**Transylvania County** **Homeless Coalition**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Brevard Housing Authority**

**133 W. Morgan Street**

**Brevard, NC 28712**

**Date: November 7, 2013**

Attendees:

Jennifer Flood, Haven Erika Gonzales, Brevard Housing Authority

Beth Branagan, TCCS Ron Schieve, CONNECT, WCCA

Candace Mance, Pisgah Legal Erika Edwards, SAFE

Kathleen Mallet, CARE, CCB Don Rogers, UW, Bread of Life

Lizzi Shimer, TC Schools SW Phyllis Chandler, Sharing House

David Bond, Smokey Mtn.

* Meeting called to order 9:00 am
* Introductions
* Meeting Minutes Approved from last meeting
* The Haven Announced the purchase of a new building for a family shelter
  + There will be a live in house manager
  + Overnight volunteers will not be used
  + Run democratically by residents
  + Churches will be asked to sponsor families or rooms
  + Fund raising will begin after the first of the year
  + Press release out soon
  + Goal is to have the families pay rent of $100 per week
  + Manager will be a former resident of the Haven
  + House will be considered permanent supportive housing
  + Residents can stay 12-18 months
  + People who have been evicted from BHA would be eligible and receive intensive case management
  + Looking for grants and funding
* ESG
  + Looking for classes to add to the program
  + Career Readiness Certificate from the Job Link Center is strongly encouraged
  + Use of funds has been extended until end of 2013
  + 2014 Funds were cut to 48K
  + Rapid Rehousing includes Louise Egertons pay
  + Coordinated Intake is Emily’s responsibility, and is also billed against ESG funds
  + An additional10K is allocated for prevention
  + Plans to apply for BOS/COC in 2014
  + 42 households have been housed since November 2012

***Agencies Updates:***

* United Way, Budgeting Classes
  + Collaborative grant with United Way, OnTrack
  + Offering classes on budgeting
  + Classes will be offered to ESG recipients
  + Classes will be offered again in the Spring of 2014
* Smokey Mountain
  + They will be hiring somebody to fill the position of Housing Specialist in the area
* CARE
  + Support group for parents of children with substance abuse, Tuesdays 1 pm
  + Education on how to know the signs of drug abuse will be covered at the support group meeting
  + Kathleen will do a presentation for ESG clients about prescription pill use in December
* Oxford House
  + A home has been found and they hope to move in December 1st
  + First group of residents will be selected by Meridian
  + Interviewed by Misty Wilkins, District Manager for Oxford House
  + Applications for residency can be made at www.OxfordHouseNC.org
  + House is between Rosman and Brevard near Cherryfield Road
  + 4 BR on top, 3 BR on bottom
  + $100 weekly rent for residents
  + Lease is being negotiated