Balance of State Regional Committee Meeting Minutes 04/18/2013

Members Present

Shari Wright BWB Connections
Sharon Osborne Yorkfellow

Larry McMullen VTAB
Frances Johnson National Guard

Sharon Poarch Shelter Home

# Introductions: Shari Wright asked for introductions.

1. **Review of Minutes:** Shari W. asked for everyone to review March minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Larry McMullen and seconded by Sharon Poarch.
2. **Announcements/Discussion:**

There is a group planning a shelter through the city. We are not sure who is doing this project. Sharon Osborne will contact Mayor Gibbons to open the door for communications. How can we have a say in the development and implementing of a Safe Shelter to include a Day Shelter. Sharon Osborne would be willing to act as the Director of the Shelter through Yorkfellow. Sharon Poarch and Shari Wright will put together a Foothills Continuum of Care brochure once they have met with the state and understand the how to develop and implement a CoC.

Sharon Osborne suggested that we have small sub-committees to take on certain projects (ie: PIT, Awareness and membership).

We need to work with the Mental Health and Substance Abuse agencies to better serve the clients coming through the shelters. The shelters would like the sharing of information from agencies to better determine the level of service needed for these participants.

1. **Agency Updates:**
	1. **National Guard**-Have Soldiers coming home next week
	2. **Shelter Home**-Sharon P. reported the shelter is at about 55% completion on their project. Average daily occupancy is 25; they are a 21 bed facility.
	3. **VTAB**-Stand down next Friday April 26, 2013.
	4. **Shelter Home**: Renovation is about 80% complete. As of Monday they are vacating the old shelter completely. They have 60 days to complete the project and be in full capacity.
	5. **Yorkfellow**: Feeding numbers was 21,000 last year. Cannot keep up with the demand. Will be putting some programs into places. Making gentle mandatory classes on budgeting, Job Seeking and Grocery store tours.
	6. **Housing Thru Connections**: In the process of changing the name to GIFTS – Giving Individual Families Total Support.

Next Meeting May 16, 2013

Minutes submitted by Shari Wright