**Southwest Regional Homeless Coalition**

**August 5, 2015**

Attendance: Sarah Lancaster (SM LME/MCO), Monica Frizzell (SM LME\MCO), Kristi Case (Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority), Bart O’Sullivan (Hulbert Johnson Friendship House), Debra Clarke (Hulbert Johnson Friendship House), Cheryl Wilkins (Mountain Projects), Bob Bourke (Macon New Beginnings), Christina Smith (JNIN and Clean Slate), Christian Blount (REACH of Haywood), Matt Gavat (Hawthorn Heights), Angela Chapman (REACH of Cherokee County), Judith Alvarado (REACH of Clay County), Ariana DeToro-Forlenza (VA- Homeless Program), Mindy Rathbone (The Open Door).

1. Anna Rogers took minutes last meeting (June). Thank you. Sarah will send out June minutes for approval.
2. Monica Frizzell will take minutes this month. Monica is new Western Region Housing Coordinator.
3. The minutes need updated to BoS. Sarah will request that Monica is add as webmaster and will submit minutes for 2015. Agendas will also be submitted. These need to be submitted within 30 days. Question was posed on how to take minutes and the group agreed to continue to take turns. Clarified that the timeline is within the 30 days of approval of the minutes.
4. Introductions. Please update your email address today on the sign in sheet.

Agency Updates:

Friendship House - Low count in house. Informed group of Veteran’s Stand Down. Posters are available at meeting to put up and advertise. 42 agencies are participating.

Mountain Projects – They have had an abundance of families with children this summer. Many coming in for Rapid Rehousing. Cheryl discussed the issues with state not paying non- direct or administrative costs. Mountain Projects might not be able to oversee Rapid Rehousing next year if the issues are not resolved. Discussion around the issues and what other agencies were able to take this program. Agencies must have cash flow up front to be reimbursed. RRH does have until December to spend 30,000 dollars.

Pathways/Open Door – 2 homeless families currently. Discussion on if the shelter takes families out of county. Mindy explained that they will if the consumer would like to make Haywood County their home county.

Macon New Beginnings – Have had some fundraisers. Helped 4 men in tents in July. Will hold a symposium with local stakeholders like DSS, Faith Based organizations, community members, police, councilmen, Healthy Coalitions, etc. This is to discuss how to address the homeless in Macon County. Community Building, 5 pm 8/18/2015.

REACH of Clay County – 2 women and 5 children in the shelter. They have made some upgrades to the camera system. (Had an incident of a stabbing). Working to get all up to code and upgrading electric with 5,000 dollars. Judith told a story that they helped a women get into an apartment for 3 months and the women was in the apartment 3 days and disappeared.

REACH of Cherokee – 2 adults and 1 child in shelter. 10-15 can be housed. They are working on the upstairs to renovate. Angie reported that their director’s last day is November 20, 2015.

JNIN and Clean Slate- Clean Slate - new building is wonderful. 2 women are residents. Can have up to 6 residents. The shelter for JNIN is still in process. They are looking for a place. They have the monies and for the renovations.

Cherokee Indian Hospital – Kristi have 4 projects ongoing. Her office is moving in October, 2 half way houses in the Qualla Community and a 20 bed Treatment Program in Snowbird. Right now is for the enrolled members but they might expand up to 40 beds.

REACH of Haywood – Christian reports shelter is full. 5 women, 1 child, 1 pregnant woman, 1 service dog. Re-innovations to the kitchen and hiring 2 managers.

Hawthorne Heights – Matt reports that they have 6 youth and can have up to 9 youth. They are moving to a new facility in the next month on Black Hills Road. In the new facility the children do not have to share rooms.

Smoky LME/MCO – Reported on the Recover Rally on 9/19/2015. Evergreen granted Meridian for free medications. PSH – serves 47 consumers. Previous pool will be followed up. Thank you everyone for your patience with the Smoky Housing team being short staffed.

VA – Arianna reports HUD-VASH for Jackson and Haywood counties. Vouchers must be the end of September and December. She asked for completion of challenge surveys. She will send out through Sarah.

Point in Time – BoS reviewed PIT PowerPoint and Sarah gave general information from the power point. Generally homeless went down from July according to BoS. Sarah will email Cory to request a break down per county.

ESG Scorecard Committee- Cheryl needs assistance on how to select and score applications. This helps how to fund shelters, RRH, etc. Need at least 4 people: Cheryl can help with the shelter part; Kristi can participate by phone, Christiana, Monica and Arianna. Possibly Amy from the Community Table. Sarah will send out the BoS scorecard for the differences in ranking. Please look this over.

BoS review – Overview. Meetings and groups are listed on the agenda if agencies are interested in participating. Coordinated Assessment Dialogue Group is the 2nd Tuesday and this involves RRH. If anyone is interested in new projects, please contact Cory. Please review the agenda. There is restructure in September that will focus on the MCO catchment area (regions in the catchment area). Makes sure that everyone has a slice. Follow up in November with start date in 2016. Survey for BoS completed in the meeting with group involvement.

HMIS transition – dates for transition training are listed on NCCEH website. HMIS allows a sharing agreement for other agencies. Discussed how to do this and Sarah suggested that Micha could help. Agency Administrators need to submit the required documents before attending migration training. Dates of training listed on agenda. If we find out the places, it will be sent out.

Check in on time of meeting, location of meeting and frequency of meeting. Group decided the time, location and day of the week are good. After the migration, we might move to conference calls to save time and travel. Discussion on who needs to be invited and encourage attending this committee to have a diverse representation. This can be individuals and agencies. Suggestions in meeting were 4 Square and Macon Program for Progress, ACS, etc. We will gather a list to invite others.