**Randolph County Housing Coalition, Inc**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 13, 2015**

The meeting was held at 9:38 am at the Randolph County Senior Adult Association Building 347 West Salisbury Street. Donna McCormick, Chairmen called the meeting to order and introductions by everyone present were conducted. An attendance sheet was circulated.

**Members Present:** Donna McCormick (Sandhills Center LME); Myra Gaddy (Community Representative), Bob Lawler (Asheboro Housing Authority); John Evans (City of Asheboro); Geri Welker (Randolph County Senior Adults Association); Laura Chambers (Randolph Family Counseling); Brenda Goss (Therapeutic Alternatives); Phil Hewett (Sandhills Center LME); Sarah West (Randolph County Family Crisis Center); Pura Lopez , Andrea Matute & Yvette Cooke, (Family Services of the Piedmont); Joy Ratliffe (RCDSS); Jeff Looney (Asheboro Shelter of Hope); Tonya Lawrence (Family Endeavors): Jeigh Adams (Latino Coalition), Amanda Varner (Randolph County) and Jeanine Moran (Joy A. Shabazz Center);.

 **Excused Absences:** Debbie Cole (Christians United Outreach Center); Roger King (RCATS); Linda Oates & Becky Buxton (Christians United Outreach Center); Gail Bailey (Building Futures); and Wanda Pegg (Habitat for Humanity of Randolph County).

**Other Members Absent:** Bennie Jernigan & Audrey Trogdon (Goodwill-Asheboro); Tamika Williams (VA Services Salisbury); Teresa Shackleford (Randolph Family Health Care @ MERCE); Steve Saunders, (Simple Our Savior); Jean McDaniel (Joy A. Shabazz Center); Kevin Justice (Salvation Army) and Carmen Liberatore (East Side Homes).

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the February 13, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Brenda Goss and seconded by Myra Gaddy.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business

**New Business**

Treasurers Report: Sarah West, Treasurer read the treasure’s report totaling $598.41. All dues are up to date.

Coordinated Assessment Update: Sarah West is working on a sample Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will be coordinated with the Housing Coalition. The MOU will be discussed by the Program Services & Goals Committee.

**Grantee Updates:**

* CUOC Continuum of Care Grant: No report
* Family Crisis Center ESG Grant: the Rapid Re-Housing program is for clients who are involved in a domestic violence situation and need to find alternative housing and 2) clients that are in a domestic violence situation and who are homeless.

**Committee Reports**

***Public Awareness & Membership, (John Evans, Chair):*** John gave an update on the city’s updated land use plan activities including a neighborhood meeting in April on the eastside of Asheboro. Other neighborhood meetings, including one in west Asheboro, will be scheduled. Once the meeting locations and dates are finalized, he will share these with the Coalition. He requested that members share this with individuals they serve who are in Asheboro, since the meetings are to gather citizen participation, which will map where certain land use activities (i.e. housing, retail, employment centers, etc.) will be encouraged.

He also mentioned that the plan can be a tool in neighborhood revitalization. He reviewed the status of the Urgent Repair Grant that the City of Asheboro applied for, which is funded through the NCHFA and totals $50,000. The grant recipients should be announced later in the Spring. If awarded, the grant will help repair housing and the City will be working with the Piedmont Triad Regional Council and contractors to administer the grant and complete the work.

***Program Services & Goals (Debbie Cole, Chair):***  In Debbie Coles absence Donna McCormick said the committee will meet after the meeting to review the draft Memorandum of Understanding for the Coordinated Assessment Plan.

***BOS-COC, (Debbie Cole, Chair):*** In Debbie Coles absence it was noted that the focus of BOS was the Coordinated Assessment process.

***Housing Inventory Committee, (Jeigh Adams, Chair):*** Next month volunteers will be needed to update inventory.

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

***Hospitality Committee:*** ***(Pura Lopez):*** A refreshment schedule has been distributed and so far it is working.

**Unmet needs*: No Reports***

**Round Robin**

Donna McCormick: Announced there is a Targeted Housing Program for Montgomery County and asked if there were any referrals. She also will distribute the Veterans Resources Guide.

Geri Welker: A new Executive Director has joined the Senior Association. The former ED, Candie Rudzinski will serve as a consultant for the time.

Myra Gaddy: The Sheriff’s Department remains busy this time of the year.

Amanda Varner: Announced she is here to represent the Randolph County Board of Commissioners.

John Evans: No report.

Jeigh Adams: No Report.

Jeff Looney: Will be working to get support for the shelter program. Currently the shelter has 20 shelter spaces as determined by fire marshal all for males. No shelter for females.

Para Lopez: No report

Andrea Matute & Yuette Cooke: Weather has delayed programmed services for now. Referrals for caregivers for children are needed.

Phil Hewett: No report

Sarah West: Attended a victim services seminar and will provide information to the group at a later meeting.

Tonya Lawrence: Nothing new, but inquired if there were any veterans at the shelter – responses none at this time.

Joy Ratliff: DSS has received a little more funding for the adult daycare facility located on Farr Street and managed by the Senior Association.

Laura Chambers: Recommended a speaker for the next meeting. Mike Harmon, a retired physical therapist is starting a new business retrofitting homes so seniors can age in place. He will be contacted regarding the April meeting.

 Bob Lawler: AHA is still the process of purging the Section 8 waiting list and sending out letters in anticipation of issuing new vouchers. Response has been up (60%) and this is encouraging.

Jeanine Moran: The Shabazz Center has changed her role to working with children but she will continue to attend Housing Coalition meetings as her schedule permits.

Next meeting is April 10, 2015 at 9:30 am at the Randolph County Senior Adult Association Building 347 West Salisbury Street.

Meeting adjourned 10:07 am.

Respectively submitted by Robert Lawler