Balance of State Regional Committee Meeting Minutes 7/25/2013

Members Present  
  
Shari Wright BWB Connections

Sharon Poarch Shelter Homes

Sharon Osborne Yokefellow  
Frances Johnson National Guard

Vickie Basinger Kwanzaa Family Inn  
Angela Battle Kwanzaa Family Inn  
Sarah McBrayer Smoky Mtn.   
Sharon Poarch Shelter Home

# Introductions: Shari Wright asked for introductions.

1. **Review of Minutes:** Shari asked for everyone to review April minutes. Motion to approve the minutes by Sharon Poarch was second by Sarah McBrayer.
2. **Discussion on Continuum of Care:**
   1. **Rapid Re-housing** Sharon Poarch reported that she has been informed that the rapid Re-housing funding may be eliminated due to difficulty with implementation in North Carolina. The committee discussed ESG and Rapid Re-housing and how to apply next funding cycle.
   2. **BOS Regional Lead Training Review:**  Shari Wright and Sharon Poarch shared information learned in the BOS Regional Lead Training with committee. The committee agreed that several of the ideas brought back from other areas are worth trying to increase committee census.
   3. **National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week:** the committee decided collectively that we must make this a big project to get the community involved in the Coc. The committee delegated out the following duties for the event:
3. The Event Date will be Saturday November 23, 2013
4. The Committee would like Sharon Poarch to assist with getting the Fair Grounds as a location
5. The Committee would like Sharon Osborne to get assistance from local churches as volunteers for the day
6. Vickie Basinger was delegated to get flyers together for advertisement of the event
7. We will discuss other activities at the August 15, 2013 meeting.
8. **Agency Updates:**
   1. **National Guard/VTAB**-Larry came in at end of meeting to give report that the Ashville Buncombe Community Christ Ministry is doing outreach in 22 counties and are aiding male and female veterans with housing and other needs.
   2. **Smoky Mtn**.-No Updates
   3. **McDowell Mission**-No Present
   4. **Shelter Home**-Sharon reported that the open house for the renovation to the Shelter Home was a big success and has offered the conference room at Shelter Homes for our next meeting.
   5. **Kwanzaa**-No Updated

Next meeting August 15, 2013. We will attempt to Skype this meeting with McDowell.

Minutes submitted by Shari Wright