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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Brevard Housing Authority**

**133 W. Morgan Street**

**Brevard, NC 28712**

**Date: October 9, 2014**

Attendees:

 Jennifer Flood, Haven Rhodney Norman, BHA

 Ron Schieve, CONNECT, WCCA Beth Branagan, TCS

 Heather Bradley, TCHD Steve Pulliam, UW

 Caroline Carter, Meridian Louise Egerton, ESG CM

 Don Rogers, UW/BOL Barry Galloway, BPD

 Megan Kimsey, SH Shelly Miller, TCS

 Emily Lowery, Haven Amanda Lambert, TCPH

 Susan Lefler, Community Liaison

* Meeting called to order 9:00 am
* Minutes Approved
* Introductions and Agency Updates/New News
	+ Haven- 15 residents, Family Shelter full
	+ Brevard Housing Authority- 3 BR and 2 BR apartments available soon
	+ Transylvania County Schools- Angel Tree to focus on families in school system who need help with Christmas gifts
	+ Project CONNECT- Things have been slow
	+ Sharing House- Applications for assistance with Christmas must be in by October. Parents will shop for their children and take it home with them rather than volunteers putting packages together and delivering them
	+ Salvation Army- Applications for assistance with Christmas are being taken this year, however, it may be eliminated next year if not fully utilized
	+ United Way- 211 is working on agency updates; any agency that does not have a profile should contact United Way and get set up. Number of calls is increasing steadily.
	+ Bread of Life- ice cream social was a success, still serving 125 to 150 lunches per day
	+ Susan Leffler/Community- Gutters and Alleyways (a new book) has just been published, anthropology on poverty. Features a piece about The Haven and one about the Rhodeway project.
	+ Health Dept. – no new news
	+ TRAIN- Healthy Living Event was a success, 101 screening were done that day including one Haven resident and one camper as well as 20 Hispanics
	+ Meridian- new program starting, P.A.C.E (peers assisting community effort) this is a Medicaid service. Hiring two new peers. Program includes 10 hours of service per week, can take to treatment, assisted employment. Currently taking referrals, qualified applicants must be mentally disabled. The clients will receive 90 days of assistance and up to 2 years of case management,
		- Still working on ACTT Team also a Medicaid service
* ESG- TC was awarded $52K for 2015, no prevention funds awarded or shelter funds, for rapid re-housing only for deposits and past due rents, budget may be reviewed upon request
	+ No reimbursements have been received for this year, we have stopped assisting people until reimbursements start as we are out of funds to spend
* Coordinated Assessment Tool- used to gather information and channel referrals to The Haven. The tool enables us to assigns a number to client based on need. The tool is a series of questions to help determine where to send the client.
	+ We have two weeks to give them a plan on how this will be implemented
	+ Discussion was made of how agencies can access the Havens wait list.
		- Haven website
		- Charity Tracker
		- Email distribution with each update
	+ Our system can be personalized to suit our needs
	+ Discussion about making the toolkit available in many places (Haven, Charity Tracker, Project Connect, etc.)
	+ It is recommended that theVI SPDAT be done approximately 14 days after they enter the shelter
	+ Training must be done before administering the VISPDAT to clients
	+ If you have any questions, please email Jennifer at jflood@thehavenshelter.org
* Blanket Drive for Balsam Grove/God’s Way in December, weather permitting
* Next Meeting November 6, 2014