

**+Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)**  
**Nebraska State Office Building**  
**301 Centennial Mall South**  
**Lincoln, NE 68509**  
**LLD**

**Minutes of Tuesday, March 17, 2015 @ 10:00 A.M.**

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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.

Eight of fourteen Commissioners were present:

Lee Ann Heflebower; Thomas Judds; James Kozal; Kathy Mesner; Roger Nadrchal; Judy Pederson; and John Turner.

Absent Commissioners: Charles Coley; Melissa DeLaet; Ardith Hoins; Steve Kunzman; Erin Porterfield; and Brent Williams. Ryan Durant arrived at 10:08 a.m.

Guests present were: Corrine Holtz, ATP; Reggie Robinson, HUD; Ann Burge, MHEG; Jerry Pesek, USDA; and Sara Tichota, DED.

II. Call meeting to order:

Chair Judds declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 November 6, 2014 meeting minutes.

**Motion:** James Kozal moved that the November 6, 2014 meeting minutes be approved.

John Turner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote - Heflebower- yes; Judds- yes; Kozal-yes; Mesner-yes; Nadrchal-yes; Pederson-yes; and Turner-yes. Durant not yet in attendance.

Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

VI. Executive Committee—Did not meet

VII. Update on Nebraska's Plan to End Homelessness

Lee Ann Heflebower reported that the commission and the State CoCs were planning to hold a 10 Year Plan Strategic Planning Meeting with Howard Burchman on Thursday April 9, 2015 at the Kearney Public Library.

## VIII. Report from Standing Committees

### 1. Continuum of Care Committee

Lee Ann Heflebower reported on the renewal of federal funds for each of the CoCs.

### 2. Education and Awareness Committee —Did not meet

John Turner reported that Governor Heineman had delivered the Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week Proclamation on Wednesday, November 12, 2015 at the State Capitol.

Turner also reported on the E&A Committee goal for setting up an NCHH Facebook account. Turner explained the desire to bring attention to housing and homelessness throughout the year and not only during the month of October. Committee Chair expects to hold an E&A Committee meeting soon.

### 3. Policy and Issues Committee

The Policy and Issues Committee convened on January 22, 2015. The committee reviewed the public comments regarding DED's Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Plan. New legislative bills were also discussed, including LB356 and LB457. Roger Nadrchal provided an update of the aforementioned bills for the Commission during the NCHH meeting.

Nadrchal also reviewed the "Request for Policy Change on the New Construction Purchase Price or After-Rehabilitation Value Maximum Limits of the Homeownership Units Assisted with HOME Funds vs. NAHTF." The P& I Committee previously voted to support the request and brought it before the Commission for full NCHH Commission consideration.

**Motion:** Roger Nadrchal moved that the Commission support the increase of After-rehabilitation Value and Maximum Purchase Price Maximum values to 140% of the HOME Homeownership Values established by HUD for determining eligibility and that said increase would apply immediately on all currently open and new grants.

Ryan Durant seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Durant – yes; Heflebower- yes; Judds- yes; Kozal-yes; Mesner-yes; Nadrchal-yes; Pederson-yes; and Turner-yes.

Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

## IX. Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Assistive Technology Partnership – Corrine Holtz

Department of Economic Development—Sara Tichota reported

Midwest Housing Equity Group – Ann Burge

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Jerry Pesek

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Reggie Robinson

## X. Adjourn

Chair Judds adjourned the meeting on March 17, 2015 at 11:11 p.m.