

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)

Monday, January 26, 2009

Marriott Hotel - Omaha

Minutes

I. Roll Call

Lydia Wiles called roll. Ten of fifteen commissioners were present: Ardith Hoins, Robin Hollman, Tom Huston, Thomas Judds, Ken Lyons, Kathy Mesner, Roger Nadrchal, Barbara Ostrum, Tammy Evans and Erin Porterfield. Absent commissioners were: Ann Beseke, Alan Green, DiAnn Kolkman, Brent Williams and Melissa Henscheid.

II. Call meeting to order

Chairperson, Robin Hollman declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

III. Introductions:

Chairperson, Robin Hollman welcomed guests and asked them to introduce themselves. Guests present were: Lilly Blase, Leslie Novacek and Lauren Rock, Assistive Technology Partnership; Betty Medinger and Charles Coley, Department of Health and Human Services; Kendra Dean, Cirrus House; Nancy Bentley Scotts Bluff County Housing; Steve Peregrine and Tim Kenney NIFA; Reggie Robinson, Housing and Urban Development; Lydia Wiles, Pat Compton, Richard Baier and Paula Rhian, Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment.

V. Approve November 17, 2008 meeting minutes

Tom Huston moved that the November 17, 2008 meeting minutes be approved. Tammy Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

VI. Executive Committee

No report.

VII. Report from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

Erin Porterfield reported. The committee needs the NOFA Release for the annual conference. The committee met to discuss the Path of Project Unification program, and the SOAR program. Want more people qualified for SSI. Betty Medinger asked for funding for the online matrix.

Erin Porterfield motioned for Kendra Dean to join the Continuum of Care Committee. Roger Nadrchal seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

Ken Lyons reported. Lydia Wiles sent out packets of information on Hunger and Homelessness. Would like to possibly have a conference this year in early fall or partner with a conference to promote awareness. They would like to potentially do something in June during National Homeowner Month. The committee has agreed to take on updating the NCHH bylaws.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

Thomas reviewed the Annual Action Plan and supports it as written. He will go through the goals of the action plan in the spring.

- Paula Rhian highlighted the changes to the Annual Action Plan.
- Richard Baier commented on the Department of Economic Development and the Annual Action Plan.

4. Policy Academy

Betty Medinger reported. There was no meeting last quarter because they are down staff. They will meet in Lincoln on February 17, 2009.

- NCHH discussed purpose of committees, especially Education and Awareness. This committee would like to help in any way to get the word out and to promote the awareness of hunger and homelessness and support other committees.

After the three committees reported, a nominating committee was established.

VIII: Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Assistive Technology Partnership – Lilly Blase and Lauren Rock reported on the housing.ne.gov website and asked for financial support from additional partners.

Community Action of Nebraska – Ardith Hoins reported.

Nebraska Department of Economic Development – Richard Baier and Paula Rhian reported.

Health and Human Services System – Betty Medinger reported.

Midwest Housing Equity Group – Thomas Judds reported.

NE Chapter of Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials – Nancy Bentley reported.

NE Housing Developers Association – Roger Nadrchal reported.

R.E.A.CH. – Roger reported.

NE Investment Finance Authority – Robin Hollman reported.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Reggie Robinson reported.

FHL Bank – Topeka – Roger Nadrchal reported.

IX: Adjourn

Robin Hollman adjourned the meeting on January 26 at 5:00 p.m.