

**Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)**

**Monday, January 23, 2012**

**Minutes**

**I. Roll Call**

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

**II. Call meeting to order**

Chairperson Kathy Mesner called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

Chairperson Kathy Mesner declared a quorum at 11:40 a.m.

**III. Public Comment**

No comment.

**IV. Approve November 7, 2011 meeting minutes.**

**Motion:** Brent Williams moved that the November 7, 2011 meeting minutes be approved. Thomas Judds seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**V. Executive Committee**

Kathy Mesner announced that the Executive Committee would like the Policy & Issues, Education & Awareness, and the Continuum of Care Committee to work on some goal(s) this year and to report back to the Commission its accomplishments at the end of this year.

**VIII. Report from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees**

**1. Continuum of Care Committee**

Erin Porterfield reported that the committee didn't meet. Jodie Gibson with DHHS is in the process of filling Charles Coley's position since he left. Jodie Gibson would like the open position filled before the committee meets. The committee goal would be to urge other continuums to attain their goals and report to the NHAP Commission.

**2. Education and Awareness Committee**

DiAnn Kolkman announced Melissa DeLaet will be coming on the committee and that Mary O'Hare is going off of the committee.

Lara Huskey is asking the commission for a new strategy for the Housing Plan and she is also requesting input too.

The Committee is going to continue the Hunger & Homelessness Week for this year.

Bob Doty said that there will be one person from DED on the committee.

**3. Policy and Issues Committee**

Thomas Judds reported that committee met last week and they discussed the legislative bills LB918 TIF money and public school and LB 1075, which provides an assessment of rent-restricted housing projects by the Property Tax Administrator. Thomas passed out a handout on LB1075 to the attendees.

Ken Lyons came to the meeting at 12:15pm.

Danielle Hill reported LB1017 is to transfer funds to the AHTF from general funds.

Thomas Judds also mentioned legislative bills to be aware of are: LB26, LB818 and LB888.

**Motion:**

Thomas Judds moved that NCHH go on record to support LB1075, LB1017 and to oppose LB1110. Ken Lyons seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Thomas Judds stated that the commission submitted comments to the Annual Action Plan.

4. Ad Hoc Committee on Ending Chronic Homelessness

The group has not met.

IX: Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Assistive Technology Partnership – Lauren Rock reported.

Community Action of Nebraska – Roger Furrer reported.

Nebraska Department of Economic Development – Bob Doty reported.

Department of Health and Human Services – Jodie Gibson reported.

Midwest Housing Equity Group – Thomas Judds reported.

Nebraska Housing Developers Association & REACH – Danielle Hill reported.

X: Adjourn

Chairperson Kathy Mesner adjourned the meeting on January 23, 2012 at 1:40 p.m.