

# CHS EAG Final Report Outline

## Introduction

## Executive Summary

## Legislative Directive

## Equity Framework

- Guiding principles
- Rubric

## Inventory of existing clean heat landscape

### Needs

- Research on existing demographics of households in targeted groups
- Energy burden research
- Identification of research gaps in needs

### Existing services

- Stakeholder mapping
- List of existing programs surveyed by PUC

### Challenges

- Discussion of challenges households face in accessing clean heat
  - From Act 18: assess “whether customers are equitably served by clean heat measures”
  - From Act 18: discuss “challenges renters and residents of manufactured homes face in equitably accessing clean heat measures”

## Review of public engagement process

- Task from Act 18: Recommend strategies for engaging Vermonters with low income and moderate income in the public process for developing the Clean Heat Standard program.
  - Discuss how we did this.
- Comments on public feedback
- Link to additional Climate Council research process

## Discussions of issue areas identified in clean heat framework and suggestions

### Tasks (from Act 18)

- Assessing whether customers are equitably served by clean heat measures and how to increase equity;
- Providing feedback to the Commission on the impact of the Clean Heat Standard on the experience of Vermonters with low income and moderate income
- Providing recommendations to ensure that renters and residents of manufactured homes have equitable access to clean heat measures.
- Identifying actions needed to provide customers with low income and moderate income with better service and to mitigate the fuel price impacts calculated in section 8128 of this title;
- Recommending any additional programs, incentives, or funding needed to support customers with low income and moderate income and organizations that provide social services to Vermonters in affording heating fuel and other heating expenses

### Topics

- Credit Ownership
  - Issues
  - Recommendations
    - How to ensure that customers benefit from reduced costs of measures

- How to ensure consumer protection
  - How to ensure access to financing
- Households that are not readily able to access clean heat measures
  - Issues
  - Recommendations
    - How to assist households with homes that need updates (electrical panels, etc) to access CHS measures
      - Consider way to count enabling upgrades as CHS measures?
- Specific groups' needs:
  - POC – not in statute but we should consider
    - Recommendations
  - Manufactured homes
    - Recommendations
  - Renters
    - Recommendations
    - Multifamily buildings
      - Recommendations
    - Subsidized housing
      - Recommendations
  - Very low income households
    - Recommendations
  - Small businesses
    - Recommendations

## Implementation recommendations

- Additional research needs recommended for implementation.

- Metrics for success - how will PUC assess whether this has been implemented equitably?
- Recommendation to continue EAG work in some capacity after January?

## Additional comments from individual EAG members