

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)
Thursday, November 06, 2014
Nebraska State Office Building
301 Centennial Mall South
Lincoln, NE 68509
LLD

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

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

Guests present were: Paula Rhian, Excel Development; Jodie Gibson, DHHS; Danielle Hill, NHDA; Ann Burge, MHEG; Jen Oscarson, MHEG; Roger Meeks, USDA; Bob Doty, DED; and Shannon Fortney, DED

II. Call meeting to order:

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

Chair Judds declared a quorum at 10:11 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 August 26, 2014 meeting minutes.

Motion: Charles Coley moved that the August 26, 2014 meeting minutes be approved. James Kozal seconded the motion. Roll call vote – Coley-yes, Heflebower-yes, Hoines – yes, Judds-yes, Kozal-yes, Kunzman-yes, Mesner-yes, Porterfield – yes, Turner-yes, Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VI. Executive Committee—Did not meet

VII. Update on Nebraska's Plan to End Homelessness

Charles Coley reported that Howard Burchman has been contracted to write and present the Update to the Nebraska Plan to End Homelessness. Following three topic-centered discussions, the plan content will build upon the national plan and include Nebraska driven sub-objectives: Ending Chronic Homelessness; Ending Veteran Homelessness; Ending Child, Family and Youth Homelessness; and Setting a Path to Reduce Overall Homelessness.

Charles indicated his desire to have Howard Burchman present the plan/report sometime during 1st quarter of 2015 - exploring whether opportunity may exist in conjunction with NIFA conference in February.

VIII. Report from Standing Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

Charles Coley reported the process for HUD release of NOFA funds. Lee Heflebower, Ardith Hoines, and John Turner, likewise, reported regarding his/her CoC area.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

John Turner reported the E&A Committee met on October 9, 2014 via telephone conference. John reported that the election of a new governor should speed up the progress in setting up the Facebook page for the NCHH. He then reminded the commission of the NCHH webpage and email.

John Turner also indicated the annual proclamation regarding National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week would be on November 12, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. He invited the commission to attend.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

Paula Rhian reported on Brent Williams' behalf that the committee did not meet since the last commission meeting.

IX. Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Community Action of Nebraska – Ardith Hoines reported
Department of Economic Development—Bob Doty reported
Department of Health and Human Services—Jodie Gibson reported
FHL Bank of Topeka – Paula Rhian reported
Midwest Housing Equity Group – Ann Burge and Jen Oscarson
Nebraska Housing Developers Association – Danielle Hill
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Roger Meeks
Heartland Workforce Solutions – Erin Porterfield
Metro Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless – Charles Coley

X. Adjourn

Chair Judds adjourned the meeting on October 6, 2014 at 11:47 p.m.