

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)

Monday, August 29, 2011

Minutes

I. Roll Call

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

II. Call meeting to order

Chairperson Ardith Hoins called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Chairperson Ardith Hoins declared a quorum at 2:05 p.m.

III. Public Comment

No comment.

IV. Approve March 22, 2011 meeting minutes.

Motion: Tom Huston moved that the March 22, 2011 meeting minutes be approved. Roger Nadrchal seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

V. Executive Committee

Ardith Hoins and Brent Williams will be the nomination committee for the chair and vice-chair positions.

VI. Richard Baier updated the NCHH Commission on upcoming changes. Some of the topics he reported on are: cuts in federal funding, which will affect all programs, including HOME and Trust Fund; getting more input and feedback on furthering fair housing; doing an analysis of subsidy per unit; looking at urban housing projects including public transportation; and looking at what today's young college graduates are looking for when moving to a community.

VII. Report from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

Erin Porterfield reported that the committee plans to meet soon. Erin attended the National Alliance Homeless Conference in Washington DC, where they discussed affordable housing. The main theme was "community." Erin also stated that the Notice of Funding Availability for the Continuum of Care, Homeless Assistance Competition report will be released soon.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

DiAnn Kolkman reported. The committee is working on putting together the Hunger and Homelessness packets that will be distributed in November. They will be adding public service announcements. Also, in discussion was a website. The committee will request a proclamation for Hunger & Homelessness week later this year.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

Thomas Judds reported on the **attached** letter.

4. Ad Hoc Committee on Ending Chronic Homelessness

John Turner reported that all the continuums of care will have further education on fair housing. The State plan will be on DHHS's website.

VIII: Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Assistive Technology Partnership – Lauren Rock reported.

Community Action of Nebraska – Roger Furrer reported.

Department of Economic Development – Bob Doty reported.

Department of Health & Human Services – John Turner reported.

Midwest Housing Equity Group – Thomas Judds reported.

Nebraska Housing Developers Association & REACH – Danielle Hill reported.

Nebraska Investment Finance Authority – Robin Hollman reported.

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

FHL Bank Topeka – Roger Nadrchal reported.

IV: Adjourn

Chairperson Ardith Hoins adjourned the meeting on August 29, 2011 at 3:50 p.m.