SAG Reporting Working Group Meeting #6

Celia Johnson, SAG Facilitator Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Purpose of SAG Reporting Working Group Metrics Process

For Illinois utilities and interested stakeholders to reach consensus on specific reporting metrics to address the new reporting principle policies finalized in Policy Manual Version 3.0, including:

- Income Qualified Multi-Family Reporting Principles
- Income Qualified Health and Safety Reporting Principles
- Equity and Affordability Reporting Principles
- Diverse Contracting Reporting Principles

Collaborative and Inclusive Participation

- 1. Listen to suggestions and share feedback with an open mind
- 2. Consider compromise options
- 3. Be patient when listening to others; avoid interrupting
- 4. Provide space for all participants to speak up
- 5. Avoid using acronyms or phases that may be misunderstood
- 6. Focus comments / questions on <u>today's agenda topics</u> anything raised outside of the meeting topics will be tabled

New Reporting Policies in Policy Manual

The new reporting policies mention reaching consensus on metrics:

- Program Administrators shall work with interested stakeholders to reach consensus in developing the specific metrics to address these reporting needs. The metrics may evolve over time.
- The new reporting policies mention where metrics will be available:
 - The list of metrics will be posted on the SAG and LIEEAC website(s). The metrics will be referenced in, and lessons learned from reported metric data will be referenced in, the Program Administrators' quarterly and/or annual reports and discussed in SAG and LIEEAC with the goal of improving Program delivery and outcomes.

New Reporting Policies in Policy Manual

Effective Date for New Reporting Policies:

This policy is effective ninety (90) days after conclusion of the SAG Reporting / Metrics Working Group, but no later than April 1, 2024, unless consensus is reached for a later date within the SAG Working Group. Program Administrators remain bound by provisions of settlement agreements regarding reporting metrics - including for 2022 and 2023. Any new metrics approved through the SAG Working Group will be supplemental to specific metrics that were agreed-upon and referenced in a Program Administrator's stipulation.

Recent Meetings

- In November, several stakeholders (Community Investment Corp., IL Attorney General's Office, ICC Staff, National Consumer Law Center, NRDC) prepared proposed metrics to all four reporting policies:
 - Income Qualified Multi-Family Reporting Metrics
 - Income Qualified Health and Safety Reporting Metrics
 - Diverse Contracting Reporting Metrics
 - Equity and Affordability Reporting Metrics
- There were two opportunities for written feedback:
 - December 12: Feedback due on IQ Multi-Family and IQ Health and Safety metrics
 - January 10: Feedback due on Diverse Contracting and Equity/Affordability metrics
- At the January 23rd meeting, the following reporting metrics were finalized:
 - Income Qualified Health and Safety Reporting Metrics (Final PDF 1/23/2024)
 - Equity and Affordability Reporting Metrics (Final PDF 1/23/2024)

Purpose of February 7th Meeting

• Today is the <u>final meeting</u>. Meeting Goals:

- 1. To reach agreement on open metrics, where possible
- 2. To determine whether there are any non-consensus items
- 3. To identify any reporting metric topics that should be resolved at a later time

Meeting Topics:

- Confirm understanding of reporting policy effective date
- Finalize Income Qualified Multi-Family Reporting Metrics
- Finalize Diverse Contracting Reporting Metrics
- Reminder: Listen to feedback, questions and compromise suggestions with an open mind

SAG Consensus Process

- See Section 3.12 of the Policy Manual
 - Illinois Energy Efficiency Policy Manual Version 3.0 (Final)
- Excerpted:
 - If, after a reasonable period of time, as determined by the SAG Facilitator, consensus is not reached, the SAG Facilitator will produce a Comparison Exhibit that identifies the issue, different opinions, and the basis for those opinions. Where practicable, the parties supporting each position will be identified. For consensus decision-making, SAG participants shall provide one position on a particular issue, per company or organization. The SAG Facilitator will share information with SAG participants unable to attend a consensus decision-making meeting, including an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed agreement.

Next Steps

- Final consensus metrics will be posted on the SAG website
- Any metric(s) that are clearly non-consensus will be captured as nonconsensus and the utilities will not report on those metrics at this time
 - * A Comparison Exhibit will be prepared for posting on the SAG website
 - If needed, the SAG can follow-up on non-consensus metrics in the future after utilities file EE Plans in March 2025

Questions?

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