

**Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)**  
**Thursday, April 12, 2012**  
**Nebraska State Office Building**  
**301 Centennial Mall South Lin, NE 68509**  
**Conference Room LLD**  
Minutes

I. Roll Call

Sara Tichota called roll. Twelve of fifteen Commissioners were present. Mary Jo Bousek, Theresa Christensen, Melissa DeLaet, Rosalee Higgs, Ardith Hoins, Thomas Judds, DiAnn Kolkman, Ken Lyons, Kathy Mesner, Roger Nadrchal, Erin Porterfield, and John Turner. Absent Commissioners were: Ann Beseke-Rouch, Tom Huston, and Brent Williams.

Guests present were: Cindy Kadavy, DHHS; Melba Davison, USDA; Danielle Hill, NHDA; Anissa Rasmussen, Bob Doty, Sara Tichota, DED.

II. Call meeting to order

Chairperson Kathy Mesner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson Kathy Mesner declared a quorum at 10:00 a.m.

III. Public Comment

No comment.

IV. Approve January 23, 2012 meeting minutes.

**Motion:** DiAnn Kolkman moved that the January 23, 2012 meeting minutes be approved. Ken Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

V. Executive Committee

Did not report.

VI. Report from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

Rosalee Higgs, Theresa Christensen, and John Turner were all appointed to the Continuum of Care Committee. Erin Porterfield welcomed Cindy Kadavy, the new NHAP Program Coordinator. The committee plans to meet and is working on crafting an agenda and developing goals. Erin Porterfield noted that regulations regarding Continuum of Care should soon be released by HUD. When the regulations are released, it will be the first time such guidance has been provided to Continuum of Care. The regulations will provide a better understanding of expectations and empower local agencies.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

DiAnn reported and the committee has not met. The Education and Awareness Committee is partnering with the Fair Housing Task **Group**. Approximately 15 people attended the proclamation ceremony in

which Governor Heinemann proclaimed April 2012 Fair Housing Month. John Turner updated the Commission regarding Project Homeless Connect.

### 3. Policy and Issues Committee

Thomas Judds reported that the Committee met last Friday via conference call. Thomas reported on LB1075, LB1017, LB131, LB1128, LB971, LB918 and LB888.

**Motion:** Roger Nadrchal moved that Senator Danielle Conrad be recognized for her support in furthering affordable housing in Nebraska. Ken Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**Motion:** Ardith Hoins moved that NCHH go on record to support the changes to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the 2011 Annual Action Plan, regarding ESG. John Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

Cindy Kadavy reported. Cindy asked if the Ad Hoc and Continuing Care Committees could be merged into one broader committee. Cindy was tasked with researching to ensure the merger would be acceptable. NCHH Commissioners verbalized support of this change.

## VII. Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Assistive Technology Partnership – John Turner reported.

Community Action of Nebraska – Ardith Hoins reported.

Nebraska Department of Economic Development – Bob Doty reported.

**Motion:** DiAnn Kolkman moved that NCHH on record strongly opposing the use of the \$750,000 in Trust Funds for demolition only, in light of the substantial void of LMI housing throughout the state. Roger Nadrchal seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**Motion:** Thomas Judds moved that Roger Nadrchal, Thomas Judds, DiAnn Kolkman, and Kathy Mesner meet with DED regarding the \$750,000 Trust Fund use. Mary Jo Bousek seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Department of Health and Human Services—Cindy Kadavy reported.

Midwest Housing Equity Group—Thomas Judds reported.

Nebraska Housing Developers Association – Danielle Hill reported.

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

FHL Bank-Topeka –Roger Nadrchal reported.

## VIII. Adjourn

Chairperson Kathy Mesner adjourned the meeting on April 12, 2012 at 12:04 p.m.