**Henderson County Homeless Coalition/Balance of State Meeting
July 14, 2015, 10 AM
Blue Ridge Community Health Center
Next Meeting: August 11, 2015, 10 AM**
**Present: Michael Absher, John Avery, Melissa Bailey, Emily Balcken, Shelby Ball, David Cook, Lois Decky, Robin Hellman, Trina Hill, Ron Howard, David Jacklin, Sarah Kowalak, Kathleen Lambert, Marian Lowry, Kim MacNish, Pat McCall, Kathaleen McWilliams, Rhonda Norris, Trina Rushing, Christine Singleton, Tammy Smith, Austin Watson, Amy Upham**
**Trina Hill** facilitated the meeting.

**Meeting called to order at 10:03 AM**
**Corrections to the June 9, 2015 meeting minutes.**  Five changes to minutes and motion to approve with changes made by Michael Absher, seconded by Kim MacNish. Minutes approved.

**Welcome, introductions and agency updates**

**Trina Hill** - Adult Services Henderson County DSS

**Emily Balcken** - Adolescent Parenting Program with Children and Family Resource Center
 **Sarak Kowalak** - new Director of Community Impact at United Way of Henderson County. September 11 is United Way’s annual Day of Caring. If you have any projects that your agency needs help with, We expect to have about 300 community volunteers to help in the community on that day. Registration will open July 20. Forms will be available on our website or I can email it to you.

**Kathleen Lambert** - Homes for Youth. Flyers are available for our informational meeting with DSS about how to become a foster parent. DSS will provide the speaker and HFY will provide ice cream at the meeting at Mike’s on Main, July 30 at 6:30 PM.

**Trina Rushing** - Director of the Henderson County Library System. No updates yet.
 **Austin Watson** - Joseph Outreach Ministries and Joseph’s Center on 7th Avenue.  Now open on Sunday afternoon. Fed 40 people, provided showers and laundry services, including an 11 year old boy who didn’t have clean clothes to go to Boys and Girls Club. Another training at the end of this month for volunteers to expand our hours of operation. Current hours are Sunday afternoon and Wednesday from 12 - 6 PM. Looking for more volunteers to expand hours. Can call and leave message and we will get back to you.

**Kathaleen McWiliams** -  Resource Development Director Housing Assistance Corp. Two handouts given. First newsletter, which contains articles regarding Oklawaha Village (affordable housing community) update. They will find out in the middle of August if they get the tax credit award. This is the 50th Anniversary of Housing Assistance Corporation’s Self-Help Program. 136 Homes have been completed in Henderson County since the program’s inception. Those numbers do not include all the apartment complexes that have been constructed. Also have a very viable home repair program for people with limited income. Available to meet with any agency wanting more information. Second flyer is information regarding OnTrack, a program they work with to assist people interested in the process of becoming a home owner.

**Melissa Bailey** - Patient Help Advocate with Free Clinics -  Works with transportation, housing and food. First month on the job. Most pressing needs right now are food and housing. Looking for resources and contacts for food and housing to assist patients.

**Ron Howard** - Thrive. Article in Times News indicated Thrive faces change in services. In June, Smoky Mountain LME/MCO informed us that they would not be renewing our contract for the ACT Team. Contract expires December 31, 2015. Smoky’s plan is to consolidate services into larger organizations. The ACT Team is one that is being consolidated statewide. They stated that the decision had nothing to do with performance evaluations. Two weeks after the notice to not renew, we were audited and came out at the top. Thrive Management and Board made the decision to terminate the ACT Team program August 31, 2015. Family Preservations is the program that will take over the ACT Team Program. We are now helping our clients with the transition.  Thrive WILL continue. We have a clubhouse that began in 1983 and will continue to provide all kinds of service for people with mental illness. We offer vocational training, job placement, education, coping skills, etc. It is also a safe place for these folks just to hang out. Will stay open and expand services for people with mental illness in our community. Fundraiser, September 13, 2015 Sunday afternoon from 2 - 6, annual Bids and Blues.    Flyers will be coming with details.

**Rhonda Norris** - volunteer,  New to the county and wants to learn more about the issue.

**Shelby Ball** - CC4C Nurse with the Health Dept.

**Michael Absher** - Only Hope WNC - end of the year school numbers are out on 6/15/15 for Henderson County. 340 homeless youth, 90 unaccompanied. Buncombe County - 525 homless youth and 109 unaccompanied. Definition of homeless youth was expanded a bit to include youth in families under school age. Legislation for unaccompanied 15 - 18 year olds to consent for housing is still on track. January is the schedule for legislation process to begin. New bill in the US House of Representatives to expand the HUD definition to include the McKinney-Vento definition. Already passed the Senate. Conference call last week about that. Mainstay has a new partnership, they are allowed to take 16 - 18 year old girls that are pregnant regardless of abuse or not. Meeting with the County Attorney last week regarding Alpine Woods. He will continue to pursue legal action against Alpine Woods regardless of what the paper says. Not settled. Ongoing investigation. Owner has not gotten rid of the property. Has it for sale asking $2.3 million. Property has not been transferred back to previous owner. County is seeking to put an overseer in charge of it. Attending two national conferences. Selected as WLOS Person of the Week. On news on Friday, July 17, 6 PM. Fortune 500 Magazine article is out. Electronic version available, will send a link to Trina.

**Christine Singleton** - Only Hope WNC

**John Avery** - Pathways to Permanent Housing Case Manager and Hope to Home Team Coordinator for Homeward Bound. Outreach and provide the community with volunteer opportunities.  Did a move in yesterday with the assistance of Beacon Transitions.

**Robin Hellman** - Housing Case Manager for Homeward Bound

**David Jacklin** - Director  - Henderson County Homeward Bound. Expanding our presence in Henderson County. If you have donations for housing items, we will pick them up and store them to donate to our clients.

**Marian Lowry** - Volunteer, brought Tammy Smith who is a “gap person”. She is not homeless, but is having difficulty and could end up homeless without help.

**Pat McCall** - NC Works Career Center. Assists people in filing for unemployment who have lost their jobs or relocated. Many are on the brink of homelessness or are homeless and don’t tell us. New focus is on training, short term, long term training and skills training.

**David Cook** - IAM

**Kim MacNish** - NAMI. Started Family to Family Course July 13, Still openings available. Free class for those who have family member or others they deal with who have mental illness. Monday and Thursday evenings from 6 - 8:15 PM at the mall at the Pardee Career Center. NAMI will have a table at the Apple Festival this year.

**Lois Decky** - Storehouse and Survival Mode 101.  This month is fund matching for all donations to the Storehouse.
 **Amy Upham** - Smoky Mountain LME/MCO

One page handout by Sharon Tirrell of mission and background. Move to approve with spelling changes by Austin Watson. Seconded by Michael Absher.  Approved with corrections.

**BOS Steering Committee update Trina Hill**
Trina was on the call this month to approve the scorecard. Scorecard is developed to score and rank applicants for Continuum of Care funding. Regional representatives send one member to work on the scorecard and one to serve on the project review committee. After applications are accepted, they are divided among representatives and scored and ranked for funding. Brian could not participate because of Homeward Bound seeking funding. Approval of scorecards was the balance of the call. 2015 Point in Time count data is available on the [NCCEH.org](http://NCCEH.org) website. Our County is listed in the handout on the counter. CFC Grant competition, steering committee approved the scorecard for new and renewal projects for the upcoming 2015 grant competition. Approved scorecards will be posted on the [NCCEH.org](http://NCCEH.org) website. Any organizations who want to apply for new projects, need to get the form from the NCCEH website. Austin Watson will serve on project review committee for our coalition. Trainings are available in July go to [NCCEH.org](http://NCCEH.org) for more information.  Housing first webinars are available. We can start putting our minutes on the NCCEH website now. Michael Absher just received the login. PIT Count data breaks down sheltered and unsheltered homeless in Henderson County. Numbers are available on the handout.

**Coordinated Assessment/HMIS Update David Jacklin**
Quarterly reports will now be done. Approved plans, like ours, will begin reporting in July. Soft rollout with specific organizations and then make adjustments as needed and then expand and move forward with reporting.  Transition to MCAH is pushed back to fall, so HMIS rollout is pushed back also. NCCEH will be having monthly discussion groups. First one is today at 3 PM. They will meet the second Tuesday on each month from 3 - 4 PM. Register on the NCCEH website if interested.

**Organization Information Session - Lois Decky - Survival Mode 101**
Is a course taught by Lois Decky on budgeting, money saving tips, couponing and other creative ideas to help those on a limited income save money and be thrifty. One time class is $15 for 4 - 5 hours of teaching and many resources including her book, a notebook for budgeting and handouts are given. Handouts include websites for savings, coupons, discount store locations and other places to save money when shopping. Other classes can be taught for free without the handouts. She will also do one-on-one training if requested.

**Agency Sign-Up Sheets (available on the table)**
Sign up for a 5 - 10 minute informational presentation about your agencies. No one is signed up for August yet.

**Small groups did not meet this month.
Meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM.
Next Meeting August 11, 2015 10 AM**Submitted by: Christine Singleton