**Southwest Regional Homeless Coalition**

**Minutes 2/4/15 10:00 am Pathways**

1. **Balance of State Call Update**
   1. **Discussed Point in Time count**
   2. **Coordinated Assessment Plans:**Our area is ahead of the game as we have already submitted our plan
   3. **2014 Awards were approved:** some counties went up
   4. **Transition CHIN to HMIS (**homeless management information system): This tracks homelessness across the state and this data goes to Congress
   5. **Balance of State Call:** Anyone can listen in on the web-based call
2. **Point in Time Count (PIT):** Ashely is collecting PITs. Counts are still coming in from homeless shelters. Haywood County split into 2 groups and went were people were believed to be staying. There was evidence of people staying places but no people were officially counted. (It was a cold night)
3. **Coordinated Assessment Check-**IN: Struggle was shared about not feeling like we should coach people but people giving answers that hurt their score when the assessor knows the problem IS present. Some people understood Ian to say we can ask clarifying questions when conflicting answers are given “you’re saying no to this questions but yesterday… is that what you meant…?. Others were trained to do no coaching.
   1. **A person can appeal:** Assessment can be given by another staff
   2. **Andrew has mainly been receiving 10 and aboves**
   3. **Please send Kristy Case Assessments monthly so she can monitor trends**
   4. **Family VISPADAT:** There is a family assessment and a training video for that
   5. **Cold Weather Shelter in Jackson:** have to be out in 14 days so was not giving VI-SPDAT.
      1. Give on day 1
      2. Will amend plan to include this
   6. **Scores:**
      1. **3-6 Rapid Re-housing:** 
         1. Refer to Mountain Projects, fax VI-SPDAT,and call Sherrill. You will need a verification of homelessness letter. You cannot use for shelter plus care.
         2. Can help with deposit, back payment on utilities, 2 months of rent
         3. **QUALIFICATION:** homeless
      2. **7 and above:** Shelter Plus Care
      3. **Reminder:** Kristy reminded that a higher score is not always better (someone with a job might benefit from Rapid Rehousing
4. **Scorecard Committee:** used to determine how we allocate funds. (Last year was the first year and was not a requirement; this year is a requirement)
   1. **Volunteers:**
      1. **Ashely, Kyler, Marisol, Christina, Andrew, Kristy**
5. **Good News:** 
   1. Perry shared several people at the shelter have found employment
   2. DSS has lots of energy assistance available for those with low income and energy needs
   3. Jackson Neighbors in Need invited to make a proposal to County Commissioner. Approved for $1/year the old rescue squad for a permanent shelter. Partnering with Habitat for Humanity. Could house 22 people. This will be for Jackson County residents

and will have to take in the truly transient case by case. Jeremy shared how Pathways is trying to do this (often taking them in for the night and supporting them in making a plan the next day)

1. **Agency Updates:**
   1. **VA has vouchers**
   2. **Meridian shared about a new program for those with Medicaid called PACE. Call Meridian for a referral 456-8604**
2. **PATHWAYS tour**
3. **Next Meeting: March 4, 10:00 am: In Bryson City**
   1. **Agenda Item: Community Planning VI-SPDAT**