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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Brevard Housing Authority**

**133 W. Morgan Street**

**Brevard, NC 28712**

**Date: May 2, 2013**

* Attendees:

Lizzi Shiver, TC Public Schools Ron Schieve, SAFE, WCCA

Jennifer Flood, Haven Erika Gonzalez, Brevard Housing Authority

Beth Branagan, TC Public Schools Kathleen Mallet, CARE

Shelley Webb, Sharing House Candace Mance, Pisgah Legal

Susan Lefler, Community Rep.

* Meeting called to order 9:02 am
* Deviation to last month’s minutes: Change spelling in Ron’s name (Schieve)
  + Minutes approved
* ESG
  + Changes/Additions
  + Need to work on a new budget
    - Possibly ask to re-appropriation of funds for prevention
    - Definite need for prevention
      * Would help Sharing House
    - BHA utility checks will decrease and rent will increase as of June 1, 2013
    - Budget to be done by 9th
    - Sharing House could provide numbers of those in need to help work on the budget
    - Church input on how much they have spent on prevention would be helpful
    - Many people have maxed out money Sharing House can give
    - Need work mentoring program
      * Missy and Phyllis at Sharing House already doing something like that
        + Missy did not have good turnout, by appointment only now
      * Sharing House states there is a guy that is doing something with skills and academics, like food service
      * Problem is clients are not following through with programs
      * May be able to require participation to receive ESG funds
      * Need to plan a program with a speaker that has successfully made the transition from homelessness to talk to them, location like the soup kitchen, bring the venue to them
        + Talk to Michael Collins about this
      * Need to make area churches aware of need for affordable housing, PIT numbers may be helpful
      * Agency News
      * Episcopal Church does garden for Bread of Life
      * WCCA has plant program
      * Food stamp recipients can get fishing license for free at DSS
      * Oakley Farmers Market, Sharing House
        + June 8, Oakley United Methodist 2 day workshop

Food and Faith Coalitions, Fred Benson

* Balsam Grove Event
* El Centro Event
* Open House Catholic Church
  + Saturday May 18, drop in to let them know needs in community
* Meridian Open House
  + Mental Health Month, 12-3pm, Thursday May 23, Recovery Education, put info out
* 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness
  + Got it into word!!
  + Need volunteers to work on customizing it, and prepare to present to City Council and County Commissioners for their approval
  + We want to get this 10 year plan distributed to all agencies in county, get their perspective
  + Goal set to be done by the end of 2013, so we can get on the budge agendas for city and county
* Haven Closing Date
  + Board has made the date for Haven to be closed for renovations the last week in July, first week in August, Monday July 29 – August 12, 2013
* Building behind the Haven as an Oxford House
  + $289,000, too expensive for HAVEN, offer of $150K was turned down
  + House on Johnson Street used for Kym Brown’s office 3-4 BR, Cathy Williams is trying to get some income from it (Children’s Center) might be new location for Oxford House
* Next meeting is June 6, 2013
* Meeting Adjourned 9:45am