

Transylvania County Homeless Coalition Meeting Minutes

Location: Brevard Housing Authority
133 W. Morgan Street
Brevard, NC 28712

Date: December 6, 2012

Attendees:

Beth Branagan, TC Schools
Emily Paris, MANNA Food Bank
Megan Hare, TRAIN
Kym R. Brown, CONNECT
Louise Edgerton, Meridian
Teesie Townsend, SAFE

Jennifer Flood, The Haven
Erika Gonzalez, BHA
Eric Crews, T Times
Jennifer Jeter, Western Highlands
Don Rogers, United Way
Kimberly Austin, Brevard Health Center

- Meeting called to order 9:00 am
- Introductions
- Meeting Minutes Approved from last meeting
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) status
 - We still need training and forms for inspections, information is trickling in little at a time
 - May use WCCA forms used for HOME program
 - Program is online and moving forward
 - Homeless definition is much simpler than first thought
 - Almost out of seed money, started with \$5,000
 - Enough funds left to help one more family
 - Waiting on reimbursement teleconference for instructions to get reimbursed
 - Need to come up with promise to pay letters for utility providers
 - Article done in paper
 - Planning on doing case management with Meridian and SAFE, agreeing to do whatever necessary to keep them in housing, and avoid eviction
- City Council Presentation
 - Presentation requesting a match for next year's funds was rejected
 - Got bumped off agenda
 - Met with Josh and Joe
 - Joe was not interested, city is more on board for increasing their housing base
 - Gave us pointers on what we need in presentation
 - Hopefully we will be put on agenda in March
 - They suggested that we meet with the county commissioners
 - We can make an informational presentation rather than a presentation requesting funds
 - We will be asking one of the city council members to serve on the TCHC
 - City Council approves its budget in March
 - Will be creating a video for presentation to the city council of clients we have helped

- Eric may help with video
- Need to find matching funds
- NCCEH wants to see support from the community

- Point in Time Count (PIT)
 - 2 week time span, 10 days to get count from Food Pantry's, and other service providers
 - Need to develop teams
 - Need more volunteers to go out at 6 am – 10 pm
 - Working in pairs works
 - ID's work
 - Possibly get food pantries and service providers to have one of their own volunteers to do gather information
 - Need to form sub-committee inside this committee, each chairperson will recruit 6 people
 - January 30 is the official date to begin at 6 pm and end on January 31, 6 pm for the street count
 - Need to get it known areas of campers mapped out, so teams can be assigned
 - Possibly put an ad in the paper about a housing survey

- 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness
 - It has been recognized nationally
 - Coalition needs to write out a plan for the Transylvania County and adopt it, then take it to the county and city for them to adopt it
 - National plan and State plan are pdfs
 - It will show our commitment and help with Continuum for Care (COC) and Balance of State (BOS) for next year
 - Will have good data to move forward after Point in Time
 - Asheville has reduced their homelessness by 78% in 8 years
 - Committee agrees to start a 10 year plan to end homelessness
 - Need someone to enter data and formatting

- Next meeting scheduled for first Thursday, January 3, 2013 - 9 am

- Meeting adjourned 9:50 am