In Attendance:
Andrea Simonett, DHS
Andrea White, Olmsted County Victim Services
Andrew Pietsch, Blue Earth County Human Services
Angela Early, VA
Angela Knudson, South Central Human Relations Center
Anna Sanchez, Augsburg University
Brian Wimmer, Habitat for Humanity
Christina Fort, LSS
Cindy Norgard, Salvation Army
Dan Watson, HOPE Coalition
Erin Folcik, Community Action Center of Northfield
Guy Sing, MACV
Irasema Hernandez, SEMCAC
Jen Theneman, Partners for Affordable Housing
Jennifer Cook, Red Wing HRA
Jennifer Prins, Three Rivers Community Action, Inc
Jennifer Sorg, Ruth’s House
Julie Anderson, Steele County Transitional Housing
Kara Hoel-Kleese, Women’s Shelter
Kate Hengy-Gretz, Minnesota Valley Action Council
Katherine Cross, Three Rivers Community Action, Inc
Larry More, Three Rivers Community Action, Inc
Liz Young, Hearth Connection
Mary Earley, Community Action Center of Northfield
Mary Vrieze, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services
Mike Montalto, MAVC
Mya Conrad, LSS
Nancy Bokelmann, County of Mankato
Orlando Smith, Workforce Development
Phil Wilder, Three Rivers Community Action, Inc
Regan Kilbride, Red Wing HRA
Rick Sundberg, 180 Degrees
Roseanne St. Sauver, Bluff Country Family Resources
Stephanie Ferguson, Center City Housing
Suzie Christenson, Women’s shelter
Tammy Moses, LSS
Trent Fluegel, Center City Housing
Victoria Heun, Salvation Army, Mankato

Recorder: Sadia Yousif, Three Rivers Community Action, Inc.
Facilitator: Angela Early, Veteran’s Administration
Welcome, Introductions, Announcements:

- **Angela Early, Veteran’s Administration** – Angela announced that the VA has HUD-VASH program vouchers available in Olmsted County.
- **Andrea Simonett** – The statewide plan has wrapped up on Tuesday February 13, 2018. All revisions will be going to the Interagency Council on Tuesday February 20, 2018 for their official adoption. Andrea thanked everyone for their input on the strategies for the plan. The focus this year is statewide and community driven. All partners can pick up the plan and see what principles they want to work on.
- **Trent Fluegel, Center City Housing** – Center City Housing is looking for a new Site Director for the Gage East project. If anyone knows any good candidates, they can let him know.

Approval of January Minutes and February Agenda

Trent Fluegel pointed out that the date under Other Meetings on the February agenda is incorrect. Instead of March 18, 2018, it should be March 15, 2018.

Motion to approve the January Minutes and make the date change to the February Agenda by Mary Vrieze. Seconded by Kate Hengy-Gretz. Motion unanimously approved.

Advocacy Opportunities

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<td><strong>MN Coalition for the Homeless - 2018 legislative agenda</strong></td>
<td>Homeless Day on the Hill is Tuesday, March 6. Sign up at [<a href="https://www.mnhom">https://www.mnhom</a> elesscoalition.org/](<a href="https://www.mnhom">https://www.mnhom</a> elesscoalition.org/)</td>
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<td>- Homes for All - This year, they are asking for their biggest amount ever which is a total of $150 million.</td>
<td>Habitat for Humanity has its Day on the Hill on Thursday, April 26th, <a href="http://www.rahh.org">http://www.rahh.org</a> for more information.</td>
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<td>- $110 million will be in Housing Infrastructure Bonds and $30 million with be General Obligation bonds.</td>
<td><strong>If you're unable to participate in advocacy</strong>, you can still share your housing stories with Homes for All MN. Stories help legislative advocates provide good information to legislators. It helps to have stories from</td>
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<td>- $140 million in bonding will be used to develop or preserve 4,650 households and support 2,000 MN jobs.</td>
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<td>- $10 million in appropriations will be used to create Local Housing Trust Funds, support students of homeless and highly mobile families, reinstate the renters’ credit to manufactured homeowners in resident-owned communities and expand workforce homeownership oppurtunities.</td>
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<td>- The initial budget forecast was predicted a deficit but there might actually be a surplus.</td>
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<td>- A surplus isn’t guaranteed, so if there are programs that are in danger of being cut, they will try to prevent those cuts.</td>
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Chair requested a voted to endorse the agenda in 2018. Motion to endorse the 2018 agenda by Trent Fluegel, seconded by Julie Anderson. Motion unanimously approved. Angela Early, Orlando Smith and Mary Vrieze abstain.

**MN Analysis of Impediments to Fair housing, Action Plan and Consolidated Plan (substantial amendment)**

The Minnesota Consolidated Plan, Action Plan, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing are available in draft form for comment. These documents affect funding priorities and actions of the Department
of Human Services, Department of Employment and Economic Development, and Minnesota Housing.

- **Read the Plans:** Visit [MN Housing website](http://homesforallmn.org/share-your-story) to read the draft plans and see full instructions for commenting.
- **Attend a Public Hearing:** Tuesday, February 20 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at Rondo Library, 461 N. Dale Street in St. Paul.
- **Submit Comments:** By mail to Minnesota Housing, Attn: Action Plan/AI, 400 Wabasha Street N., Suite 400, St. Paul, MN 55102. By email to mn.housing@state.mn.us with “Action Plan/AI” in the subject line. Comments accepted until close of business March 2.

### 2018 Point in Time Count & Housing Inventory

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<td>Jennifer Prins thanked everyone for all their work. They don’t have all the numbers because agencies are still cleaning up data. February 16, 2018 is the final day for the remaining surveys in the system and for the HMIS data to be current. Preliminary numbers show similar number of unsheltered households, but unsheltered households are increasingly spread out across the region. Unsheltered households were identified in twelve of twenty counties. Last year, it was six counties, and the year before, it was two. Discussion on this result: Mary Vrieze said that PCC data showed income being a primary cause of homelessness, and that's an issue across the region. Kate Hengy-Gretz said that there is more involvement from other organizations, school districts and county eligibility workers to identify unsheltered persons. Nancy Bokelman mentioned getting more people housed in the larger hub communities like Mankato.</td>
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### 2017 HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project

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<td>• HUD will choose eleven regions nationwide that will be a part of this project. • RV CoC will be going with the urban application and has developed a team of people to work on it: LSS, Rochester Public Schools, Northfield Union of Youth, Workforce Development, Inc. • Youth is classified up to the age of 24. • Areas identified – developing partnerships with child welfare agencies.</td>
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### Priorities by County for MN Housing 2019 RFP

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<td>Groups at the previous CoC meeting prioritized families over single individuals, using data from Coordinated Entry and the Housing Inventory Chart. The Executive Committee reviewed the priorities before submitting to MN Housing and made one adjustment: Olmsted County’s priority was switched to singles to respond to the large gap in units vs. people on the CES list (much greater than for families). These priorities will be applied in the 2019 MN Housing multifamily funding rounds.</td>
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Presentation: Safe Harbor – services and supports for sexually exploited

Safe Harbor Law
- 2014 - Excluded sexually exploited youth under 18 from the definition of delinquent child
- 2016 - services were made available to individuals 24 and younger
- No wrong door model – always a door open for youth to find services including case management and housing services.

Sexual exploitation defined
- Individuals under the age of 24 engaging in sexual acts for money, food, shelter, drugs, alcohol or the promise of something. Also known as “survival sex.”

Targeting
- Online – social media like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Back Page, etc.
- Public – detox centers, community colleges, parties, mall, friends & family

Services
- Shelter, transitional housing, therapy, long term housing & outreach

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: CoC, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm. Owatonna Public Utilities, 208 S Walnut Ave, Owatonna, MN (Morehouse Room).