Becky Poitras welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Vickie reported that staff is now focused on the NOFA as the competition for 2017 was announced on Friday, July 14th, 2017. Program applications are available in E Snaps. GKCCEH staff is meeting with the Grants comm to prepare/announce the NOFA Timeline and distribute the information about the mandatory and other trainings for the process. The submission date is 28 September 2017.

Travis Strong, CUM presented the Program Spotlight, highlighting their uniform program for public school students in the Kansas City MO and Kansas City KS School Districts. The program is available for all students in those districts that are required to wear uniforms. They currently have over 300 available requests for uniforms. The program is open on M-W and Th, and they are able to schedule other times if needed. They provide uniforms for pre-k through 8th grade, (dependent upon each schools uniform requirement. They will provide any size needed. He also provided an overview of the services available at CUM (handout attached). Travis encouraged anyone with questions about the uniform program to call him at 816-474-9380.

Matt Watkins, Board Treasurer reported they are currently focused on the data transition work with the Lead Agency, MARC. The transition is challenging and the Board and the Lead Agency are making every effort to complete the transition to the new vendor, CaseWorthy, as effectively and efficiently as is possible given current issues. They are also engaged in the work of restructuring the Board processes, creating a consistent policy for their work and the creation of a policy manual. They are also creating a plan for board development.

In advance of our discussion with our guests from the four area congressional offices, Vickie asked that the members introduce themselves and share the name of their agency. After the introductions, she provided an overview of the purpose, scope and function of the Coalition, stressing that the agencies work in concert to meet the needs of a wide spectrum of clients. Information shared included that,

- HUD programs provide a significant boost to the economy through payments to small business, such as the majority of our landlords,
- Programs provide direct economic impact since no payments are direct to consumers but rather support rents, utilities and related services,
- Accountability is stringent and consistent for HUD programs,
- Our national partners, specifically the National Alliance to End Homelessness and the National Low Income Housing Coalition are good resources to support education and advocacy for housing and related programming,
- Non-profit employers are a significant resource for jobs in the metro-area,
- The NLIHC campaign for Our Voices, Our Homes and the imperative that the HUD budget be fully funded and that
- GKCCEH members are willing and valuable partners to the congressional offices for data, constituent service, and educational information on homelessness and at-risk-of-homelessness issues.
Congressional offices represented were Sen. Blunt, Michael Clarke, Sen. McCaskill, Brook Ballentine, Congressman Cleaver, Manny Abarca and Congressman Grave, Ashley Burke. Members offered a number of perspectives and shared important program information to the offices. Those contributing included:
- Journey to New Life, Georgia Walker,
- Cookie Cook, Mental Health of the Heartland America
- Becky Poitras, Hillcrest
- Lauren Solidum, Goodwill
- Beau Heyen, ECS
- Robin Winner, Synergy Services
- Irma Robinson, Amethyst Place
- Arthur Diaz, Gateway Foundation
- Terri Bennett Cooley, Swope
- Julie Clark, 2nd Chance (Dept Corrections)
- Susan Engel, St. Michael’s

The representatives thanked everyone for their work, for their open communication and expressed their willingness to participate in our meetings regularly.

Committee Reports

Coordinated Entry-Amy Copeland reported that the CE system began on Monday, the 17th of July. Sondra Robinson reported that the committee is responding to all questions as quickly as possible. Beau Heyen shared the CE letter that was sent to all agencies and distributed copies of the Pre-Screen tool. The Pre-Screen tool enters people into the By-Name-Registry-List. He indicated that the CE page on the GKCCEH website has the priorities as they will be introduced; PSH, RRH, TH, ES and the pre-screen tool markers of chronicity, lethality, veterans and youth. Since PSH is currently at 116% in the metro, RRH is being refined for introduction as soon as possible. Please continue to send questions to Kelly Welch at kwelch@sheffieldplace.org. It’s been reported that Forest Avenue is closing permanently-staff will follow-up and report back.

Workforce Development-Arthur Diaz reported that the recent Train-the-Trainer was a success.

Grants-Lynn Rose reported that the NOFA was released on July 14th, 2017 and the Grants comm will start meeting weekly throughout the process. The Timeline will be sent out next week. Amy Copeland indicated that ESNAPS is open for the Project Applicants and there is bonus money available-under certain conditions.

PIT-Beau reported that the comm trip to Des Moines re: electronic PIT surveying was successful. The comm is now developing a prospectus to get a quote for their software to customize for the metro-area. No date has been determined for the response to our CoC.

Permanent Housing-Jacob Pitt reported that the PH comm is working with the CE working group to develop outcomes for PH. Their next meetings are August 11th and 24th, 2017, at MARC.

Special Populations-Vickie Riddle, ACSW reported that the Board is seeking a co-chair to replace Kerry Wrenick, who is moving to Colorado this summer. Many thanks to her for all of her work on behalf of the comm. The Youth TA through CSH is continuing and the next meeting will be in August.
Built for ZERO-Sondra Robinson reported that the community numbers have been submitted to USICH and we should be deemed a ZERO2017 Functional ZERO community in the next 2 weeks. Congratulations to all who have helped achieve this marker.

HMIS-no report
Mainstream Benefits-no report
Membership-no report

Announcements
Aric Anderson, Street Outreach/KCPD will be meeting with a contingent from St. Joseph that is interested in our CoC model of working with law enforcement. Vickie will provide him with contact information for Randy Sharp, CoC Lead, at Inter-Serv in St. Joseph MO.

Robin Winner, CSF Working Group Chair, reminded everyone that the Clay County CSF initiative is on the August 8th ballot. Please contact Robin at Synergy to volunteer for leaflet distribution and polling place slots on the 8th.

Travis Strong re-iterated that CUM has uniforms available for public school students in KCMO and KCK.

Becky Poitras announced they have a Case Manager position available-it is advertised on the NPC website jobs listings.

Robin Hawkins was welcomed-she is the new Clinical Manager at SAVE, Inc.