

Randolph County Housing Coalition
September 14, 2012

The meeting was held in the 2nd floor meeting room of the Daymark Recovery Services building at 110 Walker Avenue located in Asheboro, North Carolina. Brenda Goss called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 9:30 AM. Brenda stated that 10 member agencies were represented so we could officially conduct business.

Members Present: Jeigh Adams (Latino Coalition), Mary Pat Buie (Sandhills Center LME), Courtney Chavis (Randolph County Family Crisis Center), Debbie Cole (Christians United Outreach Center), John Evans (City of Asheboro), Brenda Goss (Therapeutic Alternatives), Phil Hewett (Sandhills Center), Donna McCormick (Sandhills Center LME), Jeanine Moran (Joy A. Shabazz Center), Wanda Pegg (Habitat for Humanity of Randolph County), Debbie Tolar (Salvation Army), Frank Curry (Asheboro Housing Authority), Roger King (RCATS), Nancy Landis (JobLink), Tonja Cates and Miakita Richardson (Serenity Counseling).

Excused Absences: Candie Rudzinski (Randolph County Senior Adults Association), Jennifer Swift (Therapeutic Alternatives), Paul Trotter (Easter Seals UCP), Toni Welch (Randolph County Department of Social Services), and Jane McDaniel (Joy A. Shabazz Center).

An attendance sheet was passed around along with a sheet to record member contact information.

Introductions by everyone present were conducted. Brenda Goss advised of excused absences reported.

Minutes

A motion was made by Donna McCormick to accept the August 2012 minutes and was seconded by Mary Pat Buie. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Status of 1023 application: Courtney stated that with the exception of one small attachment the document was ready for Maxton McDowell, CPA to review.

Status of Articles of Incorporation / Nonprofit application: Brenda Goss informed members that documents are ready to mail today. Brenda stated that the primary goal of the coalition this year is to receive the non-profit status.

Membership applications and fees:

Brenda shared that some members had paid the dues, others had turned in their membership applications and some had turned in both. She will make a chart to show which agencies still need to submit some type of documentation by the next meeting date.

New Business

Treasurer Report: Courtney Chavis stated the balance in account is \$1,254.69. She shared that there would be a check written for the Secretary of State in the amount of \$65 and also a check to staples for some supplies needed.

Status of ESG application: Debbie and Courtney shared that both Family Crisis Center (\$31,168) and Christians United Outreach Center (\$39,778) had been awarded the grants applied for. In addition, the regional committee has been awarded an additional \$18,061 to be used for emergency services and/or housing. The extra amount will be divided by the two agencies pro-rated. Both agencies will have to add a formally homeless person to their board before the end of the month. All present were asked to share names of individuals they thought would be good candidates in case individuals already identified were not able to participate. Debbie made the comment that their board has to approve adding a member in the middle of the year outside of the normal nominating procedure due to bylaws but was confident that could happen before the end of the month. Debbie commended RCHC members for their dedication to meeting attendance and housing issues that made such grants possible. Debbie also asked that following up on some discussion in the past about streamlining intake and referrals, with staff from Community Resource Connection presenting next month, could all participating agencies also bring copies of intake documents so that they could be examined to see if any lacked what is referred to as HUD elements required for reporting. The hope would be that any regional committee member could send copies of their intake documentation to either Family Crisis Center or CUOC to apply for services for their clients. Once eligibility was determined, the appropriate agency would follow through with program services and additional information and documentation needed for HUD compliance. The same process could be used for all agency programs. Debbie stated that some of the regional members were already doing this. It was agreed that members would do so and that a reminder would be sent out to that effect.

Secretarial position: Brenda Goss presented that our elected secretary was unable to fulfill her role due to some family obligations. The committee was asked for a volunteer to take over this role for the rest of the fiscal year. Debbie Cole offered to take care of the position and a motion was made and seconded for that to take place. The motion carried with no objections.

Presentation: Serenity Counseling and Resource Center shared a power point print out and brochures to review the counseling and resource center services they now offer in Randolph County. Tonja and Miakita stated that although they were new to Randolph County, they had been operating in other counties for some time. After the presentation, it was requested that all the committee members that were mental health providers, LMEs/MCOs, etc. compile some type of document to help those members who do not provide mental health services a better understanding of which agency can do what, and the best way to refer someone to those agencies. After some discussion it was decided to have that presentation after the first of the year when some additional mental health service changes had been completed. There will also be an update on targeted housing units in Randolph County.

Unmet Issues:

- Staff from Serenity Counseling and Resource Center has a child consumer whose family needs to relocate. Although the client is housed, it is in a bad location for the child. The mother has multiple felonies and is low income. They are having a difficult time locating appropriate housing as a result. After some discussion both CUOC and Asheboro Housing Authority agreed to share some landlord lists that they have been successful working with. Debbie agreed to make sure it was sent out to all regional committee members.
- Courtney from Family Crisis Center has a consumer with an autistic child that wants to relocate to a state out west. The consumer does not have funds for both plane tickets and moving a van and asked for any suggestions to cover those expenses. There was some discussion from mental health providers about the child's ability to handle flying and various members offered suggestions for alternatives. Debbie from Christians United Outreach Center stated they may be able to help with part of the costs but not the entire amount. It was also suggested that perhaps there was an agency where she was moving that could assist with some household items.

Committee Reports

Public Awareness and Membership Committee-Nothing new to report

Housing Inventory Committee- Jeigh reported that she needs some assistance to make calls to confirm information is still correct. Miakita offered to fill that need.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) Committee - Wanda Pegg stated that they had been able to repair roofs, build ramps, upgrade bathrooms to make them handicapped accessible and repair bathroom floors this year. She will bring referral applications for agencies for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Brighter Christmas campaign. She mentioned her appreciation for a plumber that had been donating time to help with plumbing issues. NHN still needs additional teams to meet the requests that have been approved.

Program Services and Goals-Brenda stated that right now they were primarily focused on the non-profit status which had already been reported on. Brenda also requested that all regional committee members stop passing out the veteran information form to their consumers until further notice. The form needs to be more in line with information that the new members from Veterans Services are looking for to be sure Randolph County residents are being registered for services. A new form will be developed and shared at a later time.

BOS-COC Committee: Debbie Cole said that any information needing to be stated was shared previously.

Hospitality Committee: Debbie Tolar would like those interested in bringing breakfast to call her at 625-0551. Sandhills Center staff will make sure someone turns the coffee pot on.

Round Robin

Miakita – Serenity Counseling and Resource Center had a successful event providing children with school supplies.

Nancy – JobLink has successfully filled a position for NCBA Senior Employee Program.

Mary Pat – Sandhills Center going through waiver transfer process. Also, the shelter plus care grant they received will not have to be used exclusively for chronically homeless individuals. It does not include Randolph County but does include Montgomery, so if resident is willing to move they may be able to help. She reminded us that they do have to be homeless, have income, and a disability.

Wanda – Habitat will have the Golf Classic on Sept 27th. There are still a few spaces open for the Asheboro course. There will be four locations where golf will be played. There is also a Habitat work day on Oct. 1st.

Jeanine – Joy A. Shabazz had a successful meet and greet event.

Roger – RCATS has been very busy.

John – Asheboro Mill Loft Apartments are coming along nicely. They are income based, one, two and three bedroom units with nice amenities. He will forward information for both those apartments and the new Sunset Place apartments which are also income based to committee members.

Courtney- Sept. 29th is Night of Hope for Family Crisis Center at Pinewood Country Club. Tickets are \$50. They will also rent parking spaces in front of the Courier Tribune during the Fall Festival. There will be a safety booth at Walgreens Oct. 26th to promote a “safe Halloween”.

Debbie Cole- CUOC will participate in the Fall Festival Oct. 6th and 7th.

Addendum: Courtney Chavis contacted the Executive Board after the official meeting and requested the following: In order to get our forms in the mail today to the Secretary of State we need to make corrections to the following in the Articles of Inc. immediately:

- Changing Date on page 1 to today's date
- Changing Angela to Debbie including contact information
- and Changing Maxton to Brenda for the Incorporator

Please reply to all with your agreement and we will have this noted on our Program Committee update.

All Executive members replied in agreement with the changes
Respectfully submitted: Debbie Cole

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 12, 2012