Balance of State Regional Committee Meeting Minutes 5/15/14

Foothills Homeless Coalition

**Members present**

Sharon Osborne YokeFellow

Sharon Poarch Shelter Home  
Larry McMullen VTAB

Lisa Lawson Smoky Mtn. Center

Lori Watts Smoky Mtn. Center

Kristi Case Smoky Mtn. Center

Don Bushman Caldwell Healthnet Collab.

Ariana DeToro-Forlenza VA Medical Center

Michael Townsend American Red Cross

Chris Davis Caldwell Co United Way

Guest, Corey Root NCCEH, BoS Staff

Meeting began at 1:10 with welcome and introductions.

April Minutes were read and approved.

Next meeting?? DSS moved us-Caldwell County Library

Commissioners’ appointments for their boards mentioned by Larry McMullen-

New member – Mike Townsend, Red Cross

Corey Root is guest speaker and discussed NCCEH and SOAR Program

Chris Davis – United Way

Purpose - Priorities

Mission

New programs coming so we need to establish Purpose (Priorities and Mission)

Establish Sub Groups – PIT, establish meeting dates and will discuss at our June meeting

Use Federal Strategic Plan to end “Homelessness”

Corey Root: A system in transition; shifting our priorities and programs to end homelessness

Handout from Corey – program ended at 2:25

Next Agenda: ESG $$ - Planning and Distribution

Regional Continuum of Care/Balance of State makes decision – No conflict of interest

-How to make distribution of funds

-Standards

Agency Updates:

Smoky – has 6 slots for shelter plus care (3 counties), felony problems create difficulty in getting housing. ACT Services – gave info

Shelter Home – Project Disabled, Elderly, Non English Speaking, Victims of Crime and Special Populations

Rapid Re-housing $$

Project Lazarus – Drug problems with prescription drugs. Members are made up of service organizations that deal with drug problems.

Foothills Stand Down completed and numbers forthcoming.