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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Brevard Housing Authority**

**133 W. Morgan Street**

**Brevard, NC 28712**

**Date: May 1, 2014**

Attendees:

Jennifer Flood, Haven Rodney Norman, BHA

Ron Schieve, CONNECT, WCCA Kathleen Mallet, CCB, CARE

Erica Edwards, SAFE Beth Branagan, TCS

Emily Lowery, Haven Candace Mance, PLS

Louise Egerton, THAPP, Case Manager Ariana DeToro-Forlenza

Sarah Lancaster, Smokey Mountain

* Meeting called to order 9:00 am
* Introductions
* Minutes Approved
* Agency Updates
  + Haven- Haven Family House to open soon, looking for furniture, 2 potential families @Haven, Haven is almost full (2 men’s beds only)
  + CONNECT- agency is growing 145 families consisting of 258 kids
  + Louise (ESG Case Management)- reports that things are going well with new ESG Recipients
  + SAFE, their occupancy is low, new facility is waiting on open house and furniture, designer house (fundraiser) scheduled for June 7
  + Transylvania County Schools- homeless grant submitted Friday, $15K per year for 3 years if granted, may be used for tutors, clothing, supplies, field trips (anything educational related), after school care, grant follows McKinney Vinto guidelines
  + CARE- community survey underway, online survey available and hard copy, must be a T.C resident
  + Smoky Mountain- working on list of resources for their website
* Please join NCCEH if you are a coalition member and have not already
* Rodeway update:
  + Everybody is out, everybody is housed, received $1K from Bojangles, $2K from United Way
  + Total spent: $500 Bojangles, $1130 UW, $900 S.A. $2K DSS, $850 WCCA, $4182 ESG
  + Transportation discussion:
    - The Coalition needs to address this issue head-on in the future
    - Lack of transportation is a major contributor to the poverty, homeless, problem
    - Challenges were discussed, such as when people have to coordinate rides to town
    - We need to better understand how to access the county transportation system, possibly have someone from the department come and speak
* Coordinated Assessment in BOS
  + State-wide program, successfully being done in Raleigh,
  + To access the presentation go to:

<http://prezi.comwnynaotpo3/continuum-of-cares-coordinated-assessment-system>

* + There is a vulnerability test, assigns number to client, no grey areas
* Upcoming class for ESG clients, EFNEP
  + Faces diet and family, move more, watch less, replaces sugar with healthier options, on going class, 1 hour a week, can participate up to 22 classes
  + For ESG clients, 2 will be mandatory
  + Class is at Community Service Building
* Prevention Services
* $8K was awarded, currently have helped 1 family. One of the questions that we have to ask the applicant is: If evicted do you have any family or friends that you could live with. We have had one applicant whose landlord refused to work with us. Currently the program provides rental assistance for 3 months, at that point an assessment will be done to evaluate the need for continued support.
* SOAR- worker needed, possible grant from Pisgah Legal, end of May, Raleigh
* Next meeting scheduled for June 5, 2014