

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)
Tuesday, April 23, 2013
Nebraska State Office Building
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
Conference Room LLD
Minutes

I. Roll Call

Sara Tichota called roll. Ten of fifteen Commissioners were present. Theresa Christensen, Rosalee Higgs, 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, Tom Huston, Shannon Landauer and Ken Lyons

Guests present were: Cindy Kadavy, DHHS; Paula Rhian, Excel Development Group; Lynne Lange, Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition; Robin Ambroz, NIFA; Lara Huskey, DED; Bob Doty, DED; Sara Tichota, DED. Via conference call Linda Twomey, Department of Veterans Affairs and Robert Pulster, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.

II. Call meeting to order

Chairperson Kathy Mesner called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Chairperson Kathy Mesner declared a quorum at 1:07 p.m.

III. Introductions

IV. Public Comment

No comment.

V. Approve January 28, 2013 meeting minutes.

Motion: DiAnn Kolkman moved that the January 28, 2013 meeting minutes be approved. Brent Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VI. Executive Committee

Did not report.

VI. Report from Standing Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

The Continuum of Care Committee has not met. Erin Porterfield shared information regarding updating the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. Erin stressed the importance of getting the correct stakeholder involved with the updating process. Robert Pulster, United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, and Linda Twomey, Department of Veterans Affairs (via conference call) provided information regarding possible technical assistance in the development of the plan.

Kathy shared information provided by Earl Redrick, HUD, regarding the upcoming Homeless Symposium to be held in Kearney. Kathy invited anyone who would like to assist with the symposium or donate funds to contact Earl.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

DiAnn Kolkman reported the committee met February 22, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. via conference call. Nebraska Wesleyan has agreed to have two classes work on preparing public service announcements and updating the Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Packet. DiAnn and Kathy invited all in attendance to provide feedback and suggestions regarding the announcements and packet.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

Brent Williams reported that the Policy and Issues Committee has not met. Brent provided an update on LB 286, regarding the transfer of funds from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund. Brent also provided an update on LB348 which provides provisions relating to the assessment of certain rent restricted housing projects.

VII. Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Assistive Technology Partnership—Peg Hansen reported.
Community Action of Nebraska—Ardith Hoins reported.
Nebraska Department of Economic Development – Bob Doty and Lara Huskey reported.
Department of Health and Human Services—Cindy Kadavy reported.
Nebraska Housing Developers Association—Brent Williams reported.
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority—Robin Ambroz reported.
FHL Bank-Topeka—Brent Williams reported.

VIII. Adjourn

Chairperson Kathy Mesner adjourned the meeting on April 23, 2013 at 3:06 p.m.