

Weatherization Policy Advisory Council

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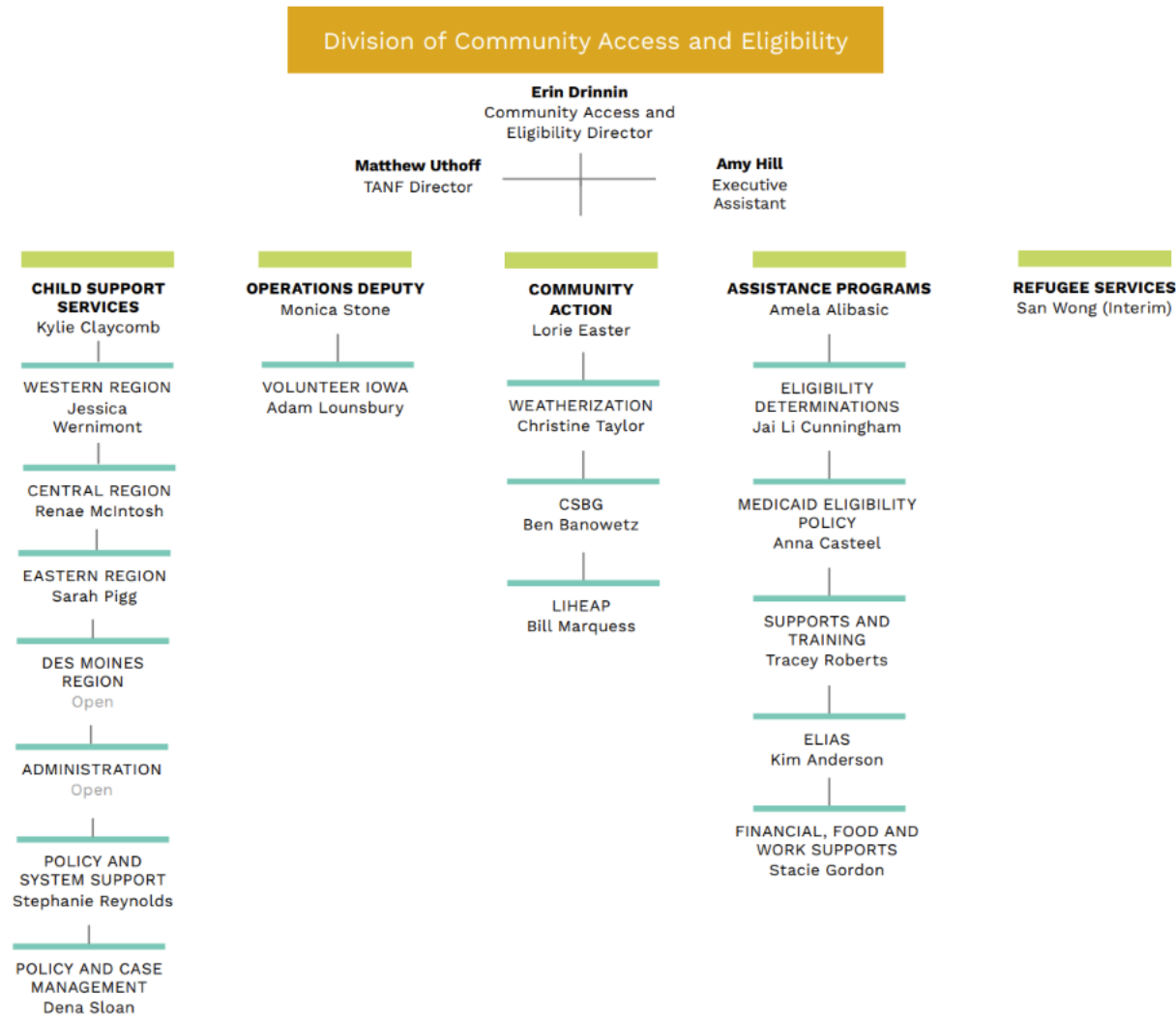
HHS Council Weatherization Assistance Program

- The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is a low-income energy efficiency program administered by the U.S. Department of Energy.
- The purpose is to make the homes of low-income households more energy efficient, thereby reducing the households' energy bills.
- Energy efficiency measures may include:
 - sealing air leaks
 - insulating walls and attics
 - repairing or replacing heating units and water heaters

Weatherization Assistance Program

- The program also improves the health and safety of the homes by:
 - testing for gas leaks
 - installing exhaust fans to improve indoor air quality
 - installing smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms
 - addressing mold and moisture issues
 - testing for lead-based paint
- DOE administers the program to all 50 states, tribes and territories
- Iowa's program begins July 1st

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Funding

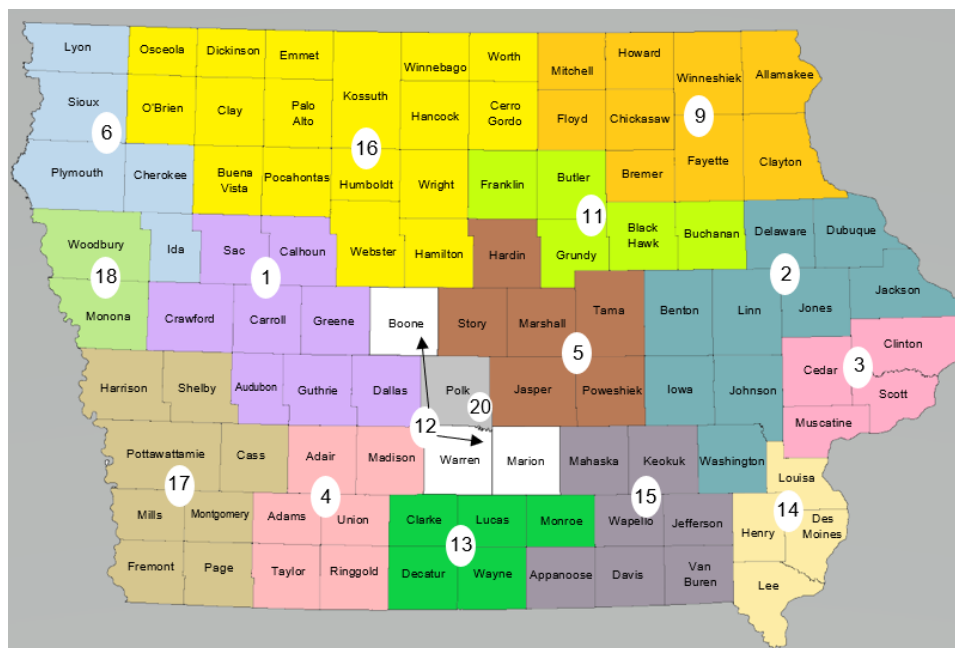
Annual Budget (estimated)	
\$6.7 million	U.S. Dept of Energy (DOE)
\$44.9 million	U.S. Dept of Energy Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act over 7-year period, ending 2029
\$8.6 million	LIHEAP (funds transferred to WAP)
\$2 million	Alliant Energy
\$320,000	Black Hills Energy
\$2 million	MidAmerican Energy
\$64.5 million	TOTAL

NOTE: The State Plan only addresses DOE funds

Iowa Weatherization

- Agencies providing weatherization services are 15 community action agencies and one local government (Polk County)
- Energy Auditor visits the home, collects data, enters data into a modeling software, cost-effective measures are determined, work is completed and inspected by a Quality Control Inspector
- Agencies submit monthly reports to WAP office

Service Territories



Statewide program
serving families and
individuals in all 99
counties

15 local agencies

1 local government

State Plan

- Each year a state plan that explains how the funds will be administered is submitted to DOE for approval
- Prior to submission, the draft plan is posted for public review and comment
- A public hearing is held to receive verbal comments, written comments may be sent in as well
- Comments are reviewed by the WAP office and the plan is revised as appropriate
- Comments and changes are reviewed and approved by the Policy Advisory Council
- The final plan is submitted by the WAP office to DOE for approval

Policy Advisory Council (PAC) Duties

1. SF 2385 (90th Gen. Assembly) eliminated the Commission on Community Action Agencies (formerly part of Human Rights)
2. Federal law 10 CFR § 440.17 requires states to have a PAC to approve the annual State Plan prior to submitting to US Dept. of Energy
3. Ad-hoc PAC has already been established
 - Low-income member of community (Stephanie Stebens/Davenport, Iowa)
 - Division Director of Aging and Disability Services or their designee (Kyra Hawley/designee)
 - Executive Director of Iowa Community Action Association (Katherine Harrington)
 - Ex-Officio* (Wendy Mueller, Director of West Central Community Action)
 - Ex-Officio* (Sheri Wilson, Director of Community Action of Southeast Iowa)

PAC Duties Cont.

1. New duties include:

- Advise the department with respect to the development and implementation of a weatherization assistance program.
- Recommend policies and measures with sensitivity towards solving the problems of low-income persons, including the weatherization and energy conservation problems of these persons.
- Serve as an effective and visible advocate by recommending policies which affect low-income persons, particularly elderly and handicapped low-income persons and low-income Native Americans.