Becky Poitras welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Kelly Welch reported the following on behalf of the GCKCEH Board:

- An amendment to the Board Articles is proposed –
  
  **Original Article III**
  
  **Membership:** The Coalition shall have Members.
  
  **Section 1. Membership Defined:** The membership of the Coalition shall consist of persons, organizations and agencies who provide services. The agencies who provide services are defined as agencies that advocate for persons who are experiencing homelessness or are at-risk-of-homelessness.
  
  **Amended Article III**
  
  **Membership:** The Coalition shall have Members.
  
  **Section 1: Membership Defined:** The membership of the Coalition shall consist of persons, organizations and agencies who work to end homelessness. The agencies who provide services are defined as agencies that advocate for persons who are experiencing homelessness or are at-risk-of-homelessness.
  
  The amendment will be sent to the membership for approval at the next meeting on December 21st, 2016.

- The consultation with CSH on strategic planning with the Board will begin in mid-December and will be fully reported to the membership, to include Board and Committee Co-Chairs.

- CSH is working through the data provided to them by the GKCCEH and MAAC.

- There is not currently a working group on Coordinated Entry/Assessment. This would not occur until after the CSH consultation has been completed.

- Updates will occur periodically.

- Kelly thanked everyone for all of their efforts during this complex time and shared this quote from Melody Beattie, “Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.”

**Program Spotlight on Swope Health Center was provided by Melanie Triplett and Terri Bennett.**

- Swope provides a wide range of health services including behavioral, medical, vision and dental services.
- Medicaid supports their program services.
- Transportation is provided from homeless programs to the various Swope centers through their system.
- They work with the MO Dept MH to refer consumers to Shelter Plus Care services with Amy Copeland’s local office.
- The mobile medical unit schedule is posted on their website each month and moves among community providers.
- It’s important to know that their free care program for homeless persons requires documentation from a shelter.
- Enrollment in their CPRC program requires the client to be enrolled in Medicaid.
- Children who qualify for McKinney-Vento services can use a letter from the school Homeless Liaison—this does not include free services.
- Flyers from Swope Health Center will be sent separately.
Vickie Riddle provided the following staff report:

- Staff is providing support (reports, data, forms, etc.) to the Board and CSH as we enter into the strategic planning process for the GKCCEH.
- Staff is working to complete the draft of the YHDP grant in support of the Special Populations Committee and the 7 sub-committees that completed the application.
- Attending national and state-wide updates on policy impacting services post-election.
- Developing office systems to strengthen committee work on behalf of the membership structure.

Committee Reports:

- Lisa Fleming reported **Grants Comm** is 1) expanding and strengthening the policies and procedures of committee and 2) revising the rank and review process to insure transparency and consistency.
- Becky Poitrans and Vickie Riddle reported that the **HMIS** process of selecting a vendor was community driven and focused on achieving the most effective and efficient services, with the most current, cutting age technology for all agencies. At present the absolutes re the future vendor services include that no agency will pay increased fees in the next 2, hopefully 3 years from this date. Greg porter, GKCCEH has often stated that his hope is that the Coalition will include vendor services as a membership benefit. **That has not yet been achieved**, despite some community conversation that it has already been guaranteed. Becky announced, for those who had not yet heard, that the new vendor will be Caseworthy. The HMIS Lead Agency governing Board, chaired by Scott Wagner, City Councilman for the 1st District, has set July 1, 2017 as the live date for the new vendor.
- Robbie Phillips reported that the **Mainstream Benefits comm** will meet on December 13, 2016 at 10:00AM, in the Administration bldg. of City Union Mission (11th at Troost KCMO). Their work continues to seek best practice examples of multiple benefits application formats. They are now looking at Colorado’s **PEAK** format.
- No further report from **Membership**
- Beau Heyen reported that the **PIT Comm** is moving forward on four fronts: Logistics, Sites, Youth and Volunteers. Each subcommittee is creating new tools to make the PIT more effective in depth, breadth and intensity of the impact of the survey. Coordinators will be identified for each of the distribution sites this year. Also, this year each agency will receive a packet particularized to their organization to insure comprehensive success in the process. The 2017 training memo was distributed at the meeting; all ES, SF and TH agencies/programs must attend a separate HIC training this year, as well as a PIT survey training. Volunteer sign-up is available online. The next meeting of the whole PIT Comm. will be on 12.8.2017 at reStart, 9:00AM.
- Amy Bickford reported on behalf of Sondra Robinson for the **Permanent Housing Comm**. The next PH meeting is November 18th at 9:00AM at MARC. The next Landlord Luncheon is on December 9th, 11:00AM-1:00PM, at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, in Founder’s Hall. If your agency has a landlord to recommend for an invitation please send the information to Evie Craig asap. The ZERO:2016 update is pending however we know we have fewer than 28 vets to house to achieve functional zero. Scott Wagner has established a City Worker donation site on the www.ZEROKC.org website. Comm. Philbrook asked if the same could be done in KCK and the answer was absolutely. Thanks to Rachel Pederson, Sal. Army for completing the SSVF Gaps Analysis last week.

**THIS JUST IN FROM BENCHMARKS ON 11.17.2016….we have 19 vets to house to achieve Functional ZERO!!!!! Thanks to everyone for their efforts!!!!!**

- Jane Philbrook reported that the **Workforce Development Comm.** is meeting this afternoon at 3:30PM at the KCK Chamber of Commerce office (727 Minnesota Ave KCK) and the speakers will be Jeff Pinkerton, MARC Employment Specialist and Cedric Steadman speaking about the KC Scholars program update.
• Kerry Wrenick reported that the Special Populations Comm. is currently completing work on the YNDP grant. She thanked everyone who has worked on completing the questions. It’s currently being reviewed by Todd Johnson, Michael Barrett, Rhonda Holman and Becky Poitras. The next meeting will be December 6, 2017 at the KCK Public School offices at 1:00PM. Everyone is invited to attend as the committee wants to represent each population impacted by homelessness or at-risk-of-homelessness and integrate their needs into the complete work of the Coalition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Becky Poitras, Hillcrest Housing shared information about the 2nd Chance Scholarship program. They provide full scholarships to for students at 2 and 4 year colleges, who have a corrections issue in their past. An important aspect of the program is that each student has a mentor throughout the entire program, providing sustainable resources to support the student. They do not provide room and board but have great resources that help with that also. to recommend a student go to www.2ndchancescholarships.com.

Lisa Fleming, Rose Brooks, announced they are holding two trainings this winter. On 11.30.2016 there will be a Trauma informed/Accessible Agencies training and on 12.14.2016 there will be a Safety Planning training. Both are at 9:00AM. Registration is available on their website www.rosebrooks.org.

Beau Heyen, Episcopal Community Services, reminded everyone of their Christmas Dinner celebration in Founders Hall at G&HT Cathedral, on 12.21.2016 (flyer sent separately). Thanksgiving dinner will be served at KCCK on Thursday and there will be a regular meal on the Friday following Thanksgiving. There is a flyer re: a northland Thanksgiving meal also (sent separately).

John Rich announced that the MAAC User’s Group will meet immediately following this membership meeting. There will be a significant discussion on the transition for Coalition members who are currently using MAAC for homeless services data, as well as other HMIS issues.

Gerry Barker with The Grooming Project provided information on their training program for women. It is a six-month program that results in certification as a dog groomer. They program is open to women who have at least one child, felonies are NOT a prohibition to admission and there is significant job placement support in the program. A new co-hort of trainees begin every 3-4 months and accept 12 persons per co-hort. A stipend of $125.00/week is provided to each student trainee. The starting wage for groomers is $12.00-$15.00/hour. Vickie shared that dog grooming is a growing field and that many groomers are paid $50.00+/hour once they develop a following. There is research that dog grooming is an excellent match to persons who have had a history of corrections since their main interaction is with animals that know no judgement and the work is personally satisfying and develops a person’s confidence in their ability to do good work and increase their skills in the process. For more information contact gerrybarker65@gmail.com, or call 816-314-5376.

Lynn Durbin reported that the Children’s Service Fund (CSF) initiative passed in Jackson County on November 8th, 2016. The initiative will provide $12-15M/year in support for children’s services as defined in the authorizing legislation. The Jackson County Legislature did place a 7 year sunset on the initiative however its successful implementation will provide the voters at that time with effective results for children to support re-authorization the statute. Lynn thanked the membership for their support and hard work in passing this initiative. Special thanks are owed Robin Winner who has shepherded this initiative for the past 6 years. Her resilient work and personal insistence that this was something that must be accomplished is the foundation of its success. Jackson County Executive Director Frank White will now begin the process of appointing the CSF Board of Directors. The next focus of the CSF Advisory Bd is to work with Mr. White.
and create the working process for the CSF. This includes identifying a CSF Director, establishing an office and initiating the application/allocation process for the funds.