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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Brevard Housing Authority**

**133 W. Morgan Street**

**Brevard, NC 28712**

**Date: March 6, 2014**

Attendees:

Jennifer Flood, Haven Joan Bliss, Haven Newsletter Editor

Megan Hare, TRAIN Ron Schieve, CONNECT, WCCA

Lizzi Shimer, TCS LaToya Whitesides, TCS

Emily Lowery, Haven David Carr, ABCCM/SSVF

Louise Egerton, THAPP, Case Manager Caroline Carter, Meridian

Don Rogers, United Way, Bread of Life Shelly Webb, Sharing House

Steve Pulliam, United Way Susan Lefler, Community Rep

Beth Branagan, TCS Chris Nolan, VR

Candy Mance, Pisgah Legal Sarah Lancaster, SMC

Ariana DeToro-Forlenza, VA Ray Reiser, Pisgah Legal

* Meeting called to order 9:00 am
* Introductions
* Minutes Approved
* Update on Health Fair in Rosman, success
* Announcement of Erika Gonzalez departure from the BHA
  + BHA stated that the co-lead position will be included in the job description of Erika’s replacement
  + The ESG program will continue with BHA as a partner
  + Emily Lowery will serve as temporary co-lead until the position is filled
  + Regional Lead and co-lead NCCEH meeting in Greensboro on April 1st.
  + Update to be given at next meeting
* Rodeway Inn Closing
  + Community Agencies will be placing a mobile crisis unit on Friday, March, 7 and Saturday, March 8 from 10-2
    - Sharing House, DSS and Haven will staff the mobile crisis unit
* Haven can certify homelessness and ESG funds used to house some, if they meet the
* Sharing House to provide $200 to each resident for rent, deposits etc. and enter into Charity Tracker
* DSS will be assessing residents for services
* Salvation Army to provide $150 per person towards first month’s rent or deposits
  + Former Owner offered the residents refunds, but even with a check in hand they had no place to go
  + Pisgah Legal is representing the residents as a group
  + Gail Webster (room 149) is leading the other residents to organize and resist the eviction, and try to convince the new owner not to demolish.
    - Her minister is concerned about her mental health, feels she needs help dealing with this situation
  + We can only help the individuals if that are willing to cooperate
  + Salvation Army offered their box truck to help move tenants
  + Sharing House will post a need to the faith community for additional trucks and volunteers to help move the Rodeway residents
  + Follow-up Rodeway meeting scheduled on (3/12/2014) Wednesday, 10 AM in the DSS conference room
  + Meridian BHS will be open for walk ins on Tuesday specifically for the residents
  + Concerns were expressed that several of the tenants may be suicidal
    - Need to have RHA mobile crisis number available at the mobile crisis unit
* Next Meeting Scheduled for April 3, 2014
* Meeting Adjoined at 10 AM