Kelly Welch called the meeting to order at 9:15AM and introductions were made.

**Board Report:** Kelly Welch reported that the GKCCEH Board had its first consultation with Community Solutions for Housing (CSH) to begin strategic planning and the implementation of a full Coordinated Entry (CE). As a part of that process a CE Work Group (CEWG) is being established and the Board approved a slate of members at its last meeting. Cindy Taylor of the Bd will serve as the liaison to the CEWG. As the process moves forward, information will be shared. Kelly shared that the HMIS, Grants and Permanent Housing comm are in need of member co-chairs (contacts noted in comm reports). Deasiray Norris, Bd Co-Chair of the Perm Housing comm announced that they are in need of a co-chair. Many thanks to Sondra Robinson who has served as the committee co-chair for the past 3 years at present her active duty military training precludes her continuing in that role.

**Committee Reports**

**Grants:** Heather Geary Bradley, Board is currently seeking a member co-chair for the comm. Please contact her if interested or you’d like to suggest a nominee (heather@vecinogroup.com).

**HMIS:** Brian McKiernan, Board Co-Chair is currently seeking a member co-chair, please contact him at BMckiernan@gmail.com.

**Mainstream Benefits:** Robbie Phillips reported that they are continuing to explore the options with Caseworthy to implement a single benefits application for 4+ programs. There is a cost involved; Vickie suggested the cost information be shared with the HMIS Governing Bd asap since they are negotiating the over-all Caseworthy contract and this is a significant issue for CE.

**Membership:** Kelly Welch encouraged all of the members to let staff know if they are aware of any locations in downtown Kansas City KS with the space and free parking, that could host our meetings. And as always she encouraged members to invite others working on homelessness to join our coalition.

**PIT:** Evie will cover in the PIT/HIC Training at 10:00AM. Kelly Welch thanked everyone who is working to insure that our PIT count is effective and covers our entire continuum area.

**Permanent Housing:** The January meeting was cxd and the February meeting will be held on February 2nd, at MARC.

**Workforce Development:** Arthur Diaz reported the comm debriefed its recent Employer event at their December meeting. Their next meeting is on January 26, 2017. They will be developing their plan for the year, to include another Employer Panel followed by a summer job fair.
Special Populations: Amy Bickford reported for Kerry Wrenick. GKCEEH was not awarded a Youth NOFA. Six urban sites were selected, 2 in CA, 1 in Seattle, 1 in NY, 1 in Texas and one in Cincinnatti. Kelly Welch thanked all those who worked so diligently on the application. The next meeting is January 31st at the KCK School District offices. The focus will be further developing the matrix of barriers special populations face in seeking housing. The comm is seeking a member co-chair and interested persons should contact Kerry Wrenick (KERRY.WRENICK@kckps.org). The comm welcomes new members to the group.

Evie Craig reported that ZERO: 2017 is approaching submission of their data, which after federal review will result on the Kansas City metro area achieving Functional ZERO. There have been several changes in the criteria for this marker over the past 18 months at the federal level but we are now poised to submit our final report and declare Functional ZERO. Evie thanked everyone who has worked to achieve this marker. She offered special thanks to Cindy Spencer, VA Homeless team and Amy Bickford, GKCEEH staff for their work on the By-Name-Registry-List and the work of researching client information and supporting the process of housing veterans in the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS