Kelly Welch welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Kelly reported that the Coordinated Entry (CE) Design Lab was a good opportunity for the Coalition to evaluate how best to serve those seeking redress for their homelessness. 35 members attended over the two days of the session. The CE system will be operational on July 1, 207; it will begin with PSH and while it won’t be perfect at the beginning, it will evolve into a system that effectively serves homeless persons/families across the spectrum of services. The first five hubs for intake will be Catholic Charities/NE KS, CSL, Frank Williams Center, the KCVA reStart and a DV location. A key ingredient for CE is a robust sense of humor as we move through implementation. It will help us reduce eligibility barriers, lower the challenges faced by consumers, use the BNRL effectively and allow the Coalition to serve discreet populations in an effective way. Built for ZERO has given us the necessary best practice model to serve specific populations including families and individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, youth and populations that will occur in the future.

Greg Porter, Board Pres, briefly reported that the HMIS LA Bd continues to focus on the data transfer mechanisms needed to move HMIS to CaseWorthy.

Matt Watkins, Bd. Treasurer is chairing the search committee to identify the next Executive Director of the GKCCEH as Vickie leaves the agency in December 2017. OMNI has been retained as the search firm and in addition to Greg and Matt, the search committee includes Dan Doty, Cara Hoover, Cindy Taylor, LF and JG ??). Greg and Matt thanked Vickie for her service to the agency. There will be a reception honoring her service announced at a later date. Please contact Michelle Anderson at OMNI for additional information about the position. The position is also posted on NPC as of today.

In the Executive Directors Report Vickie noted that the GKCCEH is pursuing technical assistance from two separate offerings to move forward with youth services, and that staff are supporting the CE and the HMIS efforts. The GIW, PIT Count and the HIC are due to HUD by May 5th.

Nate Smith, Director of Morning Glory Ministries presented the Program Spotlight. The program offers breakfast Tuesday through Friday from 7:15-8:30AM, as well as take-away breakfasts, and on-site lunch on Saturday and take-away sack meals on Sat. and Sunday. They provide breakfast to 125 people each morning, 75-85 lunches daily, totaling 65,000 meals in 2016. They also provide emergency assistance including hygiene products, clothes, driver’s licenses, Rx refills (no controlled substances) and on occasion, small dollar amounts of services. They have programs for employment empowerment that includes work boots and work related bus passes for the first 30 days of new employment.