

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)
Monday, March 16, 2009
DED-Lincoln
Minutes

I. Roll Call

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

II. Call meeting to order

Chairperson, Robin Hollman declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

III. Introductions:

Chairperson, Robin Hollman welcomed guests and asked them to introduce themselves. Guests present were: Tim Wilson, Community Action Nebraska; Charles Coley, DHHS; Lara Huskey, Anissa Rasmussen, Lydia Wiles and Paula Rhian, Nebraska Department of Economic Development.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment.

V. Approve January 26, 2009 meeting minutes

Kathy Mesner moved that the January 26, 2009 meeting minutes be approved. Barbara Ostrum 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

Charles Coley reported: The Continuum of Care met today. Betty Medinger is no longer with DHHS. They are planning the Annual Housing Conference, which will be co-sponsored by Department of Economic Development. The Rentwise program has been successful in Lincoln and in Omaha, and they would like to see the program go state-wide. The committee discussed the Stimulus dollars for the Homeless Prevention Fund. The State of Nebraska is receiving \$5,128,578, Omaha is receiving \$2,017,088 and Lincoln is receiving \$726,148. The next Continuum of Care meeting will be May 18th at 10:30 AM CST, and the location is yet to be determined.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

Ken Lyons reported: NCDC is working with Sherman Williams paint company to hire homeless people for painting jobs in Omaha. They will be conducting classes for them and then they will place them on a job site. The committee has reviewed the Bylaws.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

Thomas Judds reported: The Committee met last week and they discussed the tax changes with regards to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Thomas said that some of the changes will need guidelines. NIFA will have the HOME "TCAP" funds. The NSP workshops are being held this week. Thomas Judds is stepping down as chair of the committee.

Roger Nadrchal motioned for the NCHH committee to approve Kathy Mesner as the new chairperson for the Policy & Issues Committee replacing Thomas Judds. Alan Green seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Policy Academy

Charles Coley reported that Betty Medinger usually reported but she has left DHHS.

VIII: Election of Officers

Alan Green motioned to accept the nominations and to close the nominations. Kathy Mesner seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Brent Williams motioned to approve Robin Hollman as chairperson and Ardith Hoins as vice-chair for the NCHH committee. Ken Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

IX: Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Community Action of Nebraska – Tim Wilson reported.

Nebraska Department of Economic Development – Lara Huskey reported.

Health and Human Services System – Charles Coley reported

Mental Health Association – Alan Green reported.

Midwest Housing Equity Group – Thomas Judds reported.

NE Investment Finance Authority – Robin Hollman reported.

FHL Bank Topeka – Roger Nadrchal reported.

X: Adjourn

Robin Hollman adjourned the meeting on March 16 at 2:45 p.m.