

**Southern Mountains Homeless Coalition** (Region 2 BoS)  
January 3, 2019 - Blue Ridge Community Health Services (BRCHS), Hendersonville  
Transylvania County by phone link - 9:30 AM

Facilitation in Hendersonville by **Kristen Martin**. Regional alternate lead **Emily Lowery** by phone. Minutes for December 6 considered for acceptance as distributed by email. No objections were voiced, so the distributed draft was adopted as final by common consent.

**December Balance of State (BoS) Steering Committee call** (Dec. 8): The hurricane response program *Back @ Home* was discussed. Five Rapid-Rehousing program agencies participated. Links are available on [nccch.org \[https://www.backathome.org/about \]](https://www.backathome.org/about)

A first Coordinated Entry Annual Review was discussed. Evaluations of the CE plans is the responsibility of the Regional groups that develop these plans. Related surveys were sent out. BoS indicates these reviews are to be issued as final in February, and BoS staff would like some analysis time, so our local responses are to be done by January 25. There will be an electronic version.

Training or review is to be offered to enable more staff to complete VI-SPDAT entries to get appropriate service to homeless people and households, on January 6 and 19.

Re: Coordinated Entries, a survey process is to include all in Permanent Supportive Housing and all served in housing programs active in 2018.

HMIS: The announced BoS wide transition of systems has not yet been made final. NCCEH will continue to update the steering committee.

**Point In Time (PIT) count and HIC:** All BoS counts will seek all persons not in housing the night of January 30. We will have training in the new electronic system for PIT interviews beginning Friday. The regional committee has been working on setting up a Rutherford County PIT count.

**PIT training for new format:** PIT lead **Emily Lowery** said training is being introduced this week, to an online survey process. Carrington Cosby (Thrive) and Kristen Martin are to be trained tomorrow.

**Coordinated Assessment:** (Kristen) The SPDAT information involves linking paper and electronic versions of records made at SAFE, Thrive and The Haven. Staffers are still moving entries from spreadsheets to HMIS.

**Emergency Solutions Grant:** Trina Hill has submitted a letter to the State ESG office about the announced cut of ESG funding for 2019. The applied-for funds, ~\$109,000, has been announced as changed: The Haven will get its full applied amount of about \$35,000; an application from PATH (Rutherford) was denied; and Thrive saw its requested ~\$49,000 cut to about \$26,000. The cut rationale stems from slow startups in last year draws (especially first quarter); The letter Trina submitted requests an opportunity for the region to request additional ESG funds once programs have spent all of their allocated funds in 2019.

**Coordinated Entry Meetings:** Monthly: on second Thursdays (face-to-face meeting); and on fourth Thursdays. To join email Kristen Martin. In January, meetings on 10<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There was no update on veteran homelessness.

The next Southern Mountains Regional Coalition meeting is set for February 7, at 9:30 as an **in-person meeting**.

**Announcements:** **Joe Yurchak** (Family Preservation Services) said ACT Team work is having an important impact in the region, but due to workload Transylvania County calls are now being handled by Meridian. Please direct questions on this to Joe ([joe.yurchak@pathways.com](mailto:joe.yurchak@pathways.com)).

With respect, Chris Berg, secretary