

Cross Sector Mitigation Subcommittee Meeting

Equity Screening Follow-up

MINUTES

OCTOBER 28, 2021

12:15AM – 12:40PM

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING/CONFERENCE CALL

DISCUSSION	Cross Sector Mitigation reviewed the equity screening process with Kiah Morris and discussed any remaining concerns regarding the implementation following the drafting process.
OVERVIEW <p>Kiah Morris asked the Cross Sector Mitigation (CSM) Subcommittee how best to capstate the equity lens process and where to document within the Climate Action Plan (CAP). Recognizing that the specificity may not be to the level sought; however, the importance and initial work needs to be reflected and documented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">In addition, CSM members were informed they will have an opportunity to complete an evaluation of the equity screening process and/or schedule a 15minute one-on-one. <p>CSM member requested feedback on the level of specificity and level of detail provided thus far.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kiah suggested that even if the level of detail and specificity sought does not make the CAP, that she will also be drafting a report to be included and this may be a viable space for some of the equity concerns, etc., to live, along with the report being provided from the Just Transitions Subcommittee. Making it clear that the time constraints did not favor in completing an entire equity screening process, but the initial work can be creatively reiterated and reflected in different text spaces within the CAP. <p>The consensus amongst CSM members was the Scoring Rubric tool worked well, and time constraints were the obstacle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">CSM member expressed the framework of the tool was helpful and acknowledged the lack of specificity in drafting but wants the initial draft to go as far as possible, so then the work can be continued. To get behind Senator Kesha Ram and the efforts she presented. To have Council and Legislature implement a sound Environmental Justice (EJ) policy and wholistically adopt these policies. The have folks vested in the process and the ability to continue the great work started.Also recognizing that not all work will be adopted, but emphasis on continuing the progress because not much has been made since Step it Up in 2006 and cannot continue to fail. The time is now to get this work and initiatives done! And the work needs to be done well and be equitable.<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kiah reaffirmed that bills up for legislative review can have multiple dates with the same bill, so this may be another avenue that would enable the work to continue. <p>CSM member discussed the different stages of implementation and how the equity process needs to be continued throughout each stage to ensure EJ. Also, data could be tracked and obtained to evaluate the implementation process and apply corrective action where needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Another member reiterated the importance of better data collection; however, also reminded the subcommittee that historically data has been collected to exclude marginalized communities in the past and need to be sensitive in moving forward.Another member also spoke about weatherization and the metrics/contract being tied to performance standards. Performance standards could be refined to include the equity principles being presented, along with evolving other tools to keep progress moving forward. <p>CSM Member expressed that the legislative process needs to include all voices, a broader venue than was represented amongst all the committees. Also, to make sure the continued work does not get bogged down at the legislative level, thus impeding the process to continue, and to ensure this same equity lens framework is applied to ensure equity.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	Overall, CSM embraced the equity screening process and is committed to seeing their efforts continued.
SPECIAL NOTE:	
Next CSM Subcommittee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 11/04/2021 from 11am-2pm (<i>via Zoom</i>).	

