

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)
Wednesday, February 12, 2014
Nebraska State Office Building
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
Conference Room LLD

Minutes

I. Roll Call

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

Guests present were: Jodie Gibson, DHHS; Tammie Scholz, DHHS; Paula Rhian, Excel Development; Danielle Hill, NHDA; Bob Doty, DED; and Sara Tichota, DED

II. Call meeting to order

Chairperson Thomas Judds called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Chairperson Thomas Judds declared a quorum at 10:15 a. m.

III. Introductions

IV. Public Comment
No Public Comment

V. Approve **November 19**, 2013 meeting minutes.

Motion: John Turner moved that the **November 19, 2013** meeting minutes be approved. Melissa DeLaet seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VI. The Nebraska Plan to End Homelessness was discussed. Charles Coley provided background regarding the document development and updated the commission on organizations that had met to update the plan. It was suggested that the NCHH send a letter to DHHS requesting they become the lead agency on updating the 10 year plan. Discussion followed.

Kathy Mesner motioned for to appoint Charles Coley draft a letter to DHHS requesting the agency assume the role of lead agency in updating Nebraska's Plan to End Homelessness. Roger Nadrchal seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VII. Executive Committee—Did not meet

VIII. Report from Standing Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

The actions of the Continuum of Care Committee were discussed in conjunction with Nebraska's Plan to End Homelessness. Members of the CoC are working with multiple organizations and agencies to update the plan.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

John Turner, chair of the Education and Awareness Committee, discussed the need to increase the membership on the Education and Awareness Committee. He stated that Lee Heflebower is interested in participation in the committee.

Ardith Hoins motioned that Lee Heflebower be approved to serve on the Education and Awareness Committee. Melissa DeLaet seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

John Turner spoke about increasing public awareness of the NCHH, housing and homelessness through the use of social media sites. Discussion commenced.

Charles Coley motioned for the NCHH to establish a presence on Facebook. Ryan Durant seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Charles Coley motioned to amend the previous motion to include all social media platforms. Brent Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

Brent Williams shared legislative updates regarding several proposed bills including LB348. Brent provided history including NCHH's past support of the bill. Discussion regarding the importance of LB348 to affordable housing and the role NCHH has in supporting the bill took place. Brent indicated he had a one page factsheet that will be emailed to all commissioners.

Roger Nadrchal motioned that the NCHH continues support of LB348. Judy Pederson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Discussion regarding additional Policy and Issue Committee membership occurred. Mike Renken and Leslie Colman have expressed interest in participation in the committee.

Roger Nadrchal motioned for the approval of Mike Renken and Leslie Coleman to serve on the Policy and Issues Committee. John Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- IX. Reports from Agencies and Organizations
Department of Economic Development—Bob Doty reported.
Department of Health and Human Services—Jodie Gibson reported
Nebraska Housing Developers Association—Danielle Hill reported
FHLBank-Topeka—Brent Williams reported

X. Adjourn

Chairperson Thomas Judds adjourned the meeting on February 12 at 12:27 p.m.