1. **Welcome, Introductions, Establish Quorum:** A quorum was established. Introductions were made; Chair Foster reminded attendees to fill out public comment cards if they would like to speak.

2a. **Items Removed from Consent Agenda (if applicable):** Agenda items included Board Meeting Minutes June, Executive and HMIS Governance Minutes May, SRD Committee Minutes April, Funders Council Minutes April, HLB Financials June, Draft Revised HLB Employee Handbook, Committee Reports June, CEO Update, Board Attendance through 6.01.18.

   Mark Dufva asked to change Item 4 (Methodology study) from June 1st meeting to: ‘…. medical respite (releases to 10 respite beds)’, delete ‘study on hospital releases into medical respite’. Phase 5 is 45 units PSH, and ‘FHFC… study on financing PSH construction’. Study covers cost over 3 years (one year prior to housing, two years following PSH).

   **MOTION:** Sean King moved approval of the amended consent agenda; seconded by April Lott.
   **VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Public Comment/Good News:** Jane Walker, Executive Director of Daystar spoke about the lack of housing for families.

   Lisa Davis, President/CEO of Family Resources asked for advocacy and support for a bill – H.R. 1511 - HCYA (Homeless Children and Youth Act), which is trying to align HUD priorities and definitions. Bill expected to be heard next week. Lisa will send information.

   **MOTION:** Beth Houghton moved that the Homeless Leadership Board urges congress to pass the Homeless Children and Youth Act, which would begin to define and count populations of children in motels and other temporary housing. Sean King seconded the motion.
   **VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

   Staff will prepare something for Governor Crist’s office with information supplied by Lisa Davis. Lisa will send information to Board members, so that they can support it as needed.

4. **Request for 2019 HLB Nominations:** Chair Foster stated that the open seats information is being shared early in the year in order to have time for members to submit quality nominations. There may be an application in for North County Formerly Homeless at this time. Open seats will be: Faith Based, S. County Business, S. County Formerly Homeless, S. County Community Leader, At Large. Five members will be up for re-nomination, please let staff know as soon as possible if you are re-nominating yourself. Nominations are every Board member’s responsibility. We need quality candidates. We have a priority for diversity. Deadline for nominations is September 15th.
5. **May CoC Data Summary:** (Now on agenda each month). Discussion on Exit data. Data and System Performance is working on breaking that data down further before next month. Discussion on the new snapshot of PHMIS data that 47% of positive exits were the result of inaccurate data entry – these numbers are used for NOFA and are critical. The PHMIS Trainer has been out to specific providers for hands on training and DSP is seeing a dramatic improvement in data already. On-site training is available from PHMIS for providers for technical assistance.

**MOTION:** April Lott moved to accept the May Data Summary as presented. Seconded by Bob Cundiff.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

*Added Item* **CoC’s Hud System Performance Measures:** Susan Myers stated that HUD uses the seven System Performance Measures to measure all CoC’s performance. HUD will be awarding up to 56 points in the 2018 NOFA for these measures. Potential losses for 2018: 14 pts. due to not demonstrating a reduction in length of time families remain homeless and 8 pts. due to no reduction in return to homelessness. Susan and Avery Slyker reviewed each of the seven performance measures for 2015-2017. The Board would like to see the benchmarks in comparison going forward. Discussion followed the review. Each community is different; HUD is looking for improvements. Refraining from administering SPDATS for 14 days (in hopes of self-resolution) has evolved as a better practice across the country and should be considered. Non-HUD funded projects (and their exits) are a challenge in our CoC. How do we develop a monitoring plan for non-HUD funded projects? What are other CoC’s doing about this issue? Discussion that this is the year that HUD is going to shift funding from lower to higher performing projects if nothing has been done to change. More mental health issues are becoming evident and they should not be referred to Rapid Rehousing. Shelter to shelter flow needs to be reduced. Discussion on what the Providers Council members need to know to be able to make changes; needs clarification. April Lott suggested any Data and System Performance presentations go the Providers Council prior to System Redesign. Chair Foster stated that the goal is to have technical assistance to improve programs.

**MOTION:** April Lott move to add 20 additional minutes to this meeting to cover all items; seconded by Sean King.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

6. **2018 HUD NOFA:** The HUD 2018 NOFA was released in June and is due September 18, 2018. There is no reallocation requirement in the 2018 NOFA; however, HUD wants CoC’s to confirm that 20% was reallocated from 2014-2018. Susan Myers confident that we have but will confirm. Funding is available for two bonus projects; one is for survivors of domestic violence (a potential $362,184) and projects must be (pick one) PH-RRH, Joint TH and PH-RRH component project, or Supportive Services Only-Coordinator Entry. There is also a general CoC bonus that the community may decide upon ($237,445). System Redesign recommendations are that bonuses be Domestic Violence - Permanent Rapid Rehousing and the CoC bonus for Rapid Rehousing serving Individuals. Per HUD, DV lead agency must have a demonstrated history. Discussion on which of the three types of intervention are best for DV providers and how the recommendation was formed; DV providers do not enter into HMIS.

**MOTION:** April Lott moved that bonus project priority be left open for providers formulate their best solutions/decisions and provide that information to the Board prior to review and rank; seconded by Sean King.

Lariana Forsythe, CEO of CASA, provided a handout and spoke about why Transitional Housing -Rapid rehousing (TH-RRH) is the most effectual mechanism for their organization.

Gary MacMath, CEO of Boley Centers, read the priorities (#1 – Intensive Support Systems and Services) established at the Joint Funders and Providers Local Funding Priorities meeting. Staff recommendation #3
does not open door wide enough for those dollars and is too focused on RRH. Services are needed for the multiple projects that Boley is working on; competition should be open to all. Susan Myers clarified that the most recent HUD application documents indicate that if the CoC is not awarded the domestic violence bonus, it automatically rolls into the general CoC bonus competition. Susan Finlaw-Dusseault added that HUD is very prescriptive on funding types for bonus: RRH, PSH, Services Only including Coordinated Entry and HMIS. Staff has prepared PSH and RRH RFPs and can easily prepare another for a Joint TH/PH-RRH project by adding questions. Please note that 25 of 100 points of the DV bonus is awarded based on the lead agency’s experience and success in serving the population.

**AMENDED MOTION:** April Lott amended her motion that the recommendation for the bonus project Domestic Violence prioritizes the Transitional Housing -Rapid rehousing (TH-RRH) component. Discussion. Suggested to leave open for decision at Review and Rank. Clarification of what is being decided: two bonus projects plus reallocation dollars.

**RETURN TO ORIGINAL MOTION:** April Lott moved to return to her original motion that the Domestic Violence bonus project be left open for either PH-RRH or Joint TH and PH-RRH component project to give providers opportunity to submit a proposal for either. Sean King accepted the amended motion.

**VOTE:**

The General CoC Bonus was discussed.

**MOTION:** April Lott moved that the bonus project be open to either RRH or PSH for individuals or families; seconded by Sean King.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously with Michael Raposa and Mark Dufva abstaining.

Reallocation dollars were discussed. Not required this year. Discussion RCS HUD funds. Discussion on a possible collaborative project.

**MOTION:** - April Lott moved to that any reallocated projects include Rapid Rehousing (RRH) as well as Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for individuals or families. Seconded by Beth Houghton.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously with Michael Raposa and Mark Dufva abstaining.

**MOTION:** April Lott moved to accept the staff recommendation that the Coordinated Entry Process (CEP) and the Pinellas Homeless Management Information System (PHMIS) be placed in Tier 1 non-competitively. Seconded by Karen Seel.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously with Michael Raposa and Mark Dufva abstaining.

Susan Myers asked for clarification that there is no recommendation to reallocate the RCS funds into anything else in DV. Keep it as PSH as that is the recommendation from HUD; the Board does not want to lose points.

8. (Moved in Order) **RCS’s Affordable Housing Community Plans:** Kirk Ray Smith, President & CEO, Melinda Perry, COO and Phil DeBerry, CFO of RCS Pinellas gave on overview of RCS history, details on programs and services, and the population types and number of people that they serve. They’ve taken an in-depth look at program successes and losses and have forged a strong relationship with HUD. RCS can set aside 3 units, if fully funded, for Permanent Supportive Housing for DV survivors, if needed. They look forward to continued and improved services in the community. Chair Foster added that in closure, HLB Staff performed any necessary investigations discussed at the last meeting and all questions have been
completely cleared and there were no findings. April Lott asked for a similar presentation at Providers Council.

7. **Family Homeless Resources at Capacity:** Susan Myers stated that the Challenge Grant was not funded this year and as a result, Directions for Living is no longer the recipient. There is a chance that the Governor’s Office may still find Challenge funding; there is a meeting on Tuesday. This has affected the system, but the system was already at capacity. Directions transferred their cases to St. Vincent DePaul and their rapid rehousing program; subsequently SVDP is at capacity and not taking referrals.

Susan gave a review of the current active family list. The HLB continues to receive phone calls but is not funded to be the front door of the system. Chair Foster added that additional funds supplied by the County and Sheriff have been spent and there is no further funding in the continuum. Discussion on this being a community problem; it is also a child welfare issue. DCF needs to be in on these discussions, as well as two other key players – JWB and the School Board. April Lott suggested getting this matter onto the HHS Leadership Council agenda. Karen Seel suggested a letter to Bernie McCabe. Another avenue is to ask the Juvenile Welfare Board to reconsider their strategic plan. Personal visits or phone calls to JWB Board members by HLB Board members was also suggested, as this is quickly becoming a crisis.

Discussion continued. Commissioner Seel reported that the budget presentation will happen at Tuesday’s Commission meeting; she has requested $350,000 for the family emergency housing issue (recommended at $200,000) and the HLB’s request for $500,000 (recommended for $300,000).

Meeting adjourned at 12:35PM.

Submitted by G. Bodkin