Welcome/Introductions: Name and position on the board. A moment of silence was held in memory of Commissioner Tom Rukovina.

Terms/Open Seats/Applications/Recruiting: The City and County staff attended this meeting to discuss the role of the Governance Board and the filling of positions on the Board. In our present By-Laws it requires specific designations for each position filled, which are assigned to City or County. Sometimes it is difficult to fill these specific positions. It was decided to form a Task Force to work on the By-Laws to define roles, expectations, scope of work, and work on the recruiting/application process for filling open seats. HUD asks for broad representation across the board (medical, legal, schools) with freedom to choose. The Task Force volunteers were: Steve Nelson, Heather Lindula, Salaam Witherspoon, Cynthia Finley, and Nathan Thompson. Mary Bishop mentioned that there could be Planning dollars that could get some outside help with the process, but the group agreed that they should be able to handle this with the internal team. We could possibly use some of this money for a board of the whole training.

State Report by Pat Leary: Discussed the State’s work on the Long Term Homeless Support Services grant. The RFP is to come out Dec 31, 2019 and be released about March or April, awarded around July to August. On January 31st, State will host the intermediaries (Hearth Connection and others) in St. Cloud. Grantees are welcome but the focus is for the intermediaries to meet. The LTHSS grant report is due February 28th.

SLC Report: 1) Mary Bishop announced that she will be retiring January 28th. 2) Hiring the CoC position is still in process. Hope to have it filled by the end of February. 3) JoAnn and Mary are working on the HIC. 4) Community Connection is January 24th. Unsheltered survey and VI-SPDATs will be done in various locations. The PIT Leads are Stacy Radosevich, Heather Lindula, and Kate Bradley. 5) SUD dollars are going to provide HDC assessors to do VI-SPDATs at the GSC. 6) The new Housing Support staff, Jensina Rosen and Rochelle Lentz, are doing a wonderful job setting up this program.

City Report: Community Development Council discussions will be held September, 2019. Keith Hamre to retire this summer and Kate Van Daele will return from maternity leave in two weeks.

ICA Report – Please enter your data for the HIC. Also, sign up for the newsletter on the HMIS.org.

Committee Actions: * Housing Response Committee - none * Evaluation Committee – Need more members/trouble accessing data (Can pull from NOFA webpage or HMIS portal). * Advocacy Committee – none.
* Youth Board – none. *RHC/AHC – AHC voted to recommend Kristy Echart to be the AHC member on the Gov. Bd.
Funding updates:
* **CoC – NOFA** – Discussed CoC Coordinator position. Heather is to create a letter to recommend Senior Planner if the next list pull does not turn up viable candidates for the position. Stacy is to let Heather know if/when to send the letter.
  
* **ESG – City** – none.

* **ESG County** – none

* **FHPAP** – 1) Reviewed 2017-2019 Allocation (28%) increase. No new agencies. The Housing Response Committee recommends to the Governance Board the proposed FHPAP renewal. (Nathan made motion to approve/Cynthia 2nd). Heather and Salaam abstain. Passed.
  
2) SLC MOU for ICA Lead agency (Heather made motion/Cynthia 2nd) Passed unanimously.

* **HSASMI/SUD** – none.

**NEXT MEETING: February 21, 2018, 1- 3 pm. Cotton Town Hall**