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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Brevard Housing Authority**

**133 W. Morgan Street**

**Brevard, NC 28712**

**Date: May 7, 2015**

Attendees:

Jennifer Molliere, The Haven Barbara Jean Sorensen, TRAIN

Kaitlin Huggins, TC Dept. of Health Ron Schieve, Project Connect

Donna Raspa, Sharing House Shelly Miller, TC Schools SW

Beth Branagan, TC Schools SW Emily Lowery, The Haven

* Meeting called to order 9:00 am
* Introductions
* Minutes Approved
* Agency Updates
  + Haven
    - Empty beds at the Haven and rooms open at the Family House
    - Guidelines for Haven stays are a “one time only”. They are designed to help serve more people in the community, rather than the same population over and over again.
    - ESG funds are also “one time only”
  + TRAIN
    - Direct assistance has ceased, focus is on Transportation Summit, next Friday 10-2, Community Service Building, comprehensive planning committee and the needs survey for the summit
    - May 28, training for Charity Tracker, meeting in Community Service Building
    - Health Department
      * CC4C- Pregnancy management
      * CDSA- Child Development Services, up to age 3, for high risk children, assessment done in home or at school so transportation is not an issue
    - Connect- plugging along
    - Sharing House-
      * Slow for food orders and assistance
      * Low on food donations
      * Getting Ahead has core group now
      * 4 sessions of Bridges of out Poverty
      * Wheels to Work gave 2 cars away
    - Transylvania County Schools
      * Summer School is going to happen for 2 weeks
      * Taste of Transylvania (fundraiser) teacher writes grants for needed programs
      * Coach Siniard starting a program for school age kids that are high risk for homelessness
      * McKinney Vinto definition is what school uses to define homelessness includes families that are doubled up
      * Looking for host homes for homeless high school students. Program has been successful in other communities. Considered a natural solution for situations where foster care is not an option.
    - Home Funds- (tenant based rental assistance)
      * Works in conjunction to ESG, cannot use for BHA, but can use income based housing, homeless to housed
      * Sheryl Fortune with WCCA made decision to return funds since only one person utilized this program – saved enough for only 2-3 people
      * Goal was to provide assistance to 24 people
      * May re-apply next year with different program
    - CHIN (Carolina Homeless Information Network)
      * Changing to NCHMIS (North Carolina Homeless Information Network)- Managed by Michigan HMIS
      * Hoping to integrated with other Charity Tracker, reducing the amount of time for input, and increasing the amount of users
    - Charity Tracker- software used to track assistance given to clients in the county
      * Needs more participants
      * Need to be ROI updates (Release of Informtion)
      * Need referrals to be completed when referring a client to another agency
      * Software can be used to make goals and set outcomes
    - Community Engagement Seminar
      * Digging deeper than your usual circle
      * Find the right person to ask, expanding circle
      * Target population to find out what they need
      * There has to be some mutual benefit for each contributor- what is the community gaining by
* Next Meeting- June 4, 2015
* Adjourning 9:50am