

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)
Friday, November 9, 2012
Nebraska State Office Building
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
Fourth Floor, Platte Conference Room (Department of Agriculture)
Minutes

I. Roll Call

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

Guests present were: Lynne Lange, NE Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition; Jodie Gibson, DHHS; Teresa Brohimer, USDA; Danielle Hill, NHDA; Robin McDannel, United Way of Lincoln/Lancaster Co; Ann Burge, MHEG; John Wiechmann, MHEG; Mary Reece, ATP; Brian Gaskill, DED; Bob Jones, DED; Pat Compton, DED; Anissa Rasmussen, DED; Bob Doty, DED; Sara Tichota, DED; Catherine Lang, DED.

II. Call meeting to order

Chairperson Kathy Mesner called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

Chairperson Kathy Mesner declared a quorum at 11:04 a.m.

III. Public Comment

No comment.

IV. Approve August 6, 2012 meeting minutes.

Motion: Tom Huston moved that the August 6, 2012 meeting minutes be approved. Ardith Hoins seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

V. Executive Committee

A Nominating Committee was formed to take on the responsibility of forming recommendations regarding appointment of a chairperson and vice-chairperson for 2013. Tom Houston, DiAnn Kolkman, and Ken Lyons will meet and provide recommendations to the Commission at the January 2013 meeting.

VI. Report from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

Erin Porterfield reported that the Continuum of Care Committee met on October 30, 2012. The CoC Committee decided by consensus to recommend the Commission blend the Ad Hoc Committee and the CoC Committee. The Committee is working towards identifying Committee membership and determine if the Committee is subject to the Open Meeting Law.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

DiAnn reported the committee met October 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. via conference call. The Education and Awareness Committee discussed the value of the Hunger and Homelessness Awareness packet and the resources (DED or possible intern) needed to update and complete the packet. Discussion was held concerning a new website or possible Facebook page. Melissa DeLaet will work with Sara Tichota to explore the options available.

The proclamation recognizing National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week was signed on November 7, 2012.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

The Committee has not met since the last Commission meeting. Discussion commenced regarding the NDED 2013 Annual Action Plan (AAP) and a request was made by Brent Williams to have all committee members send comments regarding the AAP to Brent by November 20th. Once a draft of all comments is compiled it will be sent out to all commissioners for approval. Upon approval it will be submitted to DED.

John Wiechmann (MHEG) provided an update on the Housing Policy Network's Property Tax Legislation initiative. Danielle Hill provided an update regarding restoring funding to the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund and information gathered from meeting with Catherine Lang (DED).

4. Ad Hoc Committee on Ending Chronic Homelessness

Did not meet.

Motion: Erin Porterfield moved that the Ad Hoc merge into the Continuum of Care Committee. Ardith Hoins seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- VII. Reports from Agencies and Organizations
Assistive Technology Partnership-Mary Reece reported
Department of Economic Development – Bob Doty and Pat Compton reported.
Department of Health and Human Services—Jodie Gibson reported.
Midwest Housing Equity Group—John Wiechmann reported.
Nebraska Housing Developers Association-Danielle Hill reported
U.S. Department of Agriculture RD – Teresa Brohimer reported
FHLBank-Topeka-Roger Nadrchal reported

VIII. Adjourn

Chairperson Kathy Mesner adjourned the meeting on November 9, 2012 at 1:10 p.m.