



**Person County Housing Collaborative Minutes**  
**May 22, 2013**  
**Person County Group Homes, Farm**

Those in attendance included: Jayne Bremer (PCUW), Spencer Cook (CIHS), David Forsythe (PCGH), Mary Stanfield (CHC), and Deborah Tinnin (PCHD). Guests: Kim Morgan (PCGH) and Michael Vanney (PCGH). Joining the group is Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager (PC Gov.)

Judi Akers (DSS); Felipe Blue (FHRC), Todd Boycher (RPD), Amanda Peed (PCGH), Graydon Spivey (PCHFH), and Cathy Waugh (PCS) were absent.

David Forsythe, in the absence of Spencer Cook, welcomed everyone to the Retreat Center. Lunch was served and a short time of fellowship was enjoyed by everyone. By consent the Minutes from the March 12, 2013 meeting were approved. Introductions were made along with Agency Updates.

### **Agency Updates**

Person County United Way (PCUW) – The Person County Virtual Volunteer Center “Get Connected” has gone live. Organizations in the county began posting their volunteer and other needs online in hopes of increasing the opportunities for community members to find out about agencies in the community, to find volunteer opportunities, in-kind needs, events, board opportunities and job openings available. All agencies are encouraged to post their volunteer needs on their pages.

Christian Help Center – On June 1<sup>st</sup> the new Executive Director, Cynthia Wilson, will begin training at Christian Help Center. Mary is retiring after 14 years with the CHC. The CHC will be having a Yard Sale the first Saturday in June as a fundraiser.

Person County Health Department – Deborah stated that the Health Department is still proving health services for many people in the county.

Person County Group Homes (PCGH) – David shared that all openings have been filled in the group homes. There are some openings in the apartments: 1 vacancy at Chub Lake Garden apartments and 2 vacancies at Orchard Garden apartments. He also has the managers apartment available at Orchard Garden for any individual who will live on site, providing minimal care as needed.

David mentioned that Dave Richards has just been named the new Director for the Division of Health and Human Services. Mr. Richards was recently in Roxboro visiting Person County Group Homes.

Person County Habitat for Humanity (PCH4H) – David also updated for Habitat for Humanity, stating he is a new board member and in the absence of Graydon. PCH4H held their annual Yard Sale and raised about \$9,000. Habitat is looking for a warehouse with 15,000 to 20,000 square feet. They would like to use it for their annual yard sale and storage.

Kim Morgan, an employee of the Person County Group Homes introduced herself, in addition to her housing responsibilities she oversees the therapeutic riding program at the farm.

Michael Vanney, an employee of Person County Group Homes, manages the two houses on the farm.

Sybil Tate introduced herself. She is the Assistant County Manager for Person County Government.

Cardinal Innovation Healthcare Solutions (CIHS) – no update from Spencer, who arrived late.

## **Balance of State Update**

One family, (three individuals) has received shelter plus care in Person County. This is not the female who requested services from Person County DSS and wrote the letter to our group after the point in time count. Spencer is still working on placement and care for her.

## **Other discussion**

At our last meeting Todd mentioned that Mary and Jayne may be interested in talking with Annie Graham, Roxboro Housing Authority, about her program, Beyond Poverty. Jayne and Mary met with Annie and Jayne attended the quarterly Self- Sufficiency meeting for Beyond Poverty. Jayne will invite Annie to the quarterly housing meetings.

David brought up House Bill 867, where the county of origin will be eliminated for recipients of Medicaid. Medicaid will be paid where the consumer is a resident. The belief is that insurance should be portable.

David also spoke to the revision in the law regarding people with mental illness being housed with the elderly. The DOJ is requiring 3,000 people to be relocated with special assistance in the home available. Only one elderly care home has been identified in Person County, Canterbury House.

## **Discussion of individuals/families in need** (no names to protect confidentiality)

Spencer mentioned that a 30 year old female, who has SSI and disability, needed group home housing in Person County.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM. The location will be confirmed by Spencer.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm. David and the Person County Group Home staff gave a tour of the houses located on the farm.