**Randolph County Housing Coalition, Inc**

**Meeting Minutes**

**August 8, 2014**

The meeting was held at 9:30 am at 108 W. Walker Ave. Donna McCormick, Chairman called the meeting to order and introductions by everyone present were conducted. An attendance sheet was passed around.

**Members Present:** Donna McCormick (Sandhills Center LME); Bob Lawler (Asheboro Housing Authority); John Evans (City of Asheboro); Wanda Pegg (Habitat for Humanity of Randolph County); Jeigh Adams (Latino Coalition); Sarah West (Randolph County Family Crisis Center); Brenda Goss (Therapeutic Alternatives); Pura Lopez, (Family Services of the Piedmont), Debbie Cole (Christians United Outreach Center); Gerri Bower, (Randolph County Senior Adults Association); Roger King, RCATS; and Lisa Daniels, (Family Endeavors).

**Excused Absences:** Myra Gaddy (Community Representative); Bennie Jernigan (Goodwill-Asheboro); Reesa Warren & Vickie Odom (Job Link); Bennie Jernigan (Goodwill-Asheboro) Phil Hewett (Sandhills Center LME); Jeanine Moran, (Joy A. Shabazz Center); Laura Chambers (Asheboro Family Counseling); Joy Ratliffe (Randolph DSS) and Becky Buxton & Linda Oats (Christians United Outreach Center).

**Other Members Absent:**  Carmen Liberatore (East Side Homes); Teresa Shackleford, (Randolph Family Health Care @ MERCE); Jeff Looney & Angie Looney, (Asheboro Shelter of Hope); and Steve Saunders, (Simple Our Savior).

**Minutes:**

The minutes from June 13, 2014 meeting were approved following a motion by Jeigh Adams seconded by John Evans. Donna McCormick announced that Mary Pat Buie would no longer serve on the Housing Coalition due to the reorganization of the Sandhills Center.

**Old Business:**

Gerri Bower presented a floor plan for the new Randolph County Adult Resources Center (REC) to be located at 173 N. Church Street. She noted the actual address and main entrance will be off Salisbury Street. The original opening date was February 2014; however, due to weather and technical construction issues this was delayed. No opening date has been announced. There will be an open house with the date TBA. The Housing Coalition should be able to hold its meetings there in the Board Room. The capital campaign that funded the project raised over $3.4 million.

**New Business:**

***Treasurer Report:*** Sarah West reported there was $912.14 in the Coalition’s account.

* Dues are being paid and receipts will be available.
* All 501c3 forms have been completed, or are in progress. Assistance is being provided assistance by Maxton McDowell, CPA.

JobLink has announced it dropped out of the Housing Coalition because they could not fit the $50.00 annual dues in their budget. There was a discussion regarding how they could continue to participate without paying dues. It was decided that Chairman McCormick would contact JobLink and advise them they could become an At-Large representative and not pay dues.

**Committee Reports:**

***Public Awareness & Membership, (John Evans, Chair):***

* Reviewed the Coalitions efforts to expand participation. Who are we missing in the Housing Coalition? John reviewed the committee’s ongoing effort to recruit local school systems to send representation to the meetings. The homeless student population could have a voice in the community. Gerri Bower has talked to the Randolph County Schools in regards to appointing a representative.
* Outreach has also been made to the Department of Corrections to talk with individuals that are trying to integrate back into society.
* Finally, the Coalition’s Facebook page was discussed and what information could be incorporated, or linked for outreach purposes.

***Program Services & Goals (Brenda Goss, Chair):***

* Debbie Cole provided a handout on grant information and the need to have two public service announcements. There was a discussion regarding how to meet the public service announcement requirement including posting of our Facebook page and other options. Two grants will be available including the Emergency Solution Grant (ESG), formally the Rapid Re-housing program (Randolph County Family Crisis Center to apply) and the COC Grant Transition in Place managed by CUOC. There is a webinar scheduled for 8/12/14 for anyone interested.
* The Coalition needs to appoint two to serve on Continuum of Care Committees including the Score Card committee (Debbie Cole will serve) and Project Review Committee (Brenda Goss will serve).
* The program committee will meet today to set a time to work on the ESG regional section of the grant.

***BOS-COC, (Debbie Cole, Chair):*** No additional information; BOS report was presented with Program Services and Goals update.

***Housing Inventory Committee, (Jeigh Adams, Chair):*** No report.

***Home Repair/Neighbor Helping Neighbor, (Wanda Pegg, Chair):*** No report.

***Hospitality Committee:***  Snacks were provided. Questions if we needed to continue providing refreshments. Brenda Goss volunteered to bring snacks to September meeting.

**Round Robin**

Donna McCormick (Sandhill Center): Reported the Sandhill Center is still moving to managed care.

Lisa Daniels (Family Endeavors): Provided a review of the organization’s programs to assist veterans and provide supportive services to end homelessness for veterans. Handout material distributed.

Wanda Pegg (Habitat for Humanity of Randolph County): No report.

Debbie Cole: (Christians United Outreach Center) No report.

Jeigh Adams, (Latino Coalition): We are looking at all options for the future. Organization is up in the air, no office space and merger is possible.

John Evans (City Of Asheboro): Ed Brown with the City of Asheboro received the North Carolina Zoning Official of the Year Award. There is a re-zoning on MLK and Cedar Falls Road involving the Washington Carver College and the building of a community center.

Brenda Goss ((Therapeutic Alternatives): No report.

Roger King (RCATS): There is a growing need for public transportation in the county. The state budget has been approved/finalized and grant agreements will be implemented.

Gerri Bower, (Randolph County Senior Adults Association): Lots of effort spent on new senior building. Also, Ms. Senior Randolph County will be held 8/16/14 at the Sunset Theater.

Sarah West: (Randolph County Family Crisis Center): Announced two ladies moved into their new homes. Also, the ESG grant is in preparation.

Bob Lawler (Asheboro Housing Authority): Due to the recently approved two –year federal budget Section 8 vouchers are being issued. Several eligibility meeting have been held since June 2014. The Section 8 waiting list is still closed.

**Next meeting: September 12, 2014 at 9:30 am at the regular location Daymark, 110 Walker Ave. on second floor.**

Respectively submitted by: Bob Lawler.