Eric Forsberg and Christopher Van Arsdale). GLCC assisted with some road shoulder washouts, in home and out of home debris and sediment/water removal and clean up, damage inventories, movement of donations and volunteer center into current Volunteer Resource Center (VRC) in the Copper Country Mall's old JC Penny Building, and the management and organization of the VRC for two weeks (7 days a week). The SWP still has \$44,000 of "unfunded" crew costs that came from our general funds. (see attached powerpoint)

Discussion ensued about how to respond to disasters, and how most counties in the UP do not have planning staff. Emily suggested that UP Emergency managers, health departments, etc, debrief after the Houghton long term relief gets underway to lay out all the players involved and how other counties would react to similar events. Gerry Messana stated he would see about perusing this idea and to create a web of all involved and their role in the event.

The SWP is installing the first, of over half a dozen, small single family home solar arrays in the next couple of weeks. The Energy Conservation Corps (ECC) is funded through the Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP), The Community Foundation of Marquette County (CFoMC) C.S. Mott Energy Grant, and a pilot program grant through Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO). The ECC is based off of the GLCC model (18-25 year olds), and performs basic home energy assessments of low-moderate income homes across the UP, year-round. The solar installations will be used as "demonstration sites" to be displayed as energy literacy for multiple audiences.

### **5. Report & Request for Assistance - Marquette Area Climate and Health Adaptation Project - Brad Neumann**

Brad Neumann (MSU Extension) reported findings and recommendations from the *Marquette Area Climate and Health Adaptation Project*. Brad asked that CATF endorse the project's findings, and provide continuing assistance with implementation of the project's

recommendations. Task force members in attendance endorsed the project and agreed that CATF should help with the implementation of the project's findings, and incorporate into CATF annual work plan. (See handouts)

A *Guidebook* summarizing project findings and recommendations will be published this fall. This guidebook will be designed to be of interest to the general public and will be of use to local units of government and planning agencies.

In early 2019 there will be a strategic planning session--CATF, Key stakeholders (from city, county, townships), and team from MSU/DHHS will facilitate. The session will be to operationalize the policy recommendations into action. Look to secure funding, and change zoning, etc. Brad suggests CATF/SWP website host the guidebook/ Climate Health plan on the website. Agreed by CATF members that demonstration projects should be identified at the strategic early 2019 planning session. The CATF steering committee to invite key leadership to the early 2019 planning session.

Greg Seppanen to contact Mining Journal to give a heads up for forthcoming climate health project being supported and moved forward by CATF.

Emily agrees to update the CATF website to reflect this project and include all meeting minutes and other resources. Emily will also work with 906 Technologies to make sure the old CATF website link is taken off of the google search for "Marquette Climate Adaptation Task Force".

## **6. Good-of-the-order**

Gerry: UP Health Needs Assessment to go public in August.

## **7. Adjournment**

NEXT CATF MEETING: October, 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10am in Cohodas 604, NMU.