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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Brevard Housing Authority**

**133 W. Morgan Street**

**Brevard, NC 28712**

**Date: December 4, 2014**

Attendees:

 Jennifer Flood, Haven Rhodney Norman, BHA

 Kaitlin Higgins, TCDHP Ron Schieve, CONNECT

 Erica Edwards, SAFE Erin Drew, The Family Place

 Shelly Webb, Sharing House Ariana DeToro-Forlenza, VA

 Kaitlin Huggins, TCHD Susan Lefler, Community Liaison

 Emily Lowery, Haven Barbara Jean Sorensen, TRAIN

* Meeting called to order 9:00 am
* Minutes Approved
* Introductions and Agency Updates
	+ BHA- Renovations underway, will be next summer before complete and 1 building will not be complete until next year
	+ TRAIN- Finding that people’s needs are outside the normal, starting a support group for Women who are experiencing poverty for the first time.
	+ SAFE- Thanksgiving was fantastic for residents, shelter is busy 8-10 children ages 3 years-14 years
	+ CONNECT- has served over 300 children, just received a grant CFWNC
	+ Community- Gutters and Alleyways book is now available on Amazon, poem nominated for an prestigious award written about a Haven resident
	+ Health Department- Pertussis Outbreak, last outbreak was 2010 and counted 10 cases, this outbreak is up to 40 people
		- Just received flu shots, had just ran out
	+ Sharing House- Amy Pointer new crisis assistance
		- Received grant for people in need- hiring for this in March and taking referrals, Ruby Pain program, this program is future oriented, to decide what they want in life, 12-14 people (families) peer support, 14 week program, for middle class and those at poverty level. Peers will take classes together and learn about the struggles of others. Will be a learning experience for both middle class and those in poverty
		- Adopt a family program has changed. Santa Shop is set up so parents have $50, to “shop” as they would if they were buying in a store. Changed from years before where volunteers picked the gifts and delivered them to the families.
		- Numbers are up for those served
		- 10,000 pounds of food taken in for food drive!!
	+ Family Place- Christmas thank you lunch coming up
		- Picture with Santa also coming up at Dugan’s
		- Parent Chat at The Haven, has been very successful
		- Starting in February, new parenting classes, Rosman preschool age, Brevard school age, 14 week program
		- Dad chat available, however, not utilized yet, can meet 2 times a month, every other Tuesday (1st and 3rd), childcare available, Contact Danny Davis
	+ United Way- in the middle of campaign
		- 1 million dollar goal
		- $30K ahead of last year at this same time
		- January 22nd due date for grant proposals
		- Collaborative intents due
		- Doing a mailing for tiny houses to find out if there’s interest
			* Collaborating with contractors
			* Will be putting a guide together for how to do pamphlet
	+ Oxford House- Open House a success
	+ Bread of Life- Served over 200 people on Thanksgiving Day
* ESG- still do not have contract for 2015
	+ - Have received one reimbursement check
		- Have some money to help clients
* Home Funds- should have contract any day now
	+ Program for homeless and will pay rent up to 6 months
	+ Must have verification from an agency
	+ Cap is fair market rent using Asheville’s market rent
	+ Client must be able to afford rent after funds are completed
* Affordable Housing Meeting- focus group on lack of affordable housing
	+ Meeting will be held 12/8 1 pm in Brevard City Council Meeting Room
	+ Transylvania County has never received funds
	+ Need people to build, and manage new affordable housing projects in the county.
	+ Examples of Affordable Housing are French Broad, English Hills, The Cottages of Brevard
	+ These are tax credit developments, corporate builders
	+ Far below poverty level $250-300 a month
	+ The average income for this group is $800 monthly, many on fixed income
* Coordinated Assessment Tool- Still not on Charity Tracker
	+ Working with new program director to get this implemented
	+ Plan needs to be submitted
	+ Haven waiting list will be available for agencies
* Code Purple- Still no location to hold this for homeless when temperatures are below 20 degrees
	+ Barrier is that place should be open to animals
* Point in Time (PIT)- to be held on 1/28/2014 Wednesday
	+ Training on 1/8/2014
	+ God’s Way Event to be on the 24th or the 31st with blanket drive
* Voting to be held for lead & co-lead coalition at next meeting
* Discussion was made for emergency situation for homeless
	+ Hendersonville PD has funds to put people up in a motel until shelter opens for intakes
		- Salvation Army funds this
		- Takes them to the shelter when there is an opening
* Next meeting scheduled for January 8, 2014
* Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am