Board attendees: Charlene Tautfest, Chris Kolerok, Deb Bitney, Leslie Rohr, Mike Sanders, Scott Ciambor, Shawn Gilman, Dick Mandsager, Jana George, Jasmine Khan, Dave Rose, Gabe Layman

Non-Board attendees: Alissa Parrish, Kim Seitz, Jennifer Smerud, Holly Blood

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes
   - Deb Bitney moved to approve agenda and minutes, Leslie Rohr seconded. All in favor.

2. Executive Director Report
   a. Legislative Update
      i. Brian Wilson reported that the legislative finance committee has recommended full-funding HAP/SNHG/HSCMG/ICMGP. He thanked everyone for their advocacy efforts in the previous months. Advocacy efforts will now shift to the governor’s office. It is important to highlight the great work done by programs funded by these grant streams. He added that it is also important to tie these programs back to public safety – a theme of the Governor’s Amended budget.
   b. Americorps VISTA
      i. Brian Wilson thanked Mike Sanders for his work to get the VISTA application uploaded to the Americorps site. We have received two applications thus far and are
working on setting up an interview for one of the candidates.
c. Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program NOFA Update
   i. Brian Wilson reported that the YHDP application was submitted earlier in the day. The application was a large undertaking and he thanked all who were involved, particularly Agnew::Beck, the Trust, Youth Providers, Jennifer Smerud, and Alison Kear.
   ii. Wilson reported that they should know the results in a couple months. AKCH2 was able to secure $250K in matching dollars from Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, $50K from Matsu Health Foundation, and are in the process of securing additional matching dollars from Rasmuson to assist with HMIS capacity.
   iii. If awarded, $1M/year toward new housing programs targeted to end youth homelessness. This money gets included into our CoC Annual Renewal Demand.
   iv. Matching dollars are used for planning activities and will allow us to increase our capacity within the coalition (1 FTE for two years to manage coordinated community planning process, put together state comp, manage grant), HMIS Capacity, technical assistance, training costs for grantees (travel, etc), and some admin.

d. USICH meeting

3. Annual Conference
   a. 2019 Fall Conference in Fairbanks
      i. Wilson informed the board that AMHTA is no longer pursuing a joint housing and recidivism conference.
      ii. AMTHA reduced conference funding from $50K to $35K. After this year, funding will only be in the $2,500 range. Wilson reported that $35K is doable this year but we will
likely have to host the conference at the Westmark in Fairbanks. AHFC has still committed $25K for travel scholarships. Wilson is working on securing a date with the Westmark.

iii. Wilson mentioned that the conference planning process is significant and asks the Board if one or two members would like to help take lead. Mike Sanders, Shawn Gilman, and Jana George volunteered to assist with the planning process.

b. 2020 Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day in Juneau (Scott)
   i. Scott Ciambor presented the idea of holding a Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day in Juneau during the 2020 legislative session. Given the reduced conference support costs, this type of event is more realistic from a budget standpoint.
   ii. Mike Sanders voiced his support for the idea and commented that it will be more productive than the traditional conference. Leslie Rohr agrees.
   iii. Dave Rose likes the idea but doesn’t want to abandon the traditional housing and homeless conference idea.
   iv. Chris Kolerok stated that it’s a good response to a tough budget situation. Legislative advocacy day is the beginning of the advocacy discussion. He voiced that small groups meeting with their elected officials is better and more productive when attempting to build momentum to overcome budget situation.

4. Continuum of Care Planning Dollars Spenddown
   a. Wilson discussed CoC Planning dollars. AKCH2 needs to draw down two years of planning dollars by the end of 2019. Wilson suggested that the board uses half of the current planning dollars to support the new VISTA and the other half to help
with the current HMIS budget deficit. Chris Kolerok motioned to allocate planning funding in this way, Deb Bitney seconded. All in favor. Motion passes.

5. Other Topics

- Dave Rose reported that he recently attended Foraker training. He was impressed with the number of non-profits represented across the state. Rose suggested AKCH2 should consider piggy-backing with their efforts.
- Scott Ciambor gave kudos to everyone on the Board and agencies across the state on their advocacy efforts during the legislative session.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM.