**Transylvania County** **Homeless Coalition**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Brevard Housing Authority**

**133 W. Morgan Street**

**Brevard, NC 28712**

**Date: March 7, 2013**

Attendees:

Lizi Shiver, TC Public Schools Ron Shieve, SAFE, WCCA

Jennifer Flood, Haven Erika Gonzalez, Brevard Housing Authority

Beth Branagan, TC Public Schools Don Rogers, United Way

Meeting called to order 9:10 am

* Minutes Approved from last meeting
* Balance of State (BOS)/Continuum of Care (COC)
	+ May be in by end of the year
	+ Will be more in depth than before
	+ Sequestering will effect the rapid re-housing program
* Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) updates
	+ Still have not been reimbursed, hold has been placed
	+ State has told us to slow down and hold off new recipients
	+ We are 50% through funds
	+ New definition of homelessness was given by the state
		- May not use ESG for people with eviction notice as first instructed
		- Next year may want to apply for prevention services
		- 3 verifications needed for those not coming from a shelter, preferably one by an agency…verify, verify, verify
		- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence
		- Doubled up families do not count
		- Hotel do not count if paid for by client, on voucher from DSS less than 30 days can qualify as homeless
		- Living in car does
		- Shelter stays have to be 60 days and whole family has to stay
		- McKinney Vinto definition is not the standard anymore
	+ Application keeps changing, now 10 pages long
	+ We will be audited our first year
	+ CHIN data is being entered accurately 95%
	+ Everybody is waiting for reimbursements, some agencies have dropped the program
* God’s Way Events
	+ Plenty of Blankets to bring
	+ 2 Events coming up
		- El Centro March 23, 2013
		- April 13, 2013 in Balsam Grove
			* Blue Ridge and United Way involved
			* Bread of Life to provide food for the first 100 through the door
			* Corn hole
			* Healthy smiles program
			* Hospital
			* Land of Sky
			* Koala
			* Bouncy House
			* Hopeful to do vision screenings,
				+ Lion’s club has bus (Jen will try to call and get the bus)
* Oxford House
	+ Grant applied for by United Way
* Meeting Adjourned
* Next meeting is April 4th at 9am