# Southwest Homeless Coalition Regional Committee

# Meeting Minutes

Date: August 3, 2016  
Location: Conference Call and Smoky Mountain Sylva office

Meeting Facilitated By: Monica Frizzell

**Regional Committee Leadership**

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| **Position** | **First & Last Name** | **Agency** |
| Regional Lead & webmaster | Monica Frizzell | Smoky Mountain LME/MCO |
| Alternate Lead | Buffy Queen | Reach of Haywood County, Inc. |
| Alternate Lead | Mindy Rathbone | The Open Door Ministries |
| Coordinated Assessment Lead | Monica Frizzell | Smoky Mountain LME/MCO |
| Point In Time Count Lead | Ashley Freeman | Reach of Macon County, Inc. |

**Attendees**

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| **First & Last Name** | **Agency** |
| April | Reach of Clay County, Inc. |
| Cecilia Crawford | Reach of Cherokee County, Inc. |
| Shelly Cook | Reach of Cherokee County, Inc. |
| Courtney Bodoni | Appalachian Community Services Macon Co. |
| Karen Underwood | Hurlbert Johnson Friendship House, Murphy Shelter |
| Jessica Swink | Southwestern Child Development |
| Sheila Hoyle | Southwestern Child Development |
| Matt Gaunt | Children’s Hope Alliance |
| Amy Barnes | Meridian Behavioral Health Services |
| Cynthia Hoyle | Meridian Behavioral Health Services - Macon County |
| Ariana DeToro Fortlenz | Charles George VA Medical Center  Social Work Service/Homeless Program |
| Jill Carter | Supportive Services for Veteran Families Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry |
| Mia Boyce | Haywood Pathways Center |
| Bob Bourke | Macon New Beginnings |

**Standing Agenda Items**

1. Introductions/ Attendance – Monica Frizzell
2. Approval of Minutes -- Approved
3. BoS Steering Committee meeting highlights:

* For our Regional Committee, we are taking on Madison Co., effective 1/1/17
* Have to have ESG lead by end of today.
* We need one person to volunteer for the Project Review committee for CoC
* Comments on written standards are due by August 12th
* The selection committee is new for us and it is not in our plan. BoS does know about our committee and wants to see how it works and then update our plan.

1. Coordinated Assessment: The coordinated assessment is done. BoS will be giving us

feedback with visual reports.

1. RRH update – Has budget prepared – will be emailed to us. Only 3 people approved

have found housing. Two got into housing in about a week. We are spending approximately $2000 per person. We will stop taking people in November. A total of 6 have been approved.

1. PSH update – Monica Frizzell - We are renewing the grant. Consolidated all three into

One. Total of 49 slots (2 over allocation) have been filled with 12 on the waitlist.

1. Veterans Administration/ABCCM – Funding for homeless prevention is very limited –

they have to have a court ordered eviction. HUD VASH has 3 vouchers in Haywood – 2

housed and 1 waiting. New staff member Lauren joined committee today. Veteran

Stand Down in Franklin is October 27th. Monica will email out a flyer for members.

1. Agency Report Out:

REACH of Clay County- shelter has been busy – currently full.

REACH of Haywood County: they are full with 3 families, 4 women and 5 kids. Has placed one

in an apartment.

REACH of Macon County: 4 currently and one moved out.

REACH of Cherokee County: 1 resident and helped 4 with housing

Macon New Beginnings: Jan – June 2016- they had 91 people. 48 with shelter. Now supporting Food program on Thursday evenings.

Haywood Pathways Center: They have 23 men / 9 women. 10 have been reunited with

family, 2 received housing, 5 went to other services, and 10 families were helped with

emergency housing.

Hurlburt Johnson Friendship House, Inc. – hiring a new director. Director starting end of August. They are not completely full, but have been full or almost full consistently this year. 2 of them are waiting for PSH.

Children’s Hope Alliance: 4 children – 1 is homeless – requesting grant for children transitioning out of foster care.

The Open Door Ministries: helped 2 with RR applications

Appalachian Community Services of Macon Co.: have 2 people who have scored 11 for RR

**OTHER Agenda Items**

Sheila Hoyle reminded us that homeless families go to head of list for childcare through Southwestern Childcare. They are a priority group.

Starting training/refresher on Regional Committee functions – Part 1 today was history and common terminology (overview). Will have this put together in orientation packet for new members.

Committee assisted SWCDC with information to completed RRH CoC grant application.

**tasks**

1. Monica is meeting with Madison on 8/11 to start transition.
2. Have to have ESG lead by end of today.
3. We need one person to volunteer for the Project Review committee for CoC
4. Comments on written standards are due by August 12, 2016 to BoS. Please send Monica your feedback.
5. Mindy or volunteer must attend Steering Committee on 8/30/2016.
6. CoC New and Renewal Grants are due by 8/12/2016.

**Next meeting: September 7, 2016 at 10am-11:30am at the Smoky Mountain Sylva Office – 44 Bonnie Lane, Sylva, or join by conference call; 1-877-885-3221. Passcode: 4318258**