

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness (NCHH)

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Minutes of Thursday, June 22, 2017 2:30 p.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

Pamela Otto called roll.

Seven of the Fourteen Commissioners were present:

Ryan Durant; Lee Ann Heflebower; Thomas Judds; Kathy Mesner; Roger Nadrchal; Sara Tichota; and John Turner.

Absent Commissioners: Charles Coley; Paul Hamelink; Ardith Hoins; Steve Kunzman; Judy Pederson; Carna Pfeil; and Brent Williams.

Guests present were: Michael Vukas, USDA; Denise Packard, UNL Center on Children, Families, and the Law; Jeff Chambers, UNL Center on Children, Families, and the Law; Judy Petersen, CNEDD; Lois Versaw, DHHS HOPWA; Nikki Swope, DHHS – NHAP; Lori Ferguson, SCEDD; Michelle Callahan, HDC; Nancy Streibel, LCCDC; and Leslie Coleman, Sheryl Hiatt, and Pam Otto, DED.

II. Call meeting to order:

Chair Turner declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

Chair Turner indicated the Opening Meetings Act was located at the back of the room by the sign in sheet.

III. Introductions

IV. Public Comment

No Public Comment.

V. Approved March 20, 2017 meeting minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Durant moved that the March 20, 2017 meeting minutes be approved.
Commissioner Tichota seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

YES – Ryan Durant; Lee Ann Heflebower; Thomas Judds; Kathy Mesner; Roger Nadrchal; Sara Tichota; and John Turner.

NO – None

Motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

VI. Executive Committee

Commissioner Turner stated that the Executive Committee did not meet this quarter.

VII. Report from Standing Committees

1. Continuum of Care Committee

Commissioner Turner introduced Jeff Chambers and Denise Packard from the University of Lincoln Center on Children, Families, and the Law. Jeff Chambers and Denise Packard reported on the Lincoln Continuum of Care and the Balance of State Continuum of Care. The report provided details for the Point in Time Count, the Annual Homeless Assessment Report, and the System Performance Measures. This presentation will be provided to all Commissioners.

Commissioner Heflebower reported that Changing the Face of Homeless across the state had a meeting on May 3rd and they continue to meet twice a year.

Commissioner Durant stated that Commissioner Coley provided a report from MACCH and permanent supportive housing is a top priority.

2. Education and Awareness Committee

Commissioner Pederson was not in attendance, but Pamela Otto informed the Commission that the Education and Awareness Committee did not meet this quarter.

3. Policy and Issues Committee

Commissioner Brent Williams was not in attendance. Commissioner Turner stated that DED did want to discuss some items with Commission during the DED report. Commissioner Turner stated that at the next NCHH Meeting, the Commission needs to discuss who will replace Commissioner Williams as Chair of the Policy and Issues Committee.

VIII. Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Department of Economic Development – Leslie Coleman
Nebraska Housing Developers Association – Sara Tichota
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development – Michael Vukas

IX. New Business

Commissioner Durant asked about any updates for new Commissioners. Leslie Coleman stated that the recommendations have been forwarded to the Governor's Office; however, to date, no approvals from the Governor's Office have been received.

X. Adjourn

Chair Turner adjourned the meeting on June 22, 2017 at 4:34 p.m.