# Southwest Homeless Coalition Regional Committee

# Meeting Minutes

Date: March 3, 2016
Location: Conference Call

Meeting Facilitated By: Monica Frizzell

**Regional Committee Leadership**

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| **Position** | **First & Last Name** | **Agency** |
| Regional Lead | 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 |  |  |
| Point In Time Count Lead | Ashley Freeman  | Reach of Macon County, Inc.  |

 **Attendees**

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| **First & Last Name** | **Agency** |
| Judith Alvarado | Reach of Clay County, Inc.  |
| Christan Blount | Reach of Haywood County, Inc. |
| Reba West | Reach of Haywood County, Inc. |
| Kristi Case | Analenisgi Behavioral Health/Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority |
| Mia Boyce | Haywood Pathways Center |
| Bob Bourke | Macon New Beginnings |
| Ginger Hill | Family Resource Center |
| Hannah Cantrell | Macon County Detention Center |

**Standing Agenda Items**

1. Introductions/ Attendance – Monica Frizzell
2. Approval of Minutes -Approval of December minutes, January minutes unavailable.
3. Coordinated Assessment- with RRH, new scores will need to be determined.
4. RRH update – Ginger Hill- Update – Anticipate that RRH will start around March 15, 2016. Forms and requirements will be sent out. RRH will include 3 months (up to 4 months) rental assistance, plus security and power deposits.
5. PSH update – Monica Frizzell – 47 slots full and 16 on wait pool
6. Agency Report Out:
* REACH of Clay County- 3 women currently – Sexual Assault Awareness month
* REACH of Haywood County – 5 women and 2 children
* Macon New Beginnings – 1 male veteran
* Haywood Pathways Center – 38 currently
* Kristi Case – Recovery Center open with Peer Support Specialist. Men’s half way house slotted to open this summer and SA residential in Snowbird slotted for Feb 2017 (at the soonest)
1. PIT update not available since Ashley could not join call. Monica was able to confirm that PIT was submitted before deadline. PIT deadline for PSH was extended and will be submitted in March

**Other Agenda Items**

Kristi Case gave history of Balance of State for Regional committee:

1996- HUD began requiring communities to apply as a community, rather than separate applications to HUD, after finding the communities had similar programs that weren’t talking to each other. Required the Continuum of Care process to begin.

 2003- Kristi started in Housing Coordination at Smoky Mountain Center

2004- Kristi began holding meetings which became the Southwestern Regional Continuum of Care, with assistance from Martha Are, DHHS, since there were available funds that weren’t being applied for in this area. State started community wide application to prioritize assistance

2005- State started to form Balance of State (BoS) to access the 4 million dollars that were not active (especially helpful for rural communities).

2006- Southwestern CoC joined the Balance of State, granting access to additional unspent funding across the state. BoS – Funding for region went from 200,000 to 1 million – (because Smoky was a top ranking applicant, it was offered additional resources. Not all Regional Committees had this access, so I wouldn’t say that regional committees could access 5 times the funding, that’s just the way it worked out for us in that initial application cycle. It has happened a few other times that Smoky has had access to additional funds due to being a high scoring applicant.)

**Group decided that the next meeting: April 6, 2016 at 10am-11:30am will be by conference call.**