

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)
Tuesday, November 19, 2013
Nebraska State Office Building
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
Conference Room LLD
Minutes

I. Roll Call

Sara Tichota called roll. Nine of fifteen Commissioners were present. Theresa Christensen, Melissa DeLaet, Ryan Durant, Deb Jensen, Thomas Judds, DiAnn Kolkman, Kathy Mesner, Erin Porterfield, and John Turner. Absent Commissioners were: Rosalee Higgs, Ardith Hoins, Shannon Landauer, Roger Nadrchal, Judy Pederson and Brent Williams.

Guests present were: Cindy Kadavy, DHHS; Steve Peregrine, NIFA; Sharon Kluck, USDA-RD; Amber Marker, NHDA; Danielle Hill, NHDA; Linda Twomey, VA; Rachel Meredith, DED; Anissa Rasmussen, DED; Brian Gaskill, DED; Bob Doty, DED; Shannon Fortney, DED; and Sara Tichota, DED

II. Call meeting to order

Chairperson Kathy Mesner called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

Chairperson Kathy Mesner declared a quorum at 1:08 p.m.

III. Introductions

IV. Public Comment

No comment.

V. Approve August 7, 2013 meeting minutes.

Motion: Deb Jensen moved that the August 7, 2013 meeting minutes be approved. Thomas Judds seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VI. Executive Committee

The nominating committee, consisting of Ardith Hoins, Thomas Judds and Kathy Mesner, nominated Thomas Judds as chair and John Turner as vice-chair. Thomas and John accepted the nominations. Kathy Mesner motioned that Thomas Judds be appointed as chair and John Turner as vice-chair. DiAnn Kolkman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Discussion regarding the resignation of three commissioners and the need for additional standing committee members occurred. All commissioners were encouraged to share information regarding the NCHH to parties who may be interested in participation with a committee or application for an open commission seat.

VII. Updating Nebraska's Plan on Homelessness

Discussion focused on how to move the plan forward. Kathy indicated that Earl Redrick, HUD, contacted her to convey he is assisting with the coordination of a large group of stakeholders to develop the plan. Once developed the plan would be presented to the NCHH. John Turner indicated the group working on the plan has scheduled to meet on December 6th in Kearney. Melissa DeLaet agreed to act

as a liaison between the larger group and the NCHH. Linda Twomey, Department of Veterans Affairs, provided additional feedback regarding the plan. Discussion occurred and Ryan Durant agreed to participate as a Housing Authority representative.

VIII. Report from Standing Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

The Continuum of Care Committee has not met. Most committee members have participated in the process of updating Nebraska's Plan on Homelessness.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

John Turner reported the committee has not met. John Turner mentioned that in recognition of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (November 17-23, 2013), Governor Heineman signed a proclamation. John recommended Lee Heflebower join the Education and Awareness committee as a committee member.

Danielle Hill indicated that the NCHH was not listed as an endorser for the United For Homes, Campaign for the Nation Housing Trust Fund. Erin Porterfield motioned that the NCHH formally endorse the National Housing Trust Fund and the United For Homes campaign. John Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

Thomas Judds spoke on behalf of Brent Williams. Thomas reported that the Policy and Issues Committee met via conference call on October 17, 2013. Discussion included previous DED Housing applications, scoring and the suggestion that DED conduct an input session. The session was held on November 15, 2013 and the discussion will be posted on the DED website. Thomas provided an update on LB348 which provides provisions relating to the assessment of certain rent restricted housing projects.

IX. 2014 Project Discussion

1. Continuum of Care Committee—Continue work on state wide plan
2. Education and Awareness—Continue discussion regarding PSA, website, and Facebook
3. Policy and Issues—Continue effort with LB348 for 2014 Legislative Session

X. Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Department of Economic Development—Brian Gaskill reported.

Department of Health and Human Services—Cindy Kadavy reported.

Midwest Housing Equity Group—Thomas Judds reported.

Nebraska Housing Developers Association—Danielle Hill reported.

Nebraska Investment Finance Authority—Steve Peregrine reported.

U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development—Sharon Kluck reported.

XI. Adjourn

Chairperson Kathy Mesner adjourned the meeting on November 19, 2013 at 3:01 p.m.