



Second Chance Leasing Workgroup Minutes

December 19, 2024, 1:30PM – 3:00PM

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

Meeting Objective: Structure 2025 Second Chance Leasing Workgroup Efforts

Attendees: Carter Stephenson (Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services Department), James Bayless (Fresh Start), Lori Acton (Love Columbia), Alice Leeper (Columbia Board of Realtors), Scott Buis (Truman VA), Sidney Everhart (University of Missouri - Columbia), Mike Martin (AP COMO), Gina Jenkins (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Verna Laboy (BCCSD), Kerby Webb (BCCSD), Emilio Ayala Youngblood (BCCSD)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Verna welcomed all attendees and opened the floor for introductions.

2. Follow up from last meeting

a. Second Chance Leasing 12/5/2024 planning session report out

The workgroups reviewed the document developed outside of the standard workgroup meeting time which lists three strategies and some action steps that the workgroup could tackle in 2025. The workgroup discussed each of the action steps, and considered ways to go about approaching them to impact the three strategies.

b. Other Updates

There were no other updates from the last meeting.

3. Next Steps – 2025 Workgroup Plan

- The workgroup discussed the possibility of changing the name of the workgroup to better fit the scope of work that the workgroup will pursue going forward. The group decided to brainstorm multiple new options for names and send out a poll so anyone not present can still have an opinion on the new name.
- Discussion on the barriers for those seeking and providing housing included some approaches could include a shared background check system. Approaches to the application and background check system were mentioned, noting they vary by housing provider.
- Further collaboration with housing providers, including opportunities to present to other groups outside of workgroup meetings were considered. Sidney plans to learn more about the Columbia Apartment Association meeting schedule to provide an update at the next workgroup meeting.
- Lori provided an update on opportunities for other organizations have individuals attend Rent Smart Train-the-Trainer training through University of Wisconsin Extension as a first step in expanding resident training programs locally. The workgroup had additional discussions of this strategy.



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- The workgroup briefly discussed marketing and different opportunities to share information. The workgroup will further discuss this and other aspects of the 2025 workgroup plan at the next meeting.

4. Closing

a. Partner Updates

None.

b. Comments and Questions

The workgroup discussed potential locations for the next meeting since the Boone Electric Community Building was not available on January 23, 2025. Some workgroup members planned to confirm availability of other meeting rooms.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 23, 2025 1:30 – 3:00 PM at Love Columbia or via Zoom.