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Agenda

- ▶ Legislative Update – Ian
- ▶ NASCSP Updates – Ian
- ▶ COVID 19 & WAP Memo 067 - Andrea
- ▶ WAP Memos 069 & 070 - Amy
- ▶ Annual Conference - Amy
- ▶ Board Updates - Bruce Hagen, WAP Program Chair
- ▶ Open Discussion

Legislative Updates

Potential for WAP Stimulus

- ▶ NASCSP keeping the Hill updated on the current status of the WAP network
 - ▶ Also recommended short term fixes e.g. authority for Secretary to waive the ACPU
- ▶ House passed the Moving Forward Act, which included a funding ramp up to \$1 billion annually.
 - ▶ Arrived in Senate on 7/20, unlikely to move
 - ▶ WAP Stimulus could possibly be included in a Continuing Resolution

Legislative updates

- ▶ Senate: HEALS Act unlikely to move
 - ▶ \$1.1 Trillion in aid
 - ▶ \$1.5 Billion supplemental to LIHEAP, \$1.5 Billion water assistance program
 - ▶ No aid to state and local governments
- ▶ Reminder HEROES Act passed House in May
 - ▶ \$3 Trillion in aid
 - ▶ \$1.5 Billion supplemental to LIHEAP, \$1.5 Billion water assistance program
 - ▶ Increased funding for nutrition programs
 - ▶ Aid for state and local governments
 - ▶ Additional \$1,200 payments to individuals

Legislative updates

FY 2021 Regular Appropriations

- ▶ House passed omnibus appropriations on 7/31
- ▶ Included our requested appropriation of \$310 million for WAP.
- ▶ ALSO included some authorization language & supplemental appropriations of \$3 billion “to remain available until expended.”

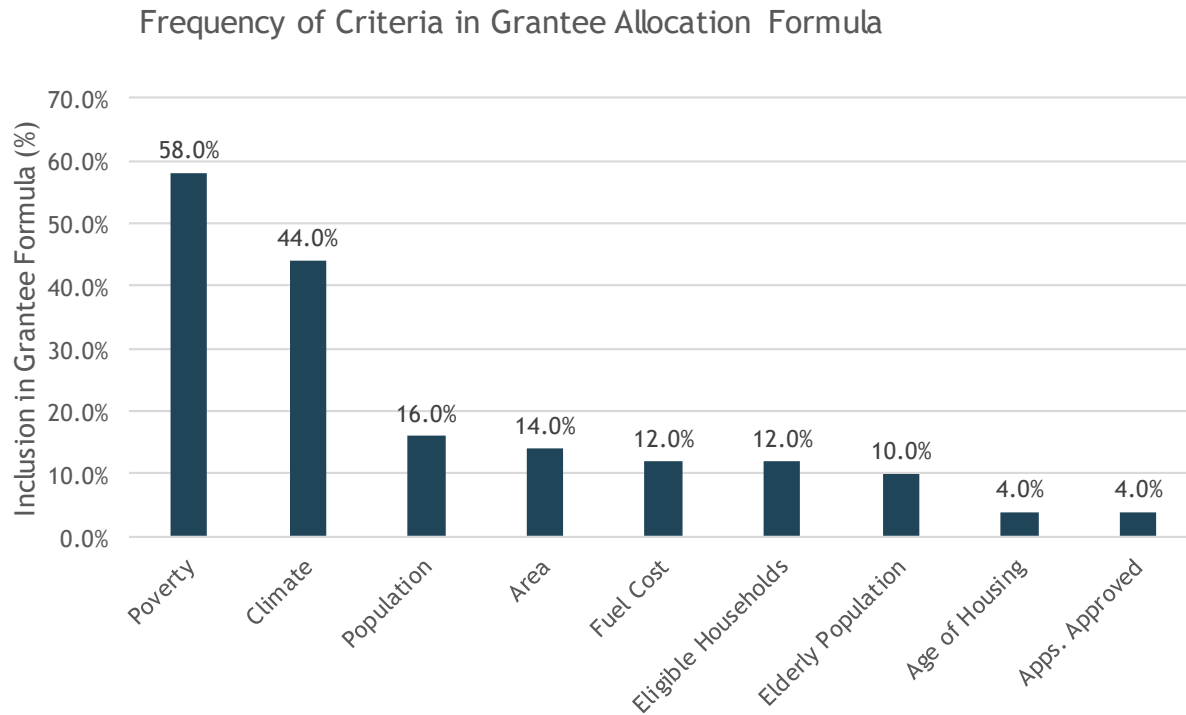
WAP Reauthorization Bill Status

- ▶ No updates or movement at this time. Some items could be achieved in a stimulus or a CR.

Allocation Formulas

State & Territory WAP Allocation Formula Survey

- ▶ Survey of 50 state plans to determine most common formula criteria
- ▶ Most common were: Poverty, Climate, Population, Land Area
- ▶ Common data sources were US Census & American Community Survey

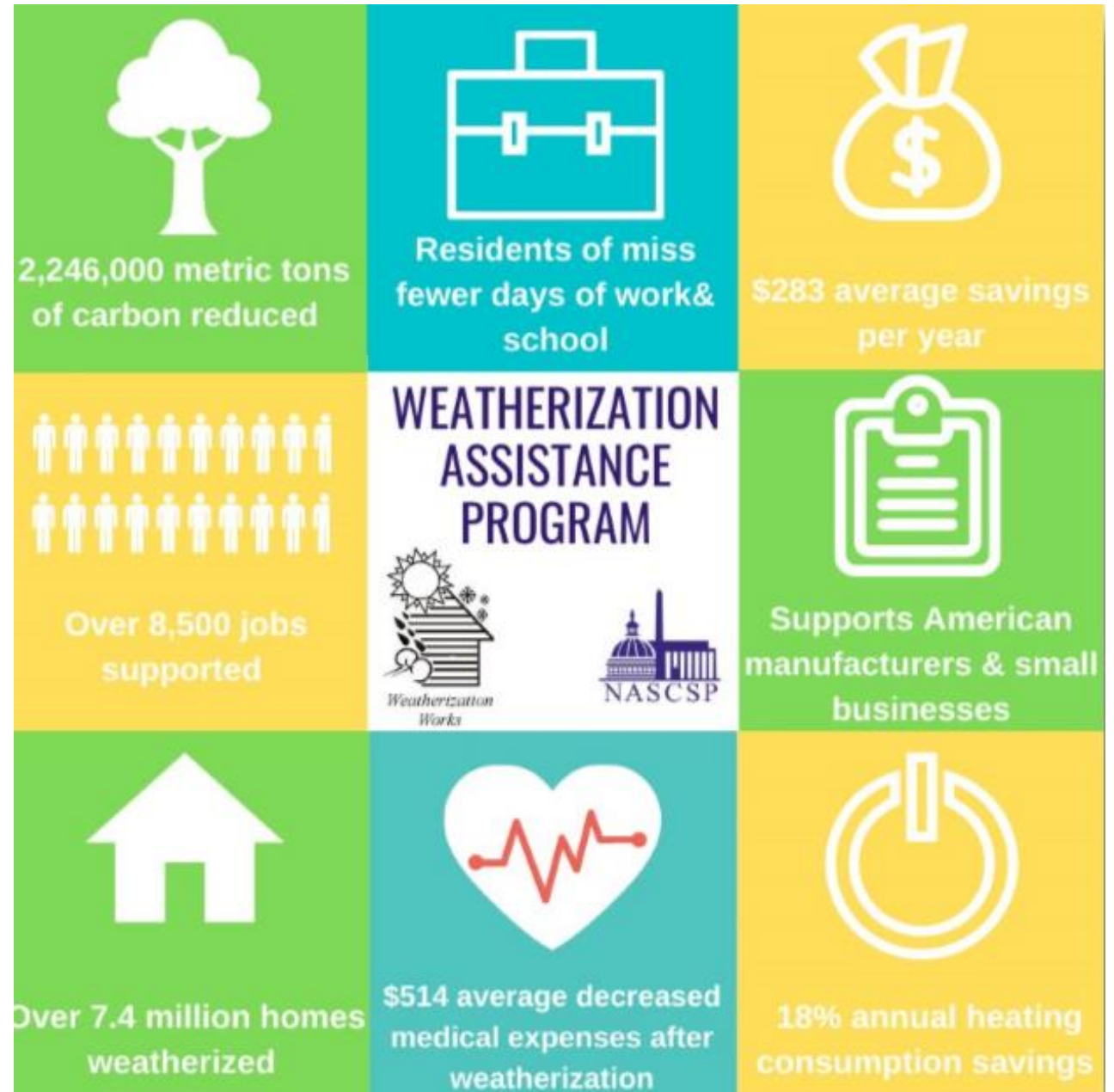


Weatherization Day October 30

NASCSP released our [2020 Weatherization Day Communications and Planning Toolkit](#)

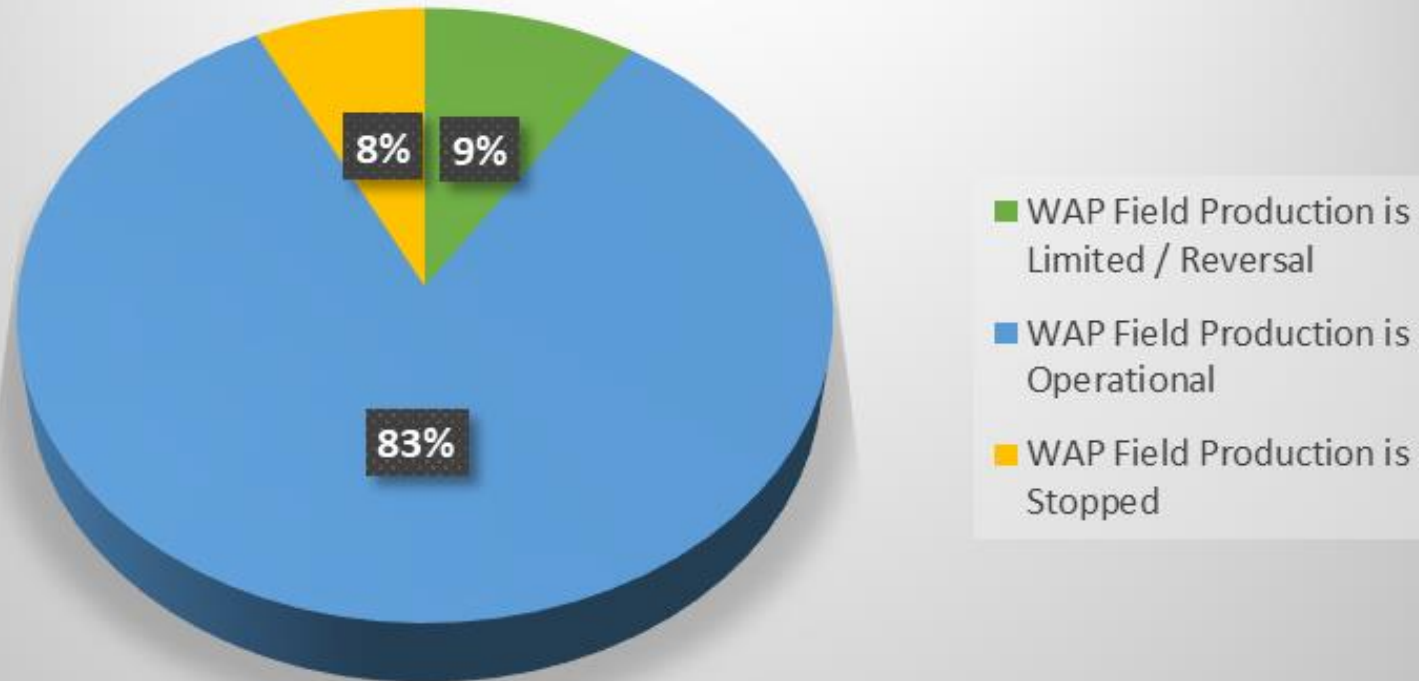
Weatherization Day Kick Off Webinar this Wednesday at 3pm ET

- ▶ On the webinar, we will walk through the NASCSP toolkit and review resources from CAP and NCAF.
- ▶ [Register here](#)



COVID 19 - WAP Production Status

WAP Field Production - 8/17/2020



WAP Memo 67

- ▶ Continue to follow and implement CDC, OSHA, EPA recommendations
- ▶ Responsible Workplace Communication, Intake and Installation
 - ▶ Designate a COVID coordinator or leader
 - ▶ Update websites, policies, client intake documents as needed
 - ▶ Generate and share communication materials outlining safe practices
 - ▶ Ensure offices and vehicles and have proper PPE and sanitizers
 - ▶ Process for employees to report COVID concerns
 - ▶ Prioritize units that could be vacated or have non-vulnerable clients
 - ▶ Consider face masks for clients and workers when in the home

WAP Memo 67 - FAQ

Q: Has DOE changed the policy on blower doors related to the risk of spreading the virus?

A: DOE's policy on blower door testing has not changed.

- ▶ You must have a well-formulated written policy approved by your DOE project officer to cease testing.
- ▶ Provided examples of how Grantees and Subgrantees are handling blower door concerns.

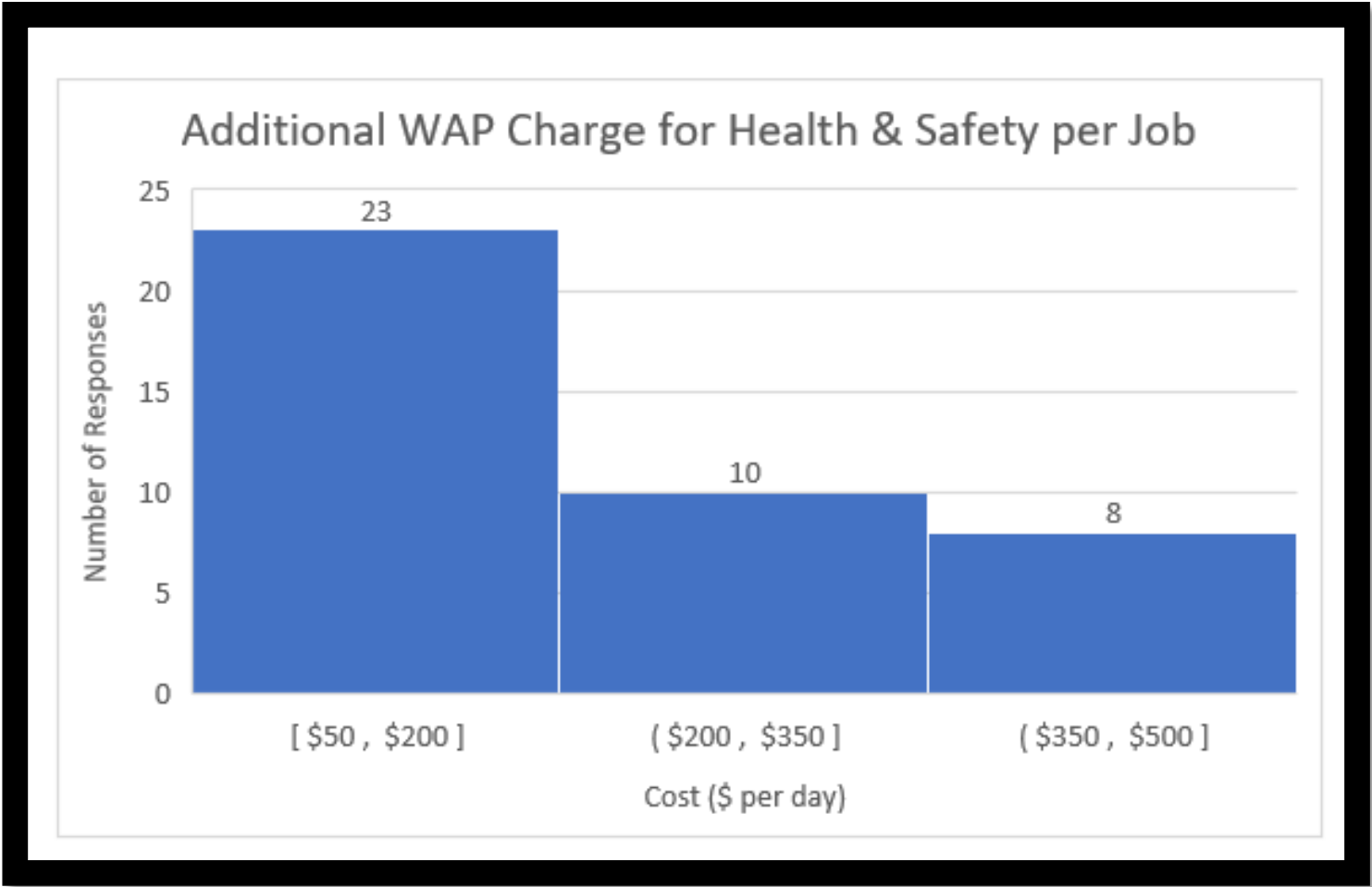
WAP Memo 67 - FAQ

Q: Please clarify allowable funding for additional cleaning, disinfection and PPE required as a result of COVID-19.

A: Costs related to materials needed to safely perform Wx work can be charged to Program Operations and Health & Safety.

- ▶ Grantees should make the determination which to charge to and follow that consistently across service territories.
- ▶ WPN17-7 includes a section for worker safety.
- ▶ If Health and Safety budgets are insufficient, Grantees must submit a request for a higher limit to the DOE PO.

COVID 19- PPE Poll Data from Energy Out West Conference



Price Increases

- ▶ Survey of NASCSP Members showed 50% were experiencing H&S cost increases (on average \$200 per single family home)
 - ▶ See [Member Portal](#) for survey details
- ▶ Also hearing about increases in appliance costs
- ▶ **Reminder: Ensure you and/or your subgrantees are documenting the price increase prior to allowing an adjustment to energy audit libraries**
 - ▶ Letter or quote from a vendor or manufacturer

WAP Memo 069

2021 DRAFT Application Package

Draft changes to WPN 21-1:

2.1 Grantees must include an overview of ACSI Action Plan

2.2 Grant cycle extended one additional year (5-year project period/grant cycle)

3.1 Adjusted ACPU to be determined

4.0 DOE “urges” Grantees to hold a minimum of **three** meetings during plan preparation

4.1 Grantees are “encouraged” to include a provision within annual plan to reallocate funds at least every quarter to high performing Subgrantees and include this in Public Hearing

4.5 New quarterly reporting requirement: Tracking the occurrence of window replacements which support the reduction of lead-based paint hazards

WAP Memo 069

2021 DRAFT Application Package

Additional changes to Draft Application Instructions:

p.15 Optional budget category added for “Disaster Crisis”

p.21 Pollution Occurrence Insurance policies cannot exclude lead if DOE funds are used to purchase the policy

p.22 Clarification to personnel budget: include each staff position that will be funded by DOE, the percentage of the salary that will be covered by DOE, and specify the source of funding for staff not covered by DOE

p.25 Funds originally budgeted for T&TA cannot be re-programmed from Operations back to T&TA without the approval of the DOE Contracting Officer

p.31 Clarification that Public Hearing notice is a minimum of 10 calendar days; virtual hearings are allowable following federal rules re: public notice and ability for public comment

WAP Memo 069

2021 DRAFT Application Package

Application Instructions V.8.4 T&TA Approach and Activities

- Edits to this section made to align with new T&TA Plan Template (coming soon)
- DOE will cover this in more detail in future training webinars

V.8.4 Training and Technical Assistance Approach and Activities

[View the full text...](#)

Possible uses of TTA funds to comply with new requirements and to sustain best practice: Training will be provided in best practice associated with any of the following, especially when a deficiency is noted. Sometimes, this can be agency specific or could be statewide for all agencies: 1. Energy Efficiency (EE): Attic airsealing; attic insulation; wall insulation; floor/crawl airsealing and ins...

Percent of overall trainings ?

Comprehensive Trainings:

Specific Trainings:

Breakdown of T&TA training budget

Percent of budget allocated to Auditor/QCI trainings:

Percent of budget allocated to Crew/Installer trainings:

Percent of budget allocated to Management/Financial trainings:

WAP Memo 069 2021 DRAFT Application Package

Application Due Dates

April 1 Grantees: February 10, 2021

July 1 Grantees: May 3, 2021

FY 2021 Allocations

- ▶ Expecting a Continuing Resolution from Congress
 - ▶ WPN 21-2 release is *tentatively* planned for November 30
 - ▶ Grantees should plan using PY 2020 allocation amounts
 - ▶ All Grantees will be given the option to carry over funds
 - ▶ Continuing to combine grant years will likely **NOT** be an option - Grantees need to resolve ACPU issues during 2020

WAP Memo 070 - SWS Update and Field Guide Renewals

What changed?

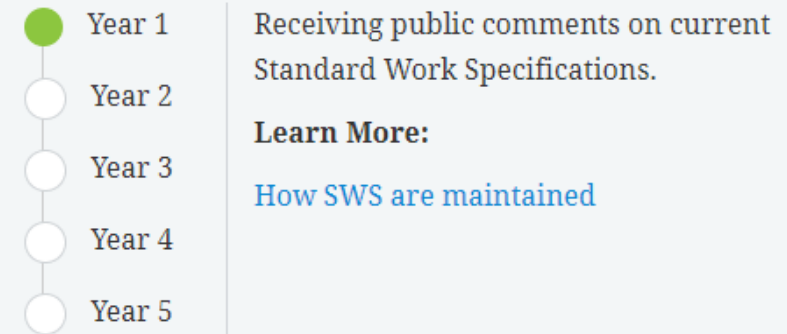
- ▶ The SWS was redesigned and reorganized
- ▶ The Field Guide review timeline moved to a 5-year cycle

What should you do?

- ▶ Continue following your approved Field Guide
 - ▶ Verify your Field Guide expiration date
- ▶ Watch this [webinar](#) on the 2020 Update
- ▶ Start planning for re-approval under the new standard
 - ▶ Can you align the Field Guide and Energy Audit approvals?
 - ▶ Are any previously approved variances still necessary?
- ▶ Contact NASCSP for technical assistance



Maintenance Cycle Status



Introduction to Tool

[How to use the SWS](#)

[SWS Tutorial: SWS Update](#)

Funding Survey - Preliminary Data

Based on responses from 43 states

533 Total Subgrantees

41% Primarily Crew Based

57% Primarily Contractor Based

T&TA Allocations

| | # of states with funding | Average Subgrantee Allocation |
|--------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| DOE | 43 | 42% |
| LIHEAP | 19 | 65% |
| Other | 6 | 59% |

2020 Annual Conference - [Register now!](#)

Pre-recorded Weatherization Sessions:

- ▶ DOE Federal Perspective
- ▶ Tracking and Managing Deferrals
- ▶ National Partner Conversation
- ▶ Strategies for Improving Performance
- ▶ How Monitoring Results Guide Training Needs
- ▶ Exploring the Future of Weatherization

| <i>All times EST</i> | Monday, September 28th | Tuesday, September 29th | Wednesday, September 30th | Thursday, October 1 | Friday, October 2 |
|----------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| <i>All Day</i> | Recorded Sessions Available | | | | |
| Noon - 12:30 | | Sponsor Spotlight | OCS Federal Partner Update | Sponsor Spotlight | |
| 1:00 - 2:00 | Opening Session | COVID-19: Lessons Learned and Building WAP Resiliency <i>Bruce Hagen (ND), Laura Sainty (TX), Mark Adams (WV), Mimi Burbage (AK)</i> | DOE Federal Partner Update and Discussion <i>Daniel Simmons (video), Erica Burrin, Derek Schroeder</i> | Thriving Through Challenges <i>Dr. Carla Cheatham</i> | WAP Deferrals: Resources and Strategies for States <i>Amy Klusmeier (NASCS), Kathy Rulli (PA), George Thompson (WI), Eric Beaton (MA)</i> |
| 2:00 - 2:30 | Break | Break | Break | Break | Closing (joint) |
| 2:30 - 3:30 | Keynote - Providing Human Services & the Digital Divide <i>Dr. Nicol Turner Lee</i> | State Innovations: Building Readiness and Resiliency <i>Josh Larose (VT), Shelly Woda (WV), Kris Schoenow (MI)</i> | Discussion with DOE and the National Labs <i>Erica Burrin, Derek Schroeder, Mark Ternes, Juliana Williams</i> | Member Planning and Action | |
| 3:30 - 4:00 | Break | Break | Break | | |
| 4:00 - 5:00 | Solid Foundations: Developing Policy in Partnership with the WAP Provider Network (MN) | Networking Opportunity | Connecting Grantees with Training Resources <i>Kelly Cutchin</i> | Networking Opportunity | |

Bruce Hagen, WAP Chair

- ▶ NASCSP Board Elections
 - ▶ Nominations closed August 31
 - ▶ Nominations received for all executive board seats
- ▶ Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for 9/10
 - ▶ Decision will be made on when to hold elections, business meeting and board meeting

Bruce Hagen, WAP Chair

Preparing for the Virtual Conference

- ▶ What questions do we have for DOE?
- ▶ Member Planning and Action Session

Open Discussion

Cost increases due to COVID – is your state still experiencing issues with appliances?

Quality Assurance Monitoring – how are you adjusting plans in response to COVID? Is DOE approving changes?

Future Regional Calls

November 17, 2020-Register Here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5607179851534325515>

November 19, 2020- Register Here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4704729294758116619>

In 2021 NASCSP would like to move the bi-monthly WAP Regional Calls to Thursdays, with one call at 11am and the second at 3pm EST. Will this schedule work for you?

Thanks for attending!



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