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SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #7
MARYLAND CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES TECHNICAL WORK GROUP (TWG)
November 16, 2007
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Attendance:

1. TWG Members: Cindy Parker, Paul Chan, Frank Heintz, John Quinn and Jerry Hughes
2. Maryland Department of Environment (MDE): Molla Sarros
3. Center for Climate Strategies: Tom Looby, Katie Pasko
4. Other Attendees: Jeff King, Metro Washington COG
5. Public:

Background Documents:

(Posted at http://www.mdclimatechange.us/cross_cutting.cfm)

1. Meeting notice and agenda (including provisions for public access)
2. Summary of MD CC TWG Call #6
3. PowerPoint Presentation for Cross-Cutting Issues (CC) TWG Call #7
4. Draft Maryland CC TWG Catalog of State Actions- Track changes version from 10/26/07 MWG meeting.
5. Small Group for Drafting Policy Option Straw Proposals Volunteers form
6. CC TWG Template for Straw Policy Option Proposals Development

Discussion Items and Issues:

This was the seventh call of the MD CC TWG.

1. Tom Looby of CCS called the meeting to order, completed the roll call, and reviewed the agenda for the call.
2. The 11-9-07 CC TWG Call Summary was approved, with no changes.
3. The next CC TWG call is set for December 14, 2007 at 11 am ET. Members agreed to schedule the following call on January 11, 2008 at 11 am ET. In addition a tentative call was set for 11:30 am ET on Tuesday, November 27, if needed, to discuss the first draft proposals from the small work groups on the straw proposed policy options.
4. Power Point slides were used to cover topics on the agenda.
5. Katie Pasko of CCS updated participants on the status of the Interim Report. The November 14 MCCC meeting was cancelled due to a special session of the Legislature being convened. The Interim Report has not yet been distributed to MWG or MCCC members.

6. Mr. Looby noted that the MWG has a meeting scheduled for November 30, 2007 and he summarized the goals for the meeting as depicted in slide # 5. The key focus will be to begin work on the Policy Options Template.
7. Participants affirmed that the 10-26-07 Track Changes version of the CC TWG Catalog of State Policy Options could be accepted. They made a recommendation that since the MWG added Option #12 to review institutional capacity on their last call that Option #7 regarding funding for implementation be consolidated w/ #12. That proposal will be forwarded to the MWG.
8. Using slide #6 Mr. Looby summarized the Policy Options Template for the Straw Proposals. The first two elements of the template are to develop a policy description and a policy design for each option. Those are the key elements to have ready for the November 30 MWG meeting. To the extent that the elements for implementation mechanisms and related policies/ programs already in place can also be developed that will be great.
9. Participants then reviewed the Small Group volunteers chart and signed up to help draft the straw proposed policy options. A revised version of the volunteers chart contains the assignments. CC-9 Promote Economic Development Opportunities... did not get any volunteers so members are encouraged to come forward to help with it.
10. The Template for the Straw Proposals was then discussed. CCS provided sample language from other states into most of the options. The TWG decided not to go through each of the options on this call but rather to ask the small groups to commence their drafting work. CCS will provide additional sample language from other states where it is available.
11. Slide # 7 listed issues that were raised by the AFW TWG for the cross Cutting TWG s consideration. The following assignments made: Issues 1 and 2 will be addressed as part of the CC-5 deliberations, issues 3 and 4 will be addressed by the CC-4 sub-group and issues 5 and 6 will be examined by the CC-6 small group. Katie Pasko will communicate back w/ the AFW TWG about this approach.

Mr. Looby outlined the CC TWG next steps in slide #8, which will primarily be to develop the policy description and policy design elements of the Straw Proposal and then the implementation mechanisms and policies and programs in place.

Public Input: None

Next Steps:

1. The next MWG meeting will occur on November 30.
2. The following schedule was agreed to formulate the first drafts of the Policy Option straw proposals:

- Select small group volunteers- Completed today for all but CC-9. We still need volunteers for CC-9.
 - CCS distribute additional sample text from other states- November 19
 - Small groups complete initial drafts of first two elements- Policy description and policy design and send it in to Mr. Looby- COB Wednesday, Nov. 21
 - CCS- Compile and distribute small groups proposals to CC TWG members- Over TG week-end
 - CC TWG members review the draft straw proposals, offer any edits and identify if they feel any key issues warrant discussion on the tentatively scheduled TWG call on 11/27- COB Monday 11/26.
 - CCS will let everyone know if the 11/27 call is needed or not- COB 11/26
 - CC TWG call, if needed, to discuss any key policy issues needing it- 11:30 am -12:30 pm Tuesday, 11/27.
 - CCS assembles the straw proposals and forwards them to MWG- COB Wednesday 11/28
 - Small group volunteers draft and submit the proposed “Implementation Mechanisms” and “Related Policies and Programs in Place” elements of the Template and send in to CCS- COB, Friday, 12/7/07
 - CCS compiles and distributes the proposals- Monday 12/10/07
 - CC TWG completes drafting of straw proposals for the first 4 elements of Policy Options Template- December 14 CC TWG call
3. If needed the next call of the CC TWG will be at 11:30 EST on Tuesday, 11/27/07. After that the next calls are on December 14 and January 11 at 11 am EST.

Announcements: None