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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Brevard Housing Authority**

**133 W. Morgan Street**

**Brevard, NC 28712**

**Date: July, 2014**

Attendees:

Jennifer Flood, Haven Louise Egerton, THAPS

Steve Pulliam, United Way Candace Mince, Pisgah Legal

Erica Edwards, SAFE Megan Hare, TRAIN

Rhodney Norman, BHA Melissa McGill, SAFE

Sarah Lancaster, Smoky Mtn. Ctr. Ariana DeToro-Forlenza, VA

* Meeting called to order 9:00 am
* Introductions
* Minutes Approved
* Agency Updates
  + SAFE – new addition is open, and is being called a step up/recovery/transitional housing program.
  + Women will receive long term assistance
  + Women can stay for an extended period of time
  + Services will be extended to include clients not staying in the shelter.
  + Program includes case management and referrals for 6-12 months
* United Way
  + Representatives from Transylvania County attended the worldwide conference, and presented a workshop about the services provided in the county. There was a lot of discussion about the Rodeway.
  + 211/Get connected received 11,000 hits in the past 12 months
  + Everyone is encouraged to update their information with the 211 system
* TRAIN
  + Transportation is going well
  + Providing transportation to events at the Family Place
* Ariana with the Veterans Administration
  + VASH funds are available
  + Wants to help Transylvania County Veterans
  + Referrals can be made directly to her
* Smokey Mountain Center
  + New independent housing program offering the following emergency assistance:
    - Funds for motel expenses for people who are waiting on housing, if less than 10 days +/-
    - Revolving loans for deposit assistance for up to $500.00
* Discussion about the possibility of Shelter Operations Funds being available
  + - SAFE is interested in applying as well as The Haven
* BHA
  + No vacancies, waiting list is 6-8 months
* ESG application due out soon
  + Committee members will be ask to sign a MOU and participate in the completion of the application
* Coordinated Assessment Discussion
  + Will be of benefit for the community
  + Training will be offered
  + Information on VISPDAT given out
* Next meeting scheduled for August 7, 2014
* Meeting Adjourned 9:25 am