**Randolph County Housing Coalition, Inc**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 8, 2016**

The meeting was held at 9:30 am at the Randolph County Senior Adult Association Building 347 W. Salisbury Street. Bob Lawler, Chairman called the meeting to order and introductions by everyone present were conducted. An attendance sheet was circulated.

**Members Present:** Bob Lawler & Angela Whitt (Asheboro Housing Authority); John Evans (City of Asheboro); Brenda Goss (community rep); Kimberly Green (Family Endeavors); Debbie Cole & Becky Buxton (CUOC); Donna McCormick (Sandhills Center LME/MCO); Jeigh Adams (Comm. Rep.); Helen Milleson (Randolph County Hospital); Roger King (RCATS); Lorena Ruiz (Goodwill); Melissa Thomson & Sandy Parrish (Randolph Family Healthcare @ MERCE); Yvette Cooke (Family Services of the Peidmont); Terry Van Vliet (Randolph Co. Veteran Services); Myra Gaddy (Community Rep.); Wanda Pegg (Habitat for Humanity); Sarah West (Randolph Family Crisis Center) & Dr. Brad Rice (Asheboro City Schools).

 **Excused Absences:** Jeanine Moran, Amanda Varner, Margie DiDona, Joy Ratliff (Randolph DSS) and Andrea Matute.

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the March 11, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion made by John Evans, seconded by Brenda Goss. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Treasury Report: Jeigh Adams informed us of our current balance of $910.41. Membership invoices will be sent out in May. Agency-$50.00 and Community representative-$15.00

Balance of State/Coordinated Assessment: The Executive Committee met yesterday at CUOC to discuss the feedback form about the restructuring of the Balance of State Regional Committees. The committee members filled out the form and will send it to the NC Coalition to End Homelessness before the end of the month.

**Grantee Updates:**

Asheboro Housing Authority (AHA): Bob & Angela report that they have 20 people on the waiting list. They have housed 3 or 4 people and have 8 people looking for places with a voucher. They will issue 10 vouchers at a time and give up to 30 days to locate housing. Kendra Eckard, Program Coordinator has been meeting with area landlords to recruit needed housing units.

Family Crisis Center-Emergency Solutions Grant: Sarah says they have 4 in Rapid Re-Housing this month.

**Committee Reports:**

**Executive Committee (Bob Lawler, Chair):** This committee met yesterday and discussed the restructuring of the Regional Committees. The group discussion raised the following issues regarding the proposed restricting:

* The committee drafted a response on the “feedback” form provided by to BoS.
* Discussed concerns of the members may not be able to travel the additional distances to get to the meetings out of the Randolph area.
* Asked the BoS if there would be any administrative money to distribute for the additional travel/mileage.
* Asked if NCCEH could write a grant for an extra staff person instead of restructuring the committees.
* Agreed that RCHC would continue to meet on a monthly basis because years ago this coalition was formed not just for homelessness. I
* It was also mentioned the possibility of partnering with Davidson County instead of the newly proposed seven county committee.
* The BoS will respond once everyone has responded by the end to the month.

**Strategic Planning:** Bob wants each committee to set new goals for the next year.

**Public Awareness & Membership Committee (John Evans, Chair):** November is Hunger and Homeless Awareness Month and the coalition is hoping to show the movie “Time Out of Mind” as a tribute at Sunset Theater. John said the movie has a $450.00 rental fee and he has sent information to the films new owner in hopes of waiving the fee for our cause. John shared with us that the city is applying for a single family home repair grant. Anyone within Randolph County is eligible, not just Asheboro and they should know if they are awarded this grant in June. If the grant is received applications will begin in the fall. Veterans will be given a higher priority. John wants to thank everyone who sent new/events to the Facebook page. He thanked Dr. Brad Rice, the Homeless Liaison of the Asheboro City Schools, for attending today. We are continuously reaching out in the community to potential members.

**Homeless Programs Committee (Brenda Goss, Chair):** This committee will meet at 9:00 before the monthly meeting. Brenda reminded everyone to turn in their Emergency Response forms to her each month. The quarterly report is due soon to the State.

**Adequate Housing: (Jeigh Adams, Chair):** Jeigh says they are starting to update the Housing Inventory List.

**Hospitality Committee**: Thanks to Kim Greene from Family Endeavors for the snacks and drinks this month. Debbie Cole is on the May list to bring snacks.

**Unmet Needs:** None to report.

**Round Robin:**

Asheboro Housing Authority: Angela says the Section 8 program is taking applications on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The elderly and disabled are given priority.

Randolph Family Crisis Center: Sarah says they have moved their offices to 624-A S. Fayetteville Street. Their number is: 336-626-5040 and the crisis number is the same.

Habitat For Humanity: Wanda announced a Home and Garden Show on April 23rd from 10-2.

CUOC: Debbie says they are taking applications for the Food Sculpture Contest and the Randolph’s Got Talent Contest is scheduled for July 15 and there will be 3 audition sessions. It is a fundraiser where the winners and runner ups will win prizes and there will be a People’s Choice award as well. This is their 2nd year and it was successful and fun! Contact Debbie at 336-625-1500 for more information.

Goodwill Industries: Lorena informed us of a Career Expo coming on April 13th at the Greensboro Coliseum form 10-2. She handed out flyers for this event.

Randolph Veteran’s Office: Terry informed us of the Veteran’s Fair she attended at RCC yesterday. About 20-25 veterans attended. She informed us that the State of NC has four veteran nursing facilities located in Kinston, Fayetteville, Black Mountain and Salisbury.

Randolph Hospital: Helen says they have trained 13 churches with the Community Faith Ministry. They have trained 31 volunteers and are training 9 more. She is on a committee that is focusing on Caregiving at the Randolph Mall on May 18th. A vision/hearing van will be there to give tests.

RCATS: Roger says they are taking applications for a new staff member.

Asheboro City Schools: Dr. Rice reports their numbers of homeless students have decreased from 350 to 100. He is the Homeless Liaison over 8 schools.

Thanks to Bennie Jernigan from Goodwill for doing our new name tags!

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted by Donna McCormick.

Next meeting: Friday, May 13, 2016 at 9:30am.

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