**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