# Southwest Homeless Coalition Regional Committee

# Meeting Minutes

Date: December 7, 2016  
Location: 44 Bonnie Lane, Sylva and via Conference Call

Meeting Facilitated By: Monica Frizzell

**Regional Committee Leadership**

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| **Position** | **First & Last Name** | **Agency** |
| Regional Lead | Monica Frizzell | Vaya Health |
| Alternate Lead | Buffy Queen-absent | Reach of Haywood County, Inc. |
| Alternate Lead | Mindy Rathbone | The Open Door Ministries |
| Coordinated Assessment Lead | Monica Frizzell | Vaya Health |
| Point In Time Count Lead | Ashley Freeman | REACH of Macon County, Inc. |

**Attendees**

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| **First & Last Name** | **Agency** |
| Laura Bartucca | Vaya Health |
| Kristi Case | Analenisgi BH/ Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority |
| Brian Alexander | Balance of State representative |
| Kelly Shook | REACH of Cherokee County, Inc. |
| Courtney Bodoni | Appalachian Community Services |
| Jessie Swink | Southwestern Child Development Center |
| Judith Alvarado | REACH of Clay County, Inc. |
| Lauren Zaloshinsky | VA Homeless Outreach SW region |
| Diane Phillips | REACH of Haywood County, Inc. |
| Bob Bourke | Macon New Beginnings |
| Lauren Russotti | Jackson Neighbors in Need |
| Jennifer Turner | REACH of Macon County, Inc. |

**Standing Agenda Items**

1. Introductions/ Attendance – Monica Frizzell
2. Approval of Minutes – approved Review of Action Items – accomplished
3. BoS Steering Committee meeting highlights

BoS Steering Committee - The governance charter that leads our committee was updated, it’s about 85pgs. *Monica will send out to committee so members can review*. Also spoke about the restructure, PIT count, and coordinated assessment. There are big changes coming in coordinated assessment with the New Year. The ESG office has said they’ll be sending contracts out in January.

1. PSH update – Monica Frizzell

PSH is at over capacity with 51 people in slots (4 over capacity).4 on Wait pool. Two additional applications were received but are incomplete and therefore cannot be processed.

1. RRH update – Monica Frizzell/Jessie Swink

Rapid Rehousing Update- When funds wrap up this month will have housed 15 families. (Jessie is not sure of individual count will have housed). Hopefully RRH will be able to do even more next year.

1. Funding Lead and ESG Score Card update- REACH of Macon/Kristi Case/Brian Alexander

Ashley freeman and Jennifer Turner asking to defer to Andrea (the Executive Director) about taking on lead for 2017. For update on applications submitted, unfortunately, Hurlburt Johnson not included because they did not get information in on time. There was a lot of information to include and agencies rely on each other. Our region did not lose the money, but due to the time constraints, not a lot more that could be done to give more time to get information in for application. There were lots of agencies missing paperwork at first. This is not the only project or grant application that we (REACH of Macon) have. The group needs to have a deadline consensus and stick with it. We can’t extend since the ESG and Michael Leach stated there were no extensions. There were no exceptions made.

Jennifer would like to go over process for next time to better prepare. Maybe a good idea is to have a hardcopy form available, and perhaps a calendar to share so we can advertise the funding. For the score card process- can we do it WAY before the application comes out? Let’s do some pre-planning. Brian added that ‘it’s is a hard role and said thank you for taking that on’ and ‘good job Macon County REACH’.

Brian said that we never know what the application is going to look like. We offer advice on how we’d like it to look, but we are not sure. Committee goals were a new question this year and there were a lot of questions on this to BoS. The turnaround time can be very quick for ESG applications. Brian stated advertising is good because it provides an opportunity for local agencies to be aware of the funding although some committee members feel it is not as feasible because the short time turn around.

1. Agency Report Out:

REACH of Clay County – Judith- Currently there are three women in Clay. One person just started a job and is super excited. She had been isolated by the abuser and out of the workforce for some time. They have gotten a call to serve someone from GA. There is a church providing a Christmas meal to the shelter.

REACH of Haywood County – Diane- There is one room empty in Haywood. It’s the first time in a while as they’ve been extremely full. They also have sponsors for the holidays. They are getting younger single women because there are no housing options.

REACH of Macon County- Ashley-shelter is ‘super full’ every room is full. Currently serving 7 women and 14 children and one may enter the shelter today as well. Ashley added one individual may be going to Jackson County cold weather shelter.

REACH of Cherokee County— Kelly stated there’s been a full house until recently. Currently only one individual in the shelter at this time. We have had some women relocate to agencies closer to their jobs or other natural supports. Kelly believes to help with whatever is best for the individual. Recently met with Chief of Police in Murphy to set-up an office in the station to help with DVPOs. Business cards being provided to individuals. Harrah’s of Cherokee will donate money from employees to the organization quarterly. Earning “Hero hours” for employees. Contacted past residents so gifts can be given (to children). A lot of good things to come for the people we serve and the community.

Analenisgi Behavioral Health/Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority- building a residential treatment center in the Snowbird area. The estimated completion being Oct-Nov 2017. This facility will be for ECB and other federally recognized tribes. Some conversations about the potential work with Vaya Health. Halfway house is having some political issues with the location.

JNIN – new case manager Lauren - Currently there are 16 people at the shelter, adults and children being served by Jackson Neighbors in Need. Last JNIN meeting Section 8 used 40 out of 200 appointments for applications. It is taking 2-3 weeks for the appointment to complete application.

VA Homeless Outreach SW region – Lauren said can serve vouchers for HUD-VASH in Haywood County. Can’t do Jackson and Macon Counties currently-- it may be a case management or distance from VA. Brian said maybe able to ‘port’ those in Jeff (VISN) from VA med ctr. If there is a Veteran that scores into PSH and a referral is made to get a voucher and port to their county. Do the referral to the medical center to be put in acuity order. That way the individual can be served in the best possible way. The caveat is they are looking at the highest scores.

Macon New Beginnings – MNB has been in existence since April 2015, helping the homeless in the community. In January 2016, merged/acquired Serving Spoon. They provide a hot meal on Thursdays. MNB is partnering with agencies in the area that exist (and we can help), i.e. Macon Program for Progress along with CareNet. If there is a homeless individual we try to arrange for lodging. If MNB has a childcare need they reach out to MPP, if its food related Care Net and vice versa. In November worked with 25 families to prevent homelessness. One family was sheltered. The county was hosting the firefighters and in one week during the wildfires there were 750 extra meals served. Phone number 828-202-3103, goes to Bob. Next step in partnerships, starting a dialogue with Full Circle.

Balance of State – Brian spoke about the Veteran’s initiative. There are five in the balance of state. Trying to implement statewide regulations, so regional plans will come out of that.

Elections were held and the following were voted in for Regional Committee Leadership

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| Regional Lead |  |  |
| Alternate Lead |  |  |
| Social Media Master | Jessica Swink | Southwestern Child Development |
| Coordinated Assessment Lead | Monica Frizzell | Vaya Health |
| Coordinated Assessment Alternate Lead | Mindy Rathbone | The Open Door Ministries |
| Point In Time Count Lead | Ashley Freeman | Reach of Macon County, Inc. |
| Funding Process Lead (ESG) | Jennifer Turner-Lynn (Tentative) | Reach of Macon County, Inc. |
| Score Card Committee Lead | Kristi Case | ABH/ Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority |
| Veteran’s Lead | Jill Carter | ABCCM |
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**Next meeting: January 4, 2017 at 10am-11:30am at the Smoky Mountain Sylva Office – 44 Bonnie Lane, Sylva, NC 28779 or join by conference call.**