1. Welcome, Introductions, Establish Quorum: A quorum was established. Chair Foster opened the meeting at 10:00AM. The Chair asked members to share an ‘aha moment’ they had at the last meeting as they introduced themselves. Gary MacMath shared that Florida Housing Finance Corporation has approved underwriting for 65 housing units in downtown St. Petersburg including 33 homeless families.


Sean King asked to extend a thanks to the Pinellas Community Foundation for their recently announced mitigation funding to the HLB, which was noted in the CEO Update. Amy Foster also reminded members to sign the annual Conflict of Interest statements and return to staff.

**MOTION**: April Lott moved to approve the consent agenda; Sean King seconded the motion.

**VOTE**: The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment/Good News: Jane Walker reported receiving a high volume of tax forms in the mail for the homeless at Daystar. We need to highlight the homeless experience.

4. Ratification of House Sponsored Bill Vote: Amy Foster stated that discussion took place at the last HMIS Governance Committee meeting regarding privacy laws and personal information in the HMIS System. The Committee voted to ask Rep. Kathleen Peters to sponsor a house bill, since S.B. 1024 has become stale. This vote does not need a second, but ratification. Discussion followed; this should be on the HLB’s radar for the spring – Funders Council may be a good place to take this up. An advocacy platform should be developed in May to bring to Board in June. Regina Kardash stated that what we would specifically be advocating for in legislation is an HMIS information exemption under Chapter 490 FS, which deals with homelessness, so that HMIS data not be subject to public information laws or requests. It is realistic to focus on just this one exemption. This would be beneficial state-wide, and we want to be sure that the legislature takes it up. Susan Myers stated that the HLB pay dues to the Florida Housing Coalition, which hires legislative advocates.

**MOTION**: Beth Houghton moved to ratify the PHMIS Governance Committee’s vote to ask Rep. Peters to sponsor this bill; seconded by Bob Cundiff.

**VOTE**: Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion – Representative Peters will be gone next year – we should broaden the motion to reach out to all Bay area legislators and identify the best champion for this cause.
**AMENDMENT:** Beth Houghton accepted the amendment to extend the authority beyond Representative Peters to reach out to all bay area legislators to find an appropriate sponsor for this bill. Bob Cundiff seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

GW Rolle asked for clarification on TBIN vs. HMIS and CEO Susan Myers explained.

5. **Data and System Performance Committee Proposed Benchmarks for Rare, Brief and Nonrecurring:**
   The Chair stated that this was presented previously, but the Board requested some adjustments. Kevin Marrone, the Chair of the DSP Committee and HLB staff Avery Slyker presented together. Kevin indicated the committee is more confident than ever in the data, but they continue to identify gaps.
   Benchmark Measures were reviewed, and Kevin explained that the data is unduplicated. Q&A and discussion continued throughout the presentation.
   Discussion of Housing First and those standards. Amy Foster suggested changing the benchmarks now that we have better data; we don’t want to set a goal lower than where we already are.

**MOTION:** April Lott moved to change the ‘Brief’ Measure B.1 (Permanent Housing) benchmark, to be more reflective of what the NAEH suggests (50% of individuals and families in ES be placed in PH within 30 days of program entry and 75% within 60 days). Duggan Cooley seconded the motion. April Lott stated that this is a funder and provider issue.
   Discussion. Sean King would support the motion with the end goal in mind, which will highlight our needs and see where we are year over year.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sean King moved that Measure B.2 (Safe Havens) benchmark be changed to 75% placement within 6 months of entry; seconded by Duggan Cooley. Discussion followed on how this may reflect during the Rank and Review process. If we make this change, this needs to include the support of Safe Havens and Supportive Housing – no backtracking during CoC Rank and Review.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

The ‘Non-Recurring’ benchmark was reviewed.

**MOTION:** April Lott moved to adjust this benchmark to match the NAEH’s, that the percentage of sheltered homeless individuals and families that do not re-enter homelessness after exiting the system to permanent housing be 95% for less than 6 months from time of housing placement, 85% for less than 12 months, and 80% for less than 24 months. Seconded by Beth Houghton.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Data and System Performance Quarterly Data Review:** Kevin Marrone stated that this reviews the Crisis Response System for the period October 1st through December 31st of 2017 and compares it to previous years during the same period. Includes Entries, Total Served and Exits.
   Amy Foster suggested that we need a story as to why numbers have not improved for funders. Also look at what requirements funders put around their funding. There is a ‘front door’ concentration in our system and the ‘back door’ gets smaller due to lack of housing; we need to take steps there.
   Discussion of individuals coming from outside of Pinellas County. Sean King asked if data can be captured on the individual’s reason for homelessness.
   The Chair asked, at this point, if the Board would like to table the next agenda item on the status of the System Re-Design Implementation Plan until the next meeting, due to time constraints.
**MOTION:** April Lott made a motion to move the Implementation Plan review to next month’s agenda; seconded by Debbie Johnson.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion returned to the Quarterly Data Review - Negative Exit Destinations including Safe Harbor/jail diversion and how that number can be improved. People may leave shelter during the day and just not return; that affects this number of no exit interviews completed. Susan Finlaw-Dusseault explained empty bed counts driving this statistic.

Positive Exit Destination data was reviewed. Sean King asked for percentages on these figures. VI-SPDAT was never designed to make housing suggestions, it only scores for triage and further assessment; the full SPDAT does that. Discussion followed on Rapid Rehousing capacity, Pinellas Safe Harbor’s exit data, and resourcing dollars from other municipalities for Safe Harbor since it does function as emergency shelter/bridge housing. Safe Harbor is not resourced for what we want it to do. Susan Myers stated that Rapid Rehousing is complex because it fluctuates; we have local, veteran and HUD funding; she can get with CSH regarding Rapid Rehousing capacity and funding. We are making data driven decisions. SPDAT is the tool we chose as a community; we want to trust that data. Susan Myers said she would speak with committee and staff to discuss how to collect data to match up VI-SPDAT scores with positive exits. Discussion on researchers to get that data. Chris Steinocher stated that USF has a Data Analytics and Visualization Program and looking for projects and he would be glad to make a connection to the Dean the Business School to work with the Data and System Performance Committee. Chair pointed out that the VI-SPDAT is the tool that this community chose; there are others to consider in the future.

Kevin Marrone continued to reviewed goals. This committee will be working collaboratively with the PHMIS System to improve the data ongoing. Avery Slyker stated that there have been no real significant changes to the seven System Performance Measures to 2015 – 2018 but did review them including:

Number of Homeless Individuals, Employment and Income Growth, Number of First Time Homeless, Permanent Housing Placement. Projections will be included next quarter.

7. **Status Report on the Homeless Response System Re-Design Implementation Plan:** Tabled until the next Board meeting.

**Other Items:** Gary MacMath announced that effective February 23rd, Kevin Marrone will be the new COO at Boley Centers.

**MOTION:** April Lott moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bob Cundiff.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 12:20 PM.