**Transylvania Regional Committee
Meeting Minutes**

**Date: April 7, 2016
Location: Brevard Housing Authority**

**Meeting Facilitated By: Jennifer Molliere**

**Regional Committee Leadership**

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| **Position** | **First & Last Name** |
| Regional Lead | Jennifer Molliere |
| Alternate Lead | Barbara Marr |
| Coordinated Assessment Lead | Jennifer Molliere |
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 **Attendees**

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| **First & Last Name** | **Agency** | **Contact Information** |
| Jennifer Molliere | The Haven |  |
| Barbara Marr | United Way TC TRAIN |  |
| Mark Fields | The Haven |  |
| David Carr | ABCCM/VSC |  |
| Charlotte Davis | WCCA |  |
| Rhodney Norman | BHA |  |
| Ron Shieve | Connect |  |
| Beth Branagan | TCS |  |
| Shelly Miller | TCS |  |
| Heather Bradley | TCHD |  |
| Trina Hill | HC DSS |  |
| David Jacklin | Homeward Bound |  |
| Amy Pointer | Sharing House |  |
| Amy Upham | Smokey Mountain |  |
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**Standing Agenda Items**

**Approval of previous month’s minutes**

**Balance of State COC:**

The March Raleigh conference included a proposal for regionalizing our committee. Transylvania County currently stands alone as a committee. The proposed plans would include Polk, Rutherford, Henderson, and Madison Counties in the new committee. Henderson, Rutherfold, Polk and Transylvania had an initial meeting of leads and discussed pros and cons.

 Pros: Transylvania will still have it’s own monthly meetings, but Lead(s) will be required to attend a quarterly regional meeting. Any members of local Coalition may attend the regional meetings as well.

 This opportunity to regionalize provides an opportunity to collaborate for ESG application process and only leave project applications to the local Coalition.

 This could open our county to more resources.

 Cons: Madison County does not currently have a homeless coalition or point in time count. They share no boundaries with any of the proposed partners. This will make strengthening their efforts difficult when Polk and Rutherford are just starting as well.

Vote for restructuring:

 The Coalition voted unanimously to Re-structure and omit Madison County from the proposed counties.

**Agency reports**

* Haven/Haven Family House: One room offline awaiting cleanup. Three on the waiting list.
	+ Mark Fields is new Asst. Director who will be completing more one-on-one work with residents. His hours are Monday-Thursday from 3-8pm.
* Smokey Mountain: Changed to a provider network and they can now be more direct with housing providers.
* ABCCM Veterans Services: 75% of funds are for homeless veterans, 25% prevention. Supports veterans with utilities, rent, etc…
* WCCA Self-Sufficiency: Three active clients in Transylvania County. Program targets those below poverty line with schooling, housing in this long-term program, which could last up to three years. She is currently looking for more referrals.
* Public Health (HD): Announced the Kindergarten Rally taking place later in the afternoon.
* Sharing House: Food Drive announced for June 4th. New Pantry Manager, Pam Schou will be working full-time in the pantry at Sharing House.
* Brevard Housing Authority (BHA): There are currently 4 vacant units. They are slated to be filled by the end of the month. BrevardHousingAuthority.org website is now up and running. Application will be accepted online. One note: Applicants should not have a felony in the last five years. Appeals can be filled if application turned down.
* Connect: The program has evolved into general system navigation.
* Transylvania County Schools (TCS): Beth stated that 30 additional individuals have been added to the homeless list per the McKinney Vento definition. She stated that Transylvania County needs a full spectrum of support services including shelter, transitional housing, and affordable housing. Teens in Crisis is looking at youth shelters.
	+ Shelly stated that TC Henderson alone has quadrupled numbers of homeless individuals. Question is where for families with felonies go for housing? BHA added comment about 5 years, but appeals process available. TC Henderson is moving forward with plans to be a Magnet School.
* TRAIN: VolunteerTransylvania.org Opportunity Fair is scheduled for April 13th at the Rogow Room from 10am to 2pm. TrnasylvnaiResources.com and brochure were created as a result of Early Childhood Initiative. PNC has given United Way additional space. TRAIN will have an office and a non-profit support center will be on site, including conference room, which will be available to all non-profits in the county.

**Next meeting date, time, & location: May 5th at 9am, Brevard Housing Authority.**