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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Brevard Housing Authority**

**133 W. Morgan Street**

**Brevard, NC 28712**

**Date: June 5, 2014**

Attendees:

Emily Lowery, Haven Stoney Blevins, DSS

Erica Edwards, SAFE Parker Smith, Pisgah Legal

Rhodney Norman, BHA Sheila Galloway, WCCA

Sarah Lancaster, Smoky Mtn. Ctr.

* Meeting called to order 9:00 am
* Introductions
* Minutes Approved
* Agency Updates
  + SAFE – new addition to be competed first of Sept., still working out details, new addition will be transitional housing and crisis unit, 6 bedrooms, will be a step up, clients can stay longer, program will be changing, new employee: Claire Marie
  + WCCA
    - Financial Solutions Class coming up, ESG clients will be required to attend
    - United Way Collaborative Grant was awarded
    - Middle School and High School financial classes in spring
    - Adult literacy classes, series of 3, will have one on one counselor
    - Section 8 waiting list is not as long due to recent purge, now wait is 1 ½ years
  + BHA
    - No vacancies, waiting list is 6-8 months
  + DSS
    - New fiscal year, may be contacting agencies to collaborate with
    - Out of the Rodeway crisis situation, clients are now coming to DSS for payee services through APS, clients can voluntarily sign up
  + Haven
    - New Haven Family House is almost completed, 5 BR house, currently waiting list is 8 people long, still looking for dressers, and end tables
  + Pisgah Legal
    - SOAR!! Pisgah Legal now has a dedicated SOAR worker, filling disability for homeless individuals, 70 day approval
    - Elder Program, for elders who may be financially abused, elder consumer services program, focus towards credit card and payee 150 cases
  + Smoky Mountain Center
    - Housing website is complete with housing opportunities for Buncombe and Transylvania, listing food pantries, permanent supportive housing, transitional housing,
    - Merger is going well
* NCCEH Coordinated Assessment Toolkit
  + This was printed and reviewed by members
  + Please join NCCEH if you are a coalition member and have not already
* Next meeting scheduled for July 10, 2014
* Meeting Adjourned 9:38 am

**Sarah Lancaster would like to be put on agenda for July!!**