

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)

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Minutes of Tuesday, June 28, 2016 10:00 am

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Open Meetings Act – A copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the table as you enter the room.
All votes were taken by roll call of the members.

I. Roll Call

Shannon Fortney called roll.

Eleven of fifteen Commissioners were present:

Charles Coley; Ryan Durant; Paul Hamelink; Lee Ann Heflebower Ardith Hoins; James Kozal;
Steve Kunzman; Kathy Mesner; Roger Nadrchal; Judy Pedersen; John Turner; and.

Lee Ann Heflebower arrived at 10:19 a.m.

Absent Commissioners: Thomas Judds; Carna Pfeil; Erin Porterfield; and Brent Williams.

Guests present were: Linda Addison and Michelle Callahan; Joel Anderson, Excel Development;
Stephanie Huddle, NE Coalition; Dana Jelinek, Grand Island Habitat for Humanity; Nikki Swope,
Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program; Lori Ferguson, South Central Economic Development
District; Michael Vukas, USDA Rural Development; Robin Ambroz, Nebraska Investment and
Finance Authority; and Brian Gaskill, Kristi McClung; and Shannon Fortney, DED.

II. Call meeting to order:

Chair Turner declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Chair Turner indicated the Opening Meetings Act was located at the back of the room by the sign
in sheet.

III. Introductions

IV. Public Comment

No Public Comment

V. Approved March 21, 2016 meeting minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Kozal moved that the March 21, 2016 meeting minutes be approved.
Commissioner Pedersen seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

YES - Charles Coley; Ryan Durant; Paul Hamelink; Ardith Hoins; James Kozal; Steve
Kunzman; Kathy Mesner; Roger Nadrchal; Judy Pedersen; and John Turner.

NO - None

Motion carried with a 9-0 vote.

VI. Executive Committee—

Chair Turner and Vice Chair Durant reported investigation of additional strategic planning opportunities. Turner reported that the strategic planning would focus on pinpointing the commission's mission and relevance as the advisory body for the Governor and to create a unified effort to include the many facets of the commission body. A request for funds will be proffered to DED with the expectation that NIFA will also provide some funding toward the venture.

VII. Report from Standing Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

Commissioner Turner reported the progress toward development of a statewide coordinator position for the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness. The Department of Health and Human Services brought their agencies, along with others, to address housing and to discuss the possibility of the statewide housing coordinator. NIFA was included in this discussion.

The CoC committee, meets monthly to help set goals in each identified category of the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness. The next statewide meeting with ABT Associates is scheduled for Tuesday September 20, 2016 at Region V Systems.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

Committee Chair Pedersen announced the roll-out of the new NCHH Facebook page. She continues to solicit information such as upcoming trainings, events, education, relative humor and other related material for posting.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

No committee meeting was held during this quarter. Committee members contributed the following input:

The NIFA QAP discussions will be held on Thursday, June 30th at 10 am. Included in the conversation will be the State Tax Credit Program.

Discussion of items for the next Legislative Calendar will begin this fall. Topics for proposed new legislation will be determined.

VIII. Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Community Action of Nebraska – Ardith Hoines
Department of Economic Development—Brian Gaskill
DHHS, Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program - Nikki Swope
Nebraska Investment and Finance Authority – Robin Ambroz
U. S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development –Michael Vukas
NE Coalition- Stephanie Huddle
Grand Island Habitat for Humanity – Dana Jelinek

IX. New Business

Discussion of the National Housing Trust Fund included potential details of the allocation plan that is to be submitted to HUD in August.

X. Adjourn

Chair Turner adjourned the meeting on June 28, 2016 at 11:29 a.m.