

Climate Change Task Force Social Equity Subcommittee

June 2019 Meeting Notes

Attendees:

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BC Staff Support:

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Discussion:

- Establish a base understanding among CCTF members around key equity terms and definitions. Distinguish between “equity” and “community engagement” goals.
- Integrate equity into CCTF agenda, CCAP planning, and other workgroups. Encourage inclusion of other voices (young, elderly, people of color) on all issues considered by CCTF.
- Advocate for increased investment of energy efficiency (EE) services for LMI to provide access and reduce energy burden. Use existing data to support. (Utility sponsored &/or SELF financing).
- ID community leaders and NGO’s to serve as connection points: utilize/fund these partners to get EE message and programs to residents. (EE/Solar workshop last week was not well attended by BMSD residents.)
- Question on what the County has done and what gaps exist. Answer: an equity analysis has not yet been done. Staff can provide a 1-page summary of current efforts to guide workgroup.
- Question on interfaith leader involvement. Answer: they are a new group, not well organized or ready to roll out an initiative on their own but a few could be invited to join a call if needed.

Next Steps:

- Staff will hold space on Aug CCTF agenda for a climate equity presentation.
- Staff will schedule another workgroup call for July, if needed.
- Sasha will contact CBO’s in Miami and Broward to invite to present to CCTF (topic and scope can be discussed and decided on next call).
- Sasha will pull together resources to provide to CCTF (equity literacy kit).
- Staff will prepare a 1-pager on current County EE & Equity efforts and share with workgroup.
- Staff will share interfaith leader list for workgroup to scan for possible targeted call invitations.