**Randolph County Housing Coalition**

**January 11, 2013**

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 9:40 AM. Introductions by everyone present were conducted.

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

**Members Present**: Candie Rudzinski and Geri Brower (Randolph County Senior Adults Association), Donna McCormick (Sandhills Center) Courtney Chavis (Randolph County Family Crisis Center), Debbie Cole (Christians United Outreach Center), Jennifer Swift and Brenda Goss (Therapeutic Alternatives), Jeanine Moran (Joy A. Shabazz Center), Debbie Tolar and Captain Kratz (Salvation Army), Kathy Tarlton (JobLink), Toni Welch (Randolph County Department of Social Services), Myra Gaddy (Community Representative), Paul Trotter (Easter Seals UCP), Audrey Trogdon ( Goodwill – Asheboro), Wanda Pegg (Habitat for Humanity of Randolph County), Roger King (RCATS) .

**Excused Absences**: Jeigh Adams (Latino Coalition), Mary Pat Buie and Phil Hewitt (Sandhills Center LME), Mary Garner (had substitute for Joblink)

**Guest:** Pastor Scott Baker ( Harvest Camp- His Laboring Few)

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Candie Rudzinski to accept the Nov. 2012 minutes and was seconded by Debbie Tolar. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

***Status of Articles of Incorporation* / Nonprofit application:** Brenda Goss reminded members that we have received the official Articles of Incorporation and the original copy is in the Secretary notebook. The 501(c) 3 (Form 1023) application was reviewed one last time by Maxton McDowell and was received by the IRS on Dec. 12, 2012. A cover letter was sent advising the IRS that if there were any questions to direct them to Donna McCormick. To date Donna has not heard from anyone. Brenda advised Public Awareness committee that our brochure and letterhead will need to be changed to include “Inc.”. Maxton recommended that we look into Directors & Officers (D&O) insurance at this point to protect any officers of the coalition. A sheet was passed around for members to write the name of any agency they may have D&O insurance with in order to get quotes. The 1023 Application fee was $850 instead of the $300 we thought originally due to the potential for grant funding down the road. The fee has been paid.

**New Business**

***Treasurer Report*:** Courtney Chavis stated the balance in our account is $326.69. The coalition did not have to vote to write a check to pay for the non-profit application, since the coalition voted about two years ago to proceed with this process.

***Presentation:***

Candie Rudzinski introduced Pastor Scott Baker from Harvest Camp/ His Laboring Few as the speaker for the January meeting. Harvest Camp is a Christian Drug and Alcohol rehabilitation center located in Trinity NC. The camp currently serves men who desire to be free from their addictions by learning to use principles of the Bible and a relationship with Christ. The camp is a working farm so men are expected to do chores while they are there. A dorm and transition house for women is located on the property but due to lack of female staffing they are no able to serve women at this time. The only men that they are not able to serve are those who are sex offenders since there are children attending church on the property. The program is a 90 day program with the potential of a transition house for those who graduate but still need some guidance while looking for a job. The transition house is available for up to six months. Harvest Camp leaders and participants are looking to impact the area around them in a positive way and are often involved in projects to help others. Any compensation received supports the ministry but is not required or expected. The four requirements for Harvest Camp enrollment are as follows:

* Waiting period – interested party will call each day, one time a day about their interest until a bed has opened up.
* You must have a desire for a better life found in Jesus Christ
* You must be willing to give up your addictions
* You must be willing to follow camp rules and regulations given at time of enrollment

When and if detox is needed it is handled by High Point Regional Hospital prior to program entry. Looking to the future, staff at Harvest Camp would like to triple beds and add the women’s program back in. Any potential women to serve on staff need to be willing to make a four year commitment, work 24 hours a day 7 days per week ( less if more than one staff person working with women is available) and have overcome an addiction themselves in order to be able to relate to the issues the women are facing.

The ministry is funded 100% by donations. At this time if the temperature is below 20 degrees and there is a bed available, Harvest Camp will allow males to stay the night to get out of the cold. Scott gave his phone number for coalition members to call with questions or in case they needed his assistance with a project. Clients looking to enroll in his program need to call 336-633-4472. To speak with Pastor Scott about other needs or to tour the property call 336-362-6787. You can visit without prior notice. The camp is located at 1346 Wichum Way in Trinity, NC. It may be easier to find using the address 5007 Covered Bridge Rd.

***Unmet Issues*:**

* Courtney Chavis from Family Crisis Center shared the need of an individual that had no heat in her apartment. The landlord had repaired the furnace before and is not willing to do so again. Courtney asked for suggestions as to what the individual could do. Donna McCormick offered to provide the number for the fair housing office. Pastor Scott suggested that if the landlord was open to the idea, he had four furnaces that could be looked at as a possible replacement.

**Committee Reports**

***Public Awareness and Membership Committee****-* Jennifersent an email to housing coalition members to remind them to promote National homeless and hunger awareness month in November. A press release was also sent to the newspaper. Daffie Matthews, VP of Administration with RCC has been invited to attend coalition meetings.

***Housing Inventory Committee***- No report

***Home Repair/Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) Committee*** – Wanda shared that she, Dremia Myer and Jerry Hill had met with John Wright and Terry Goodwin about working with a National organization “God’s Pit Crew”. There is potential for the habitat program “ A Brush of Kindness” and “ Neighbors Helping Neighbors” along with “ God’s Pit Crew” to create a better living environment on the East side of Asheboro. Habitat has property for five houses there and wants to do some projects to help the neighborhood in hopes of creating a better place for families they may move into the houses when they are built. Habitat for Humanity is looking for someone from AmeriCorps to oversee the project. Wanda reported that there were many requests from Neighbors Helping Neighbors from everything from roofs to dentures over the holidays.

***Program Services and Goals-*** Nothing that had not already been reported under old business.

***BOS-COC Committee****:* Debbie shared that the COC grant has been completed and turned into the BOS. Christians United Outreach Center both lost points on scoring and was placed in the second tier for turning the grant request in after the BOS deadlines. Renewals are not generally placed in the second tier and if the BOS does not receive all it’s funding, CUOC’s grant may not be funded. Debbie commented that many times being part of the BOS has been helpful but this time it may have cost us the grant renewal since the HUD deadlines would have been later than those at the BOS. Complications from the CUOC move was the primary reason the grant could not be submitted in a timely manner. Debbie thanked coalition members for their help with leverage letters.

The Point in Time Count will be January 30, 2013. Debbie informed members that she would forward the email with the registration link to participate in the PIT training. Captain Kratz from the Salvation Army agreed to be the lead for the Randolph County Point in Time Count.

***Hospitality Committee*:** Debbie Cole and Donna McCormick offered to help with breakfast for the February meeting.

**Round Robin**

Debbie (CUOC) – Reported that the move was going well. The Thrift Store may not make their deadline but should not run more than a week over. Becky Buxton at CUOC is taking referrals for the ESG grant program. Call 336-625-1500 and leave a message for her to call you if you have someone to refer. The program is for homeless individuals and families that have the potential to stabilize.

Kathy Tarlton (Joblink) – Program participants are currently in school. There will be some new work readiness and other skills available this year.

Captain Kratz (Salvation Army) - They are in the middle of a mission planning stage and are looking at the possibility of a family shelter in the next couple of years.

Toni Welch (DSS) - Busy making some changes in adult services. In Dec. they provided Christmas for foster children in the county. The community really blessed the children with gifts.

Audrey Trogdon (Goodwill) – Having open house for agency reps and ex-offenders to help public become aware and to partner with other agencies for services. Audrey will have Mr. Jernigan send an email to Debbie and she will forward to coalition members with details.

Pastor Scott Baker (Harvest Camp) – invited members to visit the church any Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

Candie Rudzinski (Senior Adult Center) – Homestead Senior Care helped with gifts for seniors this year. Each senior was asked to provide three items they would like for Christmas. No need was left unfilled. Also, $2,700,000 has been raised or verbally pledged towards the 3 million needed to start on the new senior center. The new address will be 149 N. Church St. Bricks will be sold to help raise the rest of the needed money. Hope to be in the new location by Dec. of 2013.

Roger King (RCATS) –in the middle of a transportation study. There are two stakeholders meetings on the 17th of January. The consultants will come back and share a five year plan. They have five vehicles for sale. You can go to govdeals.com to bid on the vans if interested.

Courtney Chavis (Family Crisis Center) - reminded members that the Red door boutique and Home furnishings store were open and a good way to support the center. They will participate in an abuse awareness project nationwide called “One Billion rising “on Valentine’s Day. Other activities are planned for spring that she will let us know about.

Paul Trotter (Easter Seals) – Very busy over the holidays working to stabilize those who needed assistance.

Donna McCormick (Sandhills Center) – They are now a Managed Care Organization (MCO) and have also added Guilford County to their catchment area.

**Meeting closed with Happy Birthday to those with January Birthdays.**

**Next meeting: February 8, 2013**

**Instructions: Please bring non-perishable food and agency intake form (if not done so already)**

**Refreshments for next meeting: Debbie Cole and Donna McCormick**

Respectfully submitted: Debbie Cole