

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Minutes

I. Roll Call

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

II. Call meeting to order

Chairperson Ardith Hoins called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Chairperson Ardith Hoins declared a quorum at 9:35 a.m.

III. Public Comment

No comment.

IV. Approve January 24, 2011 meeting minutes.

Motion: Tom Huston moved that the January 24, 2011 meeting minutes be approved. DiAnn Kolkman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Ken Lyons is now in attendance for the meeting.

V. Executive Committee

Ardith reported that the committee is waiting to set up an appointment to meet with the Governor.

VI. Report from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

Charles Coley reported. The committee hasn't met in 2011, but plan to meet on April 16, 2011 from 10:30-12:00. DHHS is co-hosting the Conference on Housing and Homelessness with DED in October. There will be Homelessness sessions as well as a Housing track. He also spoke about the Hearth Act passed in 2009 that is not yet implemented. This Act focuses on Prevention of homelessness. Erin Porterfield reported on the 100,000 Homes project in Omaha.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

DiAnn Kolkman reported. The plan is to raise awareness about hunger and homelessness with high school students by involving Student Councils. Perhaps middle schools will also begin to get involved. DiAnn met with a counselor in North Platte and hopes to hear back in April. Also, John Turner is to join this committee. Ann Beseke-Rouch is working on the website and an updated news release list.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

Danielle Hill reported on LB388 and LB413.

4. Ad Hoc Committee on Ending Chronic Homelessness

Charles Coley reported that the committee plans to meet the first or second weekend of May. The definition of Chronic Homelessness has been adopted from the Hearth Act. There was a discussion on youth aging out of foster care, and also about the program Destination...Dad, which coaches incarcerated dads to develop positive relationships with their kids.

VII: Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Nebraska Housing Developers Association & REACH – Danielle Hill reported.

Assistive Technology Partnership – Lauren Rock reported.

Community Action of Nebraska – Roger Furrer reported.

Nebraska Department of Economic Development – Lara Huskey reported.

U.S. Department of Agriculture RD – Teresa Brohimer reported.

VIII: Adjourn

Chairperson Ardith Hoins adjourned the meeting on March 22, 2011 at 11:15 a.m.