



BOONE COUNTY
UPWARD MOBILITY

Second Chance Leasing Workgroup Minutes

November 21, 2024, 1:30PM – 3:00PM

Boone Electric Community Building (1413 Rangeline, Columbia MO) and virtually via Zoom

Meeting Objective: Review/discuss Second Chance Leasing Feedback Survey Responses

Attendees: Sidney Everhart (University of Missouri - Columbia (MU)), Evan Lawrence (4-A-Change), Haley Hamblin (MU), Scott Buis (Truman VA), Sarah Melchert (Frontier Property Management (Frontier)), Angie Crowe (Frontier), Minhua Zhu (MO Department of Social Services), Alice Leeper (Columbia Board of Realtors), Tionna Lawson (Voluntary Action Center (VAC)), Becca Jones (VAC), Mike Martin (Arthouse Properties), Carmelita Wright (Salvation Army), Gina Jenkins (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Verna Laboy (BCCSD), Kerby Webb (BCCSD), Emilio Ayala Youngblood (BCCSD), Joanne Nelson (BCCSD)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Verna welcomed all attendees and opened the floor for introductions.

2. Follow up from last meeting

a. Housing Study

Verna shared that the Housing Summit was a great success with over 180 attendees. The recommendations given by Dr. Boston are being reviewed by key stakeholders. The City of Columbia and Boone County officials and policymakers will be meeting next month to discuss these recommendations and determine who is responsible for what steps. The City of Columbia Office of Neighborhood Services will be taking a report to the City Council, where the public is encouraged to attend and let their voice be heard. In response to workgroup discussion, Joanne stated that the information that will be presented to City Council can be shared with this workgroup.

b. Other Updates

No other updates were shared.

3. Review Second Chance Leasing Survey Results

The feedback from the survey has been shared with all of the workgroup members. Gina provided an overview of survey responses. The group discussed the content and format of current meetings and if any changes should be made for the 2025 meetings. An official format and date/time is still being discussed and will be finalized at the next workgroup meeting in December.

One of the key topics that the group discussed as a future priority is improving relationships between tenants and housing providers. Different suggestions were made for the workgroup to consider, such as partnering to host a local Housing Fair and engaging in different types of media/publicity efforts. The workgroup shared interest in creating a more structured outline of how to proceed. Some individuals volunteered to create a draft together which can be shared and discussed at the next workgroup meeting.



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4. Next Steps

- Information that is being presented to Columbia City Council regarding the Housing Study and Housing Summit will be shared with the workgroup.
- Anyone interested in joining the small group planning meeting will meet at the Boone County Community Services office (107 N. 7th St.) on December 5th at 3:00PM.

5. Closing

a. Partner Updates

No partner updates were shared.

b. Comments and Questions

Verna mentioned some plans to be out of the office before and after the next workgroup meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 19, 2024, 1:30 – 3:00 PM Boone Electric Community Building or virtually [via Zoom](#).