**Randolph County Housing Coalition, Inc**

**May 9, 2014**

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

**Members Present:** Laura Chambers (Asheboro Family Counseling); Bob Lawler (Asheboro Housing Authority); John Evans (City of Asheboro); Myra Gaddy (Community Representative); Jeanine Moran (Joy A. Shabazz Center); Jeigh Adams (Latino Coalition); Sarah Hancock (Randolph County Family Crisis Center); Tamika Williams (Salisbury VA Medical Center); Brenda Goss (Therapeutic Alternatives) Mary Pat Buie & Phil Hewett (Sandhills Center LME); Pura Lopez, (Family Services of the Piedmont) and Debbie Cole (Christians United Outreach Center) and Roger King (RCATS).

**Excused Absences:** Donna McCormick; (Sandhills Center LME); Wanda Pegg (Habitat for Humanity of Randolph County); Audrey Trogdon & Bennie Jernigan (Goodwill-Asheboro) and Gerri Brower, (Randolph County Senior Adult Assn.); Reesa Warren & Vickie Odom (Job Link) and Roger King (RCATS).

**Other Members Absent:**  Becky Buxton (Christians United Outreach Center); Carmen Liberatore (East Side Homes); Teresa Shackleford, (Randolph Family Health Care @ MERCE); Debbie Tolar, (Salvation Army); Jeff Looney & Angie Looney, (Asheboro Shelter of Hope); Steve Saunders, (Simple Our Savior) Joy Ratcliff & Toni Welch (Randolph County DSS); Courtney Chavis (Randolph County Family Crisis Center); Paul Trotter (Easter Seals).

**Minutes:**

The minutes from April 11, 2014 were approved with the following amendments: Tamika Williams was moved to Excused Absences, the statement “… and moving John Evans to the excuse absence list.” as amended to read Pura Lopez rather than John Evans.

Laura Chambers noted her agency is Asheboro Family Counseling and not the Asheboro Family Counseling Center.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business

**New Business:**

***Treasurer Report:*** Sarah Hancock reported there was $442.41 in the Coalition’s account. This amount was down $30.00 earlier in the year due to the payment for the bank deposit fee.

***Presentation/Speaker:***

Ms. Michelle Bates, MSW with the Family Endeavors was scheduled to be the speaker, however was not present. In her place Tamika Williams with the Salisbury VA Medical Center provided program information Family endeavors and Supportive Services for Veterans Families.

Family Endeavors is a long-standing non-profit agency with offices throughout the US including Fayetteville, NC. The organization provides an array of programs and services in support of children, families, Veterans and those struggling with disabilities. The mission of Family Endeavors is to provide comprehensive, effective, and innovative services that empower people to build better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities them for the better. Programs and services include:

* **Supportive Services Programs:** Supportive housing (up to $2,500 in assistance), job training, employment, case management, and supportive services provided to individuals and mothers with disabilities and their children.
* [**Children & Youth Services**](http://www.familyendeavors.org/?page_id=359)**:**Licensed after school programs, childcare & learning centers, and summer day camps provided to approximately 1,500 each year at 21 locations.
* [**Emergency Services**](http://www.familyendeavors.org/?page_id=46)**:** Certified Case Managers, Childcare Staff and Support Staff provide emergency services to families and children in emergency situations and shelters.
* [**Endeavors Unlimited**](http://www.endeavorsunlimited.org/): Commercial Landscaping, Custodial, Supply Line Management, and Debris Clearing Company that employs individuals with disabilities.
* [**Community Based Services**](http://www.familyendeavors.org/?page_id=359)**:** Homeless Prevention, Job Training, Crisis Intervention, and Case Management for Veterans, families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities.

**Other Issues/Concerns:**

***Unmet Issues:***

Members noted that there are many elderly individuals, widows, etc. who have difficulty handling money and budgeting. In many cases there is one person in the family that controls the budget, check book, bank accounts and pays bills. When that person leaves/dies the family needs help to manage its finances. Are there any programs to help families in this situation?

This is not a problem limited to the elderly. Many young people, including young families have limited budgeting skills. Suggested resources include: Joy A. Shabazz Center, Women’s Resources Center in Greensboro and possibility the Randolph County Senior Adult Association.

**Committee Reports:**

***Public Awareness & Membership, (John Evans, Chair):*** John has reached out to the City & County Schools to have a student representative participate on the Coalition. He also plans to hold a committee meeting to discuss membership and retention.

***Program Services & Goals (Brenda Goss, Chair):*** No report. Debbie Cole will take over this committee from Brenda Goss.

***BOS-COC, (Debbie Cole, Chair):*** One goal is to apply for all homeless dollars allocated to Randolph County so none is left on the table.

***Housing Inventory Committee, (Jeigh Adams, Chair):*** The committee is waiting on one section of the housing inventory report.

***Home Repair/Neighbor Helping Neighbor, (Wanda Pegg, Chair):*** No report due to Wanda Pegg’s absence.

***Hospitality Committee, (John Trotter & Debbie Tolar, Co-Chairs):*** John Evans Debbie Cole had brought donuts to the meeting and Brenda Goss will bring fruit to the June meeting.

**Round Robin**

Debbie Cole (CUOC): There are still openings in Project Independence and homeless clients are needed to fill these slots. The Grace Chapel Golf Tournament will be held at the Asheboro Country Club to support COUC and Jim’s Kids.

Pura Lopez, (Family Services of the Piedmont): Reminded the group that an Anger Management group meets every Monday @ 6:00 pm and that credit counsel is currently available.

Tamika Williams (Salisbury VA Medical Center): Reminded the group that a Stand-Down for Homeless Veterans will take place on May 21 in Salisbury.

Sarah Hancock (Randolph County Family Crisis Center): Informed the group that there is a need for furniture, pot, pans & dishes. Debbie recommended she send a referral letter to CUOC with the request. In addition, the Barnabus Network in Greensboro was recommended as a possible resource but received mixed reviews from the group.

Laura Chambers (Asheboro Family Counseling): Advised the she now has Sandhills Center enrollment and provides services to Medicaid recipients. She also announced they are providing EMDR Therapy for trauma victims.

John Evans (City of Asheboro): Informed the group that WXII Channel 12 will be in Asheboro to do a report on a variety of topics including revitalization, development and housing among others. He will keep all informed.

Phil Hewett & Mary Pat Buie (Sandhills Center LME):Advised that the Shelter Plus grant had been received some time ago but was given back because it was designed as a 100% match grant. This level of match it just too difficult to meet. Debbie Cole said matches have been reduced to 25% which can be in-kind rather than cash so in the future there may be a possibility to accept this grant again.

Myra Gaddy (Sheriff's Office/Community Representative); Advised the group she will be in meeting in Raleigh next month and will not attend next month’s meeting.

**Next meeting: June 13, 2014 at 9:30 am at the regular location Daymark, 110 Walker Ave. on second floor.**

Respectively submitted by: Bob Lawler.