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

**Meeting Minutes**

**Location: Brevard Housing Authority**

**133 W. Morgan Street**

**Brevard, NC 28712**

**Date: December 4, 2014**

Attendees:

Jennifer Flood, Haven Rhodney Norman, BHA

Kaitlin Higgins, TCDHP Ron Schieve, CONNECT

Erica Edwards, SAFE Erin Drew, The Family Place

Shelly Webb, Sharing House Ariana DeToro-Forlenza, VA

Kaitlin Huggins, TCHD Susan Lefler, Community Liaison

Emily Lowery, Haven Barbara Jean Sorensen, TRAIN

* Meeting called to order 9:00 am
* Minutes Approved
* Introductions and Agency Updates
  + BHA- Renovations underway, will be next summer before complete and 1 building will not be complete until next year
  + TRAIN- Finding that people’s needs are outside the normal, starting a support group for Women who are experiencing poverty for the first time.
  + SAFE- Thanksgiving was fantastic for residents, shelter is busy 8-10 children ages 3 years-14 years
  + CONNECT- has served over 300 children, just received a grant CFWNC
  + Community- Gutters and Alleyways book is now available on Amazon, poem nominated for an prestigious award written about a Haven resident
  + Health Department- Pertussis Outbreak, last outbreak was 2010 and counted 10 cases, this outbreak is up to 40 people
    - Just received flu shots, had just ran out
  + Sharing House- Amy Pointer new crisis assistance
    - Received grant for people in need- hiring for this in March and taking referrals, Ruby Pain program, this program is future oriented, to decide what they want in life, 12-14 people (families) peer support, 14 week program, for middle class and those at poverty level. Peers will take classes together and learn about the struggles of others. Will be a learning experience for both middle class and those in poverty
    - Adopt a family program has changed. Santa Shop is set up so parents have $50, to “shop” as they would if they were buying in a store. Changed from years before where volunteers picked the gifts and delivered them to the families.
    - Numbers are up for those served
    - 10,000 pounds of food taken in for food drive!!
  + Family Place- Christmas thank you lunch coming up
    - Picture with Santa also coming up at Dugan’s
    - Parent Chat at The Haven, has been very successful
    - Starting in February, new parenting classes, Rosman preschool age, Brevard school age, 14 week program
    - Dad chat available, however, not utilized yet, can meet 2 times a month, every other Tuesday (1st and 3rd), childcare available, Contact Danny Davis
  + United Way- in the middle of campaign
    - 1 million dollar goal
    - $30K ahead of last year at this same time
    - January 22nd due date for grant proposals
    - Collaborative intents due
    - Doing a mailing for tiny houses to find out if there’s interest
      * Collaborating with contractors
      * Will be putting a guide together for how to do pamphlet
  + Oxford House- Open House a success
  + Bread of Life- Served over 200 people on Thanksgiving Day
* ESG- still do not have contract for 2015
  + - Have received one reimbursement check
    - Have some money to help clients
* Home Funds- should have contract any day now
  + Program for homeless and will pay rent up to 6 months
  + Must have verification from an agency
  + Cap is fair market rent using Asheville’s market rent
  + Client must be able to afford rent after funds are completed
* Affordable Housing Meeting- focus group on lack of affordable housing
  + Meeting will be held 12/8 1 pm in Brevard City Council Meeting Room
  + Transylvania County has never received funds
  + Need people to build, and manage new affordable housing projects in the county.
  + Examples of Affordable Housing are French Broad, English Hills, The Cottages of Brevard
  + These are tax credit developments, corporate builders
  + Far below poverty level $250-300 a month
  + The average income for this group is $800 monthly, many on fixed income
* Coordinated Assessment Tool- Still not on Charity Tracker
  + Working with new program director to get this implemented
  + Plan needs to be submitted
  + Haven waiting list will be available for agencies
* Code Purple- Still no location to hold this for homeless when temperatures are below 20 degrees
  + Barrier is that place should be open to animals
* Point in Time (PIT)- to be held on 1/28/2014 Wednesday
  + Training on 1/8/2014
  + God’s Way Event to be on the 24th or the 31st with blanket drive
* Voting to be held for lead & co-lead coalition at next meeting
* Discussion was made for emergency situation for homeless
  + Hendersonville PD has funds to put people up in a motel until shelter opens for intakes
    - Salvation Army funds this
    - Takes them to the shelter when there is an opening
* Next meeting scheduled for January 8, 2014
* Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am