Southwestern Regional Homeless Coalition Meeting

May 16th, 2013

In attendance: Kristi Case, Smoky Mountain Center; Lynne DeLuca, Smoky Mountain Center; Brenda Cormack, New Life’s Women’s Center; Julia Freeman, Reach of Haywood County; Monica Sieffert, Reach of Cherokee County; Debra Clarke, Hurlburt Johnson Friendship House; Judith Alvarado, Reach of Clay County

The meeting was held in Franklin at the Community Resource Center.

 We discussed how the Rapid Re-Housing dollars have been spent. Cherokee County Reach has been able to spend some of their rapid re-housing dollars. Clay County Reach spent $1800.00, Cherokee Reach has spent $1000.00, New Life has not spent any money yet, and as of now HJFH has spent $1600.00 dollars for their shelter. We talked about the fact that we cannot give assistance to people that are already receiving HUD rental assistance (clarification that RRH can be used for deposits, but not rental assistance when they already receive other rental assistance).

We discussed about the budget revision needing to be done by the 15th of May. Kristi gave us information about where to find listings for housing at nchousingsearch.org, 866-973-3147. We learned that we can use our Rapid Re-Housing monies within the 7 counties between agencies. If there are people who qualify for RRH funds, it doesn’t matter what county they are in, as long as they qualify. We discussed how to report sub-standard properties to the nchousingsearch.org.

We discussed the BOS Tier II renewals, all awarded. They have not yet announced the Tier I or II new projects.

June 25th is the Regional Lead meeting from 9:30 to 5:00 in Greensboro, N.C. Bart will need to attend this for the Southwestern group, Kristi is not available to attend.

We discussed about the SOAR training class coming up in June and about what the training is all about. We also talked about having people from DSS join our meetings to get more information about the different benefits available for our residents concerning disabilities.

Each agency update the group about their status. The shelters gave update on the numbers of people they’re serving. Kristi update the group on the SMC Shelter Plus Care program.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 10AM at the Community Resource Center, located at 108 Wayah Street in Franklin. For additional directions, call (828) 349-0211.