1. Welcome, Introductions, Establish Quorum:

A quorum was established. Chair Foster opened the meeting at 10:00AM and introductions were made.

2a. Items Removed from Consent Agenda (if applicable):

Agenda items included Board Meeting Minutes July, Executive and HMIS Governance Minutes June, Providers Council Minutes May, Financials June, Committee Reports July, CEO Update, Board Attendance through 7.13.18.

April Lott asked to remove the July Board Minutes; has a request gone to Health and Human Services Council/Bernie McCabe for family homelessness to be put on that agenda? Susan Myers will follow up with Commissioner Seel regarding getting the family homelessness issue onto the HHS Board agenda.

ACTION: Debbie Johnson moved approval of consent agenda without July Board minutes; seconded by Sean King. All in favor; motion carried.

ACTION: April Lott moved approval of the July 13th Board minutes following discussion; seconded by Duggan Cooley. All in favor; motion carried.

3. Public Comment/Good News:

April Lott asked to clarify that Directions for Living is not out of homeless services for individuals and families, the loss of Challenge and CDBG funding precipitated the loss of funding for services/case management for families. DFL still has funding for behavioral health, substance abuse and wrap around services for and Street Outreach will continue to work with Coordinated Entry until the System Redesign Committee determines an alternative for Outreach in this community.

The Chair reminded all attendees that they may complete a public comment card at any time; their voices are welcome in these meetings.

4. June Data Summary Report:

The Chair stated that this is an Informational item, unless there are questions. There were none.
5. FY 2017/18 Third Quarter Data Presentation:

Susan Myers reviewed the entire data report. Negative exit destinations due to missed curfew issues were discussed; this will go on the August Data and System Performance agenda for solutions for how this data is captured or classified. Discussion on the rise in 45-55+ individuals in the system. Age data can be added back to the fourth quarter data. Staff noted that the Data and System Performance would like to find a more accurate Benchmark A.

The Chair stated because some Board members need to leave early, revised agenda item #8 would be discussed next. She stated that Board members with conflicts of interest (April Lott, Beth Houghton, Michael Raposa) may be included in discussion but cannot vote.

8. Fiscal Year 2019 Challenge Funding:

Susan Myers stated that DCF has awarded $143,385.82 dollars in Challenge Funding. Challenge had been sub-contracted to Directions for Living for Prevention and Rapid-Rehousing services. Due to DFL loss of case management as stated previously, the staff recommendation, after discussion with the County, is that the HLB become join the Rapid Rehousing Collaborative to use the Challenge funds to contract with the Collaborative’s current RRH provider, St. Vincent DePaul for the remaining year of the 3-year contract. The County already went through a hefty competitive process. Discussion followed.

**ACTION:** April Lott moved the approval of the staff recommendation; seconded by Ginny Rowell.

Attorney Kardash stated that due to conflict of interest, April Lott cannot make a motion on this item; the motion is invalid. Motion stricken.

Discussion followed on shortfalls in Challenge funding for the last year and whether these new Challenge funds can be retroactive back to July 1st for Providers who have been sheltering families since then. Susan Myers said she would check on that today. Michael Raposa of St. Vincent DePaul added that one of the ways that the Challenge funding going into the Collaborative might help is that in the current arrangement, Bridging and Sheltering families with children is not allowable. Challenge dollars are currently designated (at our community’s request) to fund Rapid Rehousing and Prevention (can be case management). Discussion followed on being vigilant of this remaining year of funding as it nears its expiration. Discussion on contracting directly with St. Vincent DePaul vs. the Collaborative, to be more flexible and less complicated; DCF does not care how we choose the subcontractor.

Jane Walker commented that providers have had to be creative; the continuum needs to raise these issues up and find funding sources than grants.

April Lott left room at 11:15 AM.

Chair Foster shared that Theresa Jones from the City St. Pete, met with a corporate sponsor, Power Design, who is willing to write a $5,000 - $10,000 check each month for prevention/diversion. We do need to make these kinds of asks of business for dollars, which are more flexible.

Karen Seel arrived at the meeting at 11:20 AM.

Discussion continued re: staff and provider recommendations for best utilization of these remaining Challenge dollars for the good of the entire system; staff may be best informed and qualified to make the decision.
**ACTION:** Chris Steinocher moved that the Challenge funding of $143,385.82 go directly to sub-contractor, St. Vincent DePaul, for the most flexibility. Motion seconded by Bob Cundiff. All in favor with four abstentions. Motion carried.

6. **Revisions to the Prioritization Process for the Coordinated Entry Process:** Susan Myers explained that the changes included in the packet are language changes only. There were no questions or further discussion.

**ACTION:** Beth Houghton moved to accept the language revisions to the Prioritization Process for the Coordinated Entry Process; seconded by Ginny Rowell. All in favor; motion carried.

Chair Amy Foster left the room at 11:35AM and Vice Chair Karen Seel assumed Chair role.

7. **Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee for Family Homelessness:** Originally discussed at Executive Committee. Commissioner Karen Seel reported that yesterday the Board of County Commissioners secured $500,000 additional money from next year’s budget for prevention and diversion, family emergency shelter/bridge housing and a few other things. The Commissioner said that discussion after the BCC meeting surrounded looking at all the processes and funding that the County is putting into homelessness to make certain that the investments are in the appropriate areas. She stated that Advocacy to County officials from Board members did make a difference in securing this funding.

Chair Foster returned as Chair at 11:38AM.

The Executive Committee thought that this is the time for an Advocacy Committee for Family Homelessness; volunteers for the Committee were Karen Seel, Michael Raposa, Robin Sotelo-Redd, Chris Steinocher, Mark Dufva, Duggan Cooley, Sean King, and April Lott. Also, a reach out to Eileen Long for the School Board’s assistance. Theresa Jones of the City of St. Pete expressed interest; a call for other volunteers will go out – the meeting will be in the Sunshine, open to the public.

Commissioner Seel added that County Commission has great interest in convening a meeting between the Homeless Leadership Board, the Juvenile Welfare Board, the School Board to discuss homeless; the Commission will be moving forward in establishing that meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40PM.

Submitted by G. Bodkin