

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

Holiday Inn
110 South 2nd Avenue
Kearney, NE 68847

Minutes

I. Roll Call

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

Guests present were: Paula Rhian, Excel Development Group; Linda Twomey, VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System; Nancy Bentley, NE NAHRO; Paul Bartlett, USDA Rural Development; Corinne Holtz; Assistive Technology Partnership; Earl Redrick, HUD; Pat Compton, DED; Bob Doty, DED; Sara Tichota, DED.

II. Call meeting to order

Chairperson Kathy Mesner called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Chairperson Kathy Mesner declared a quorum at 12:01 p.m.

III. Introductions

IV. Public Comment

No comment.

V. Approve April 21, 2013 meeting minutes.

Motion: Roger Nadrchal moved that the April 21, 2013 meeting minutes be approved. DiAnn Kolkman seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VI. Executive Committee

Ardith Hoins, Thomas Judds, and Kathy Mesner will be the nominating committee for the chair and vice-chair positions.

VI. Report from Standing Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

The Continuum of Care Committee has not met. Erin Porterfield and Linda Twomey shared information regarding updating the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

DiAnn Kolkman reported the committee had not met. Nebraska Wesleyan had agreed to have two classes work on preparing public service announcements and updating the Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Packet. Due to changes with professors at Wesleyan the classes will not be able to update the public service announcements this year. Sara Tichota is meeting with the new professor to discuss the possibility of the packet being updated prior to Hunger and Homelessness Week. The committee will request a proclamation for Hunger & Homelessness week later this year.

DiAnn Kolkman and Kathy Mesner spoke to the commission regarding the need for additional Education and Awareness Committee members as membership has declined. Ardith Hoins volunteered to reach out to the Continuum of Care membership regarding individuals who may be interested in committee participation.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

Thomas Judds reported that the Policy and Issues Committee has not met. Thomas provided an update indicating that legislation, which provides provisions relating to the assessment of certain rent restricted housing projects, was tabled until next year.

VII. Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Assistive Technology Partnership—Corinne Holtz reported.

Community Action of Nebraska—Ardith Hoins reported.

Midwest Housing Equity Group—Thomas Judds reported.

Nebraska Chapter of Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials—Nancy Bentley reported.

Nebraska Department of Economic Development – Bob Doty reported.

Nebraska Housing Developers Association—Roger Nadrchal reported.

Nebraska Investment Finance Authority—Kathy Mesner reported.

VIII. Adjourn

Chairperson Kathy Mesner adjourned the meeting on August 7, 2013 at 12:55 p.m.