

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)

Monday, January 24, 2011

Minutes

I. Roll Call

Ardith Hoins called roll. Eight of fourteen Commissioners were present. Mary Jo Bousek, Ardith Hoins, Thomas Judds, DiAnn Kolkman, Kathy Mesner, Roger Nadrchal, Erin Porterfield and John Turner. Absent Commissioners were: Ann Beseke-Rouch, Robin Hollman, Tom Huston, Ken Lyons, Melissa Robinson-Henscheid, and Brent Williams.

II. Call meeting to order

Chairperson Ardith Hoins called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Chairperson Ardith Hoins declared a quorum at 1:08 p.m.

III. Public Comment

No comment.

IV. Approve November 10, 2010 meeting minutes.

Motion: Roger Nadrchal moved that the November 10, 2010 meeting minutes be approved after deleting “it was also” from the minutes under the Education and Awareness section. DiAnn Kolkman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

V. Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program Presentation

Charles Coley presented.

VI. Metro Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless Presentation

Erin Porterfield presented.

VII. Executive Committee

In November, Governor Dave Heineman declared and signed the proclamation that November 10-14, 2010 be Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

VIII. Report from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

Erin Porterfield reported that the Committee is looking at bringing technical assistance regarding the HEARTH Act to Nebraska through the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

DiAnn Kolkman presented the minutes of the committee handout. Copies were passed out.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

Kathy Mesner reported that the recommendations from the committee were submitted for the Annual Action Plan. The committee discussed Governor Heineman’s State of the State address regarding the Nebraska Affordable Trust Fund.

Motion:

Kathy Mesner moved that NCHH go on record opposing that portion of LB 388 which calls for use of the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund for things other than its original intended purpose, which is housing. Thomas Judds seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion:

Kathy Mesner moved that NCHH requests an amendment to LB 413 to state that the wording “homeless youth” should be “housing programs for homeless youth.” Roger Nadrchal seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion:

Kathy Mesner moved that NCHH will submit a letter to the Governor asking to respectfully be included in legislative subjects related to the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The NCHH Commission didn’t understand why as a NAHTF advisory commission, they were excluded from being informed about very significant proposed changes. Erin Porterfield seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Danielle Hill was asked to draft a letter on behalf of the NCHH Commission regarding the recommendations of the Trust Fund proposal.

Motion:

Kathy Mesner moved to add Paula Rhian and Ann Burge to the Policy and Issues Committee. Roger Nadrchal seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Thomas Judds will be the new chair for the Policy and Issues Committee.

4. Ad Hoc Committee on Ending Chronic Homelessness

Charles Coley reported earlier in his presentation.

Motion:

Roger Nadrchal moved for NCHH to go on the record concerning HR273 recommending that the grandfather clause be continued. DiAnn Kolkman seconded the motion. Ayes: Ardith Hoins, Thomas Judds, DiAnn Kolkman, Kathy Mesner, Roger Nadrchal and John Turner. Nays: Mary Jo Bousek. Absent: Erin Porterfield. Motion carried.

IX: Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Assistive Technology Partnership – Lauren Rock reported.

Community Action of Nebraska – Ardith Hoins reported.

Nebraska Department of Economic Development – Bob Doty reported.

Midwest Housing Equity Group – Thomas Judds reported.

Nebraska Housing Developers Association & REACH – Danielle Hill & Amber Marker reported.

U.S. Department of Agriculture RD – Melba Davidson and Roger Nadrchal reported.

FHL Bank-Topeka – Roger Nadrchal reported.

X: Adjourn

Chairperson Ardith Hoins adjourned the meeting on January 24, 2011 at 3:45 p.m.