**Randolph County Housing Coalition, Inc**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Sept 12, 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 and Phil Hewett (Sandhills Center LME); John Evans (City of Asheboro); Wanda Pegg (Habitat for Humanity of Randolph County); Sarah West (Randolph County Family Crisis Center); Brenda Goss (Therapeutic Alternatives); Pura Lopez Davila (Family Services of the Piedmont), Debbie Cole (Christians United Outreach Center); Gerri Bower (Randolph County Senior Adults Association); Roger King (RCATS); Lisa Daniels (Family Endeavors);Laura Chambers (Randolph Family Counseling); Gail Bailey (RC JobLink / Building Futures); Lisa Daniel (Family Endeavors); Jeanine Moran (Joy A. Shabazz Center); Teresa Shackleford (Randolph Family Health Care @ MERCE);Tamika Williams (VA services Salisbury); Joy Ratliffe (RCDSS)

**Excused Absences:** Bob Lawler (Asheboro Housing Authority); Jeigh Adams (Latino Coalition); Myra Gaddy (Community Representative); Becky Buxton & Linda Oats (Christians United Outreach Center)

**Other Members Absent:**  Carmen Liberatore (East Side Homes); Jeff Looney & Angie Looney, (Asheboro Shelter of Hope); and Steve Saunders, (Simple Our Savior); Bennie Jernigan (Goodwill-Asheboro); Reesa Warren & Vickie Odom (Job Link)

**Guest:** Andrea Matute, Family Services of the Piedmont Cares with “The Incredible Years” Program;Brad Rice, Asheboro City Schools / homeless liaison

**Minutes:**

The minutes from August 8, 2014 meeting were approved following a motion by Gerri Brower seconded by Wanda Pegg after a correction to the dollar amount of the funds on hand. At the August meeting it was reported as $.14 and should have been $.41.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business presented.

**New Business:**

***Treasurer Report:*** Sarah West reported a balance of $637.41 after a payment for the tax return to Maxton McDowell’s office in the amount of $400.

* Dues are being paid and receipts will be available.
* All 501c3 forms have been completed, or are in progress. Assistance is being provided RCHC does not have to turn in taxes until next year. Sarah reported that she has the info needed to complete it at that time.

***Asheboro City Schools:*** Dr. Brad Rice presented information related to students in eight city schools recorded as homeless in the Asheboro City School System. He shared that there are more total students in the county but more homeless students in the city. Schools do not use the same definition for “homelessness” that HUD uses. The school count includes any student in inadequate housing, doubled up and those who are literally homeless. Once a student is determined homeless, they remain in that category for the remainder of the school year. Teachers and resource personnel don’t ask “why” they became homeless but often know why based on other information disclosed during conversations with students and parents. Some key points presented by Dr. Rice are as follows;

* A homeless student can be placed into a school within 24 hours even if they don’t have the required paperwork
* The schools priority is to keep the student enrolled in school even if the family leaves that school district, if at all possible to do so, to ensure continuity in education at least through the end of the school year
* Homeless students are immediately eligible for free/reduced price lunch
* About ¼ of all students enrolled at McCrary Elementary don’t start and end there
* There are more recorded homeless students at the end of a school year than at the beginning since they would not have been identified at the beginning

**Grantee Updates**

***COC Grant – Project Independence/ Christians United Outreach Center-*** It was reported that the current Transitional Housing program is in the process of converting from a “Transition in place” program to a “Rapid Rehousing” grant at time of renewal. While there are pros and cons, Debbie reported that they were looking forward to coming up with creative ideas to engage clients in supportive services they need to overcome obstacles that caused them to be homeless in the first place. As a RRH program, they can’t “require” any type of participation beyond a monthly meeting with a case manager. Participants in a RRH program are not “counted” as homeless where clients in a transitional housing program are still counted as homeless by HUD.

***ESG Grant – Randolph Family Crisis Center for DV-*** Sarah reported that the ESG grant has been turned in and thanked everyone for their help in completing the regional section.

**Committee Reports:**

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

* Paul Trogdon has been replaced for “Easter Seals” and hopefully the new representative will be able to attend the meetings in the futures.
* John reported that he had not been able to meet with Pastor Looney for Totally Committed “Shelter of Hope” however he did meet with a representative and encouraged them to return to the regional meetings.
* The committee has been unable to reach Steve Saunders with SOS ministries
* John has not been able to reach Carmen Libatore with Eastside Homes. Debbie Cole offered to try and contact her before the Oct. meeting.
* The Salvation Army has changed officers and they are unable to attend meetings at this time.
* Brenda asked if we would be able to tour Asheboro Loft Apartments and Donna agreed to make that call and let John know if we will be able to do so in Oct.

***Program Services & Goals (Debbie Cole, Chair):***

* Debbie Cole reported that the regional and agency application for ESG funding was complete and submitted. Randolph County Family Crisis Center did not request the full amount. Hopefully next year we can apply for all the funds allocated to Randolph County. The committee will now be looking at coordinated assessment. Additional information was provided in the BOS steering committee report.

***BOS-COC, (Debbie Cole, Chair):***

* The COC application is gearing up. New, not renewal applicants need to complete “intent to apply" form which can be found at [www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocaplication](http://www.ncceh.org/bos/currentcocaplication)
* Information was printed from the Zero: 2016 campaign website and distributed to members. There was discussion about whether or not RCHC wants to be a part of the BOS project. It was the general consensus that we are interested but need additional information to commit.
* Information was also distributed for the coordinated assessment workshop that will be Oct. 23rd and 24th for Randolph County. The schedule and motel information was included. Debbie shared that we have 10 spots as a county and encouraged anyone who could to attend stressing the urgency to sign up as soon as possible and reviewed key agencies that need to participate based on BOS recommendations.
* Information about subcommittee calls/registration was also passes around

***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**

Sarah West – reminded everyone to keep up with time spent at RCHC meetings, providing services to the homeless and anything else related to RCHC for information that may be needed for grants in the future.

Geri Brower – RCHC may be able to meet in the new “Blue Room” for the Nov. meeting. She also chairs the RC Mayors committee for disabled persons which meets the 2nd Monday of each month in the city council chambers at 1:00 if anyone would like to join them. They are in the process of nominating “Employee and Employer” of the year as it relates to serving the disabled.

John Evans – The project on MLK drive for a community building has been submitted to the City of Asheboro rezoning committee and was approved unanimously for the new facility to be built by the George Washing Carver Foundation.

Roger King – Glad to be back. RCATS lost $130,000 in funds that they really needed. They are very busy.

Tamika Williams- Reported about a Greensboro Sandown for Veterans

Andrea Matute – passed out flyers for the “incredible years” parenting support program which was greatly received.

Teresa Shakleford – Randolph Family Health Care @MERCE is now serving uninsured pre-natal patients.

Pura Lopez Davila – Family Services of the Piedmont is offering substance abuse classes at 9am and 4pm. Contact them for more information

Jeanine Moran – Joy A. Shabazz Center is having a “Meet and Greet” at Double Tree on High Point Road in Greensboro on 11/3

Gail Bailey– filled in for Reesa Warren and shared some information for the Building Futures program which is currently enrolling and information about help with resume skills at the RCC career center on Sept. 16th from 4-7. They are especially targeting those who are pregnant and parenting.

Wanda Pegg – Habitat has dedicated house #32 and will be working on their first rehab house.

Laura Chambers – recovering from her recent injuries and will be donating hours of her professional services to help homeless clients of RCHC members.

**Next meeting: October 10, 2014 at 9:30 am at Asheboro Loft Apartments on Church St.**

Respectively submitted by: Debbie Cole