Becky Poitras welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Greg porter announced that today a Christmas door prize, 2 tickets to the Chief’s game on Dec 25th, in the Sport’s Authority suite, was being offered. Everyone put their business card in the proverbial hat and at the end of the meeting, Kristy McMurphy, Kim Wilson Housing won the tickets-thanks to Greg for the tickets and Kristy, enjoy!

Greg Porter gave the Board report including;
- The Board is accepting nominations to serve on the Coordinated Entry work group (attached), and nominations will be accepted through noon on 12/31/16.

Vickie L. Riddle, ACSW gave the staff report including;
- HUD announced the 2016-2017 NOFA Awards (results are published on the GKCCEH website),
- The result reflects a $12,834,032.00 amount that will be renewable in 2017-18, an increase over the Tier 1 cap of $12,079,360.00 reflected on the NOFA C/A application,
- While C/A’s were required to submit separate Tier 1 and 2 recommendations, awards reflect only Tier 1 amounts (renewal and new projects), inclusive of Tier 2.
- The Tier 2 projects moved into Tier 1 were 1) MARC’s HMIS Lead Agency project and 2) Salvation Army/Harbor Light Village Veteran’s Housing PH/PSH project,
- 4 TH renewal and 2 bonus PH/RRH projects recommended for funding, were not funded,
- The Community Planning grant was approved (these dollars are not from the same funds as the C/A’s and the Project Application dollars).

Committee Reports
Grants-no active report but the membership offered their thanks to Lisa Fleming for serving as the Grants Chair for the past four years. Her energy, leadership and commitment to the committee have been of great benefit to the membership, to the agencies, our community and to the constituents—THANK YOU LISA!

HMIS- no report though it was noted that the go-live date for the new vendor, Caseworthy, is July 1, 2017.

Mainstream Benefits-Robbie Phillips reported that the committee met with Richard Ropolo of Caseworthy and discussed how a multi-mainstream benefit agency, common application could be developed in the new HMIS vendor system. Richard is going to provide a response/sample in the next several weeks. This is very exciting and potentially a major improvement for benefit access for our constituents.

Membership-Becky reminded everyone to send in their dues for renewal or new membership by the end of the year. Please contact Amy Bickford if you aren’t sure of whether or not your 2016-2017 dues are paid abickford@hscgkc.org. The membership form is on the website.

Permanent Housing-Sondra Robinson introduced Jake Pitts, TMC Housing Locator, who reported on the 3rd annual Landlord Luncheon that was held on December 9, 2016. There were 50 landlords and 50 agency staff members in attendance. The highlight of the event was the panel presentation lead by Julie Clark, KC Crime Comm. Julie, a client and his landlord participated. The client came to his housing after 24 years of incarceration and the placement, because
of the relationship formed by the consumer, the landlord and the support staff, has been amazing and successful. These are the stories that we are pleased to share in the community because they demonstrate the achievements that can happen when collaboration is genuine and real. Evie spoke to the effectiveness of these efforts in supporting the consumers and the landlord.

The next meeting of the Housing Locators, who focus on landlord/property identification, will be held on January 19, 2017, the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 2:00-3:30PM (TMC 300 W. 19th Terr KC MO 64108). This collaboration is an effective means of bringing landlords to the table, giving them the support they need, helping consumers find good housing and assuring sustainable housing. All are encouraged to apply. Becky urged our WyCo members to engage in the Housing Locator meetings as well as inviting landlords to the event next year and reminded them that we really need to increase our contacts in the area. This work helps build our housing resources for the whole community. Julie spoke about a current partnership with Premium Properties. They are actively looking for housing to meet the needs of our consumers as they have a property acquisition dept. Evie emphasized the valuable work of the PH comm. and the Landlord Luncheon.

**Work Force Development**-Greg Porter reported the following on behalf of Comm. Philbrook and Arthur Diaz, Workforce Committee Co-Chairs.

Report for Dec. 21, 2016-The “Train the Trainer event was held November 15th at the KCMO Public Library. Five employers: K. U. Medical Center, Home Depot, Marriott Hotels, UPS and Allied Staffing participated and 51 front-line staff attended represented agencies including, City Union Mission, Re-Start, Tri-County Mental Health, Dept. of Children and Families, Metro Lutheran Ministries, Catholic Charities Metropolitan Community College, Missouri Probation and Parole, KC Indian Center, Episcopal Community Services Kansas City office of the V.A. among others. The employers were pleased with the turnout and agency staff made connections for current job opportunities for their respective clientele. The Workforce Committee is exploring the possibility of making this a quarterly event.

**Special Populations**-Amy Bickford reported for the comm; the Youth NOFA was submitted on November 28th, 2 days before the deadline (HUD usually gives additional points for those who are early to submit). Amy thanked the committee and all those who worked to complete the application. Award notice is expected in February 2017. The next meeting of the comm has not yet been determined.

**Point in Time**-Evie shared a power point showing the locations, Home Bases, where supplies and PIT related materials will be distributed for the count on Wednesday and Thursday, 25th and 26th. She also discussed the large site, meal program and well-known location coverage for the count. Sondra Robinson noted that the Site Comm met with the KCMO PD yesterday to discuss how to best engage their support in the Count.

The training dates were reviewed and the inclusion of required HIC trainings for agency staff at four of the eight trainings (next GKCCEH meeting, CSL, FC and CSL).

Thanks to Becky Poitras and the PIT Logistics comm for creating this year’s survey, which replaces the use of the VI-SPDAT with the PIT. Becky also reminded everyone that packets will be provided to the large shelter sites for use on the Count dates. SHELTERS WILL DO SURVEYS ON THEIR RESIDENTS ON THE NIGHT OF THE COUNT.

The youth questions will be administered on the PIT survey. To encourage youth participation in the PIT, several parties/carnivals are being held on the 25th to engage youth and provide a fun environment in which to do the surveys.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Julie Wilbur Parks, of Rose Brooks, announced that the final VOWA Rule has been published. Of particular note are the information on how to do an emergency transfer, protection from service denials, low barrier certification and
coordinated entry protections for clients. Becky indicated we will have a Spotlight program on this in the spring and Julie noted that Rose Brooks’ staff is willing to do trainings for individual agencies on the rule.

**Major Mary Thomas**, Salvation Army, introduced Michael Bond, the new site Director for their outreach center.

**Georgia Walker**, Journey to New Life, announced they have a new 46 1-bedroom units (31st and Harrison) that is now accepting applications. The facility will open on 2/1/2017. She will send the information to the office and we will share with the membership.

**Evie Craig** announced that reStart’s 33 units at Rose Hill Townhouses are now open.

**Becky Poitras**, Hillcrest, is now hiring for a Youth Caseworker. Send/have the person send their resume to Becky at bpoitras@hillcrestkc.org.

**Jamie (Shrank) Matney**, introduced their new case manager, Andrea Flowers.