

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)

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Minutes of Wednesday, May 20, 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

Shannon Fortney called roll.

Nine of fifteen Commissioners were present:

Ryan Durant; Lee Ann Heflebower; Ardith Hoins; Thomas Judds; James Kozal; Steve Kunzman; Kathy Mesner; Judy Pederson; and John Turner.

Absent Commissioners: Charles Coley; Melissa DeLaet; Paul Hamelink; Roger Nadrchal; Erin Porterfield; and Brent Williams.

Guests present were: Carna Pfeil, incoming commissioner; Cheryl Larson, USDA; Judy Anderson, HOPWA; April Bell, Miller and Associates; Lori Ferguson, SCEDD; and Bob Doty and Pam Otto, DED.

II. Call meeting to order:

Chair Judds declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

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

III. Introductions

IV. Public Comment
No Public Comment

V. Approved March 17, 2015 meeting minutes with corrections.

Motion: Kathy Mesner moved that the March 17, 2015 meeting minutes be approved with corrections. Judy Pedersen seconded the motion.

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

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 workgroup for the 10 Year Plan met twice since the last NCHH meeting. ATP was invited to the workgroup meetings; ADT helped to develop action steps and to place a process for moving forward with the plan.

VIII. Report from Standing Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

The report for the CoC Committee is reflected in the Update on Nebraska's Plan to End Homelessness.

2. Education and Awareness Committee —Did not meet

John Turner reported on the E&A Committee goal for setting up an NCHH Facebook account and for the desire to bring attention to housing and homelessness throughout the year. Turner also reported that the E&A Committee convened on May 8, 2015 via teleconference.

There was discussion of developing a DED/NCHH approved presentation or PowerPoint for those asked to present to service groups or agencies throughout the state. The DED webpage and Facebook page are now available to post major events related to housing and homelessness.

Turner discussed his desire to relinquish his committee chair position and asked for others to consider taking that role.

Motion: John Turner moved that the Commission appoint Commissioner James Kozal as a member of the Education and Awareness Committee.

Thomas Judds seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

Kathy Mesner and Bob Doty provided an update on bills before the Legislature. Mesner reported that LB 356 received overwhelming support and was passed. Mesner further reported that the bill will require the NCHH to appoint a representative to the committee designated to implement the NOI approach for valuing Low-Income-Housing-Tax-Credits. Mesner will report back to the Commission as to details of that appointment. Doty reported that LB 457 was passed through committee and placed on General File with amendment, AM694.

IX. Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Community Action of Nebraska – Ardith Hoins

Department of Economic Development—Bob Doty

Housing Opportunities for People with Aids – Judy Anderson

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Cheryl Larson

X. Adjourn

Chair Judds adjourned the meeting on May 20, 2015 at 11:50 p.m.