

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)
Tuesday, August 26, 2014
Nebraska State Office Building
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
Department of Agriculture, Platte Conference Room

Minutes

Open Meetings Act – A copy of the Open Meetings Act was located on the table as you enter the room.
All votes were taken by roll call of the members.

I. Roll Call

Sara Tichota called roll. Ten of fifteen Commissioners were present: Charles Coley; Ryan Durant; Lee Ann Heflebower; Thomas Judds; James Kozal; Steve Kunzman; Kathy Mesner; Roger Nadrchal; John Turner; and Brent Williams. Absent Commissioners were: Melissa DeLaet; Ardith Hoins; Deb Jensen; Judy Pederson; and Erin Porterfield.

Guests present were: Paula Rhian, Excel Development; Tammie Scholz, DHHS; Jodie Gibson, DHHS; Danielle Hill, NHDA; Reggie Robinson, HUD; Ann Burge, MHEG; Jen Oscarson, MHEG; Robin Ambroz, NIFA; Bob Doty, DED; and Sara Tichota, DED

II. Call meeting to order:

Chair Judds called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Chair Judds declared a quorum at 10:13 a. m.

Chair Judds indicated the Opening Meetings Act was located on the table as individuals enter the room.

III. Introductions

IV. Public Comment
No Public Comment

V. Approve February 12, 2014 and April 2, 2014 meeting minutes.

Motion: Kathy Mesner moved that the February 12, 2014 and April 2, 2014 meeting minutes be approved. Brent Williams seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Coley-yes, Durant-yes, Heflebower-yes, Judds-yes, Kozal-yes, Kunzman-yes, Mesner-yes, Nadrchal-yes, Turner-yes, Williams-yes. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VI. Executive Committee—Did not meet

VII. Report from Standing Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

Charles Coley reported the CoC Committee met via conference call on May 30, 2014. Discussion included the updating of the Nebraska Plan to End Homelessness. DED agreed to assist with the financial burdens of hiring a facilitator to assist in updating the plan. The request for proposal has been completed and the contract is currently being reviewed by DED legal staff. Charles indicated his thanks to DED and stressed the importance of moving forward with updating the plan.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

John Turner reported the E&A Committee had not met. John updated the commission regarding the progress in setting up the Facebook page for the NCHH. Progress will continue once DED's Acceptable Use Policy is created in regards to social media accounts. John Turner also indicated he would request the annual proclamation regarding National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week if another organization had not made the request.

Motion: John Turner moved that Amber Marker and Deborah Dancer be appointed to the E& A committee. Thomas Judds seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Coley-yes, Durant-yes, Heflebower-yes, Judds-yes, Kozal-yes, Kunzman-yes, Mesner-yes, Nadrchal-yes, Turner-yes, Williams-yes. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

Brent Williams reported the committee met via conference call on Tuesday, August 19, 2014. The work plan for the committee was updated. The mission statement of the committee, as shown on the website, was also updated. Discussion included anticipated legislation in the 2015 legislative session.

VIII. Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Department of Economic Development—Bob Doty reported
Department of Health and Human Services—Tammie Scholz reported
FHL Bank of Topeka – Brent Williams reported
Midwest Housing Developers Association – Ann Burge and Jen Oscarson
Nebraska Housing Developers Association – Danielle Hill
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority – Robin Ambroz
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Reggie Robinson

IX. Adjourn

Chair Judds adjourned the meeting on August 26, 2014 at 12:14 p.m.