

# Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)

Monday, November 7, 2011

## Minutes

### I. Roll Call

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

### II. Call meeting to order

Chairperson Ardith Hoins called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Chairperson Ardith Hoins declared a quorum at 1:06 p.m.

### III. Public Comment

No comment.

### IV. Approve August 29, 2011 meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Thomas Judds moved that the August 29, 2011 meeting minutes be approved. Mary Jo Bousek seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### V. Executive Committee

**Motion:** Roger Nadrchal moved to accede with the Nominating Committee the nomination of Kathy Mesner as Chairperson for NCHH. Brent Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**Motion:** Roger Nadrchal moved to accede with the Nominating Committee the nomination of Erin Porterfield as Vice-chairperson for NCHH. Brent Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

### VI. Report from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

#### 1. Continuum of Care Committee

Erin Porterfield reported that the committee is working on NOFA, putting together projects across the state.

The federal plan, Opening Doors: The Federal Strategic Plan to End and Prevent Homelessness is trying to get other federal agencies across the nation together to help end homelessness.

#### 2. Education and Awareness Committee

DiAnn Kolkman reported. The Hunger and Homelessness packets have been distributed this month. They will be adding public service announcements in the coming weeks. Hunger and Homeless Week is November 12<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. A proclamation about it was announced on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the State Capitol.

### 3. Policy and Issues Committee

Thomas Judds reported:

- a. Discussed update to NIFA's 2012 QAP & LIHTC application approved by the Governor in which the P&I Committee provided written response to, on behalf of NCHH. NIFA did remove the point incentive for upfront payment of compliance fees – the committee and commission was in favor of this action. In addition, NIFA increased the average income to be less than 45% of a rural county's AMI rather than 40%. This is in respects to the discretionary basis boost for non-QCT developments. Also, NIFA added a provision that could waive the income percentage provided the applicant demonstrates adequate justification – NIFA's decision.
- b. Thomas mentioned Housing Assistance Council has a rural senior housing capacity building grant. He encouraged all housing partners that work with non-profits with affordable housing as a mission to inquire about the grant. He would forward the information to them upon request.
- c. Finally, Thomas mentioned Brian Gaskill with DED sent him an email in regards to notice of public comment period (Proposed 2012 Annual Action Plan) & videoconference schedule for the analysis of impediments to fair housing choice (Nov 16<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>). He encouraged all commissioners to review and provide comments.

### 4. Ad Hoc Committee on Ending Chronic Homelessness

John Turner reported that the committee met last week. The State's plan, "Completing the Journey: Nebraska's Action Plan for People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness," the committee is working on updating the 10-year plan and working with the continuum of cares throughout the State.

## VII: Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Assistive Technology Partnership – Lauren Rock reported.

Community Action of Nebraska – Ardith Hoins reported.

Department of Economic Development – Bob Doty & Brian Gaskill reported.

Midwest Housing Equity Group – Thomas Judds reported.

U.S. Department of Agriculture RD – Melba Davison reported.

FHL Bank Topeka – Roger Nadrchal reported.

## VIII: Adjourn

Chairperson Ardith Hoins adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.