**Southwest Regional Homeless Coalition**

**January 7, 2015**

The meeting was held at the United Community Bank in Bryson City. The following people were in attendance: Kristi Case, Andrew Romines, Ashley Freeman, Cheryl Wilkins, Anna Rogers, Ashley Freeman, Matt Gaunt, Kara Long, Judith Alvarado, Anise Terry, Nick Honerkamp, Jeremy Parton, Marisol Tomas, Christan Blount, Buffy Queen.

HMIS switching to Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness (MICAH). New model will be more de-centralized, but will be same software. Everyone that can use CHIN should use CHIN. There will be CHIN training. Register in advance at nccah.org/events/804.

The VI-SPDAT was discussed Andrew will be resending out the VI-SPDAT form and the referral numbers.

Point In Time Count (PIT) – Ashley and Jennifer from REACH of Macon County will coordinate the PIT. Next Wednesday 01/14/2015 will be the training for the PIT. Wednesday January 28th will be the night of the count. To enable the region to track information on the VI-SPDAT, the tools should be sent to Kristi monthly.

The signed Emergency Solutions Grants have not been received yet.

Agencies Status:

Hawthorne Heights- Shelter and therapy for runaway and homeless youth, typically between the ages of 12 years to 17 years old. They can assist up to 20 years old. Their shelter capacity is 9 and they currently have 3.

REACH of Macon County – They currently have 2 adults and 2 children. Work is being done on their new shelter.

REACH of Haywood – They currently have 4 adults and 2 children. Haywood is in the process of updating their shelter.

VA – There are currently VASH vouchers available

Shelter Plus has 47 clients on the program

Haywood Pathways Shelter- The shelter opened in November, the kitchen is now open. The capacity is 24 and they have 17 men and 7 women in the shelter.

REACH of Cherokee – They currently have 2 adults and 2 children

REACH of Clay – They currently have 1 adult.

The next meeting will be held at Haywood Pathways on February 4, at 10am