



BOONE COUNTY
UPWARD MOBILITY

Housing Access and Support Alliance Workgroup Minutes

May 22, 2025, 1:30PM – 3:00PM

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

Meeting Objectives:

- Develop a crosswalk of Portable Tenant Screening Report System options
- Make progress on 2025 workgroup plans

Attendees: Alice Leeper (Columbia Board of Realtors (CBOR)), Shawna Neuner (CBOR/Columbia Apartment Association), Andrew Grabau (William Guitar Little (WGL) Foundation), Onni Flint (Central Missouri Community Action), Carter Stephenson (Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services), Sarah Melchert (Frontier Property Management), Lori Acton (Love Columbia), Tionna Lawson (Voluntary Action Center (VAC)), Senica Smith (VAC), Becca Jones (VAC), Roy Kroeger (Boone County Resource Management Department), Roger Dyer (Mid Missouri Legal Services (MMLS), Garnett Matthews (MMLS), James Bayless (Fresh Start), Carmelita Wright (Salvation Army), Brandon Shults (Burrell Behavioral Health), Ashley Haymart (Burrell Behavioral Health), Sidney Everhart (University of Missouri – Columbia), Joanne Nelson (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Gina Jenkins (BCCSD)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began with Gina welcoming everyone and those in attendance providing introductions. Verna's absence was noted due to her presence at a conference with mention that she had recently announced her upcoming retirement at a different workgroup meeting.

2. Follow up from last meeting

The items included as part of the next steps identified during the last meeting were reviewed.

- The final versions of the "Ready to Rent?" and "Ready to Move?" information sheets were shared with the workgroup and posted to the Additional Resource section of the [website](#).
- The next set of information sheets for the workgroup about move in/out days are in progress and will be shared with the workgroup when drafts are ready for review. Workgroup members were encouraged to email with any other ideas for content to include.
- Joanne provided an update on the focus of the Housing Task Force group, noting their interest in having a case manager to help specifically when someone is a tenant in rental housing.
- The workgroup prepared to access the Portable Tenant Screening Report System (PTSRS) crosswalk shard [Google document](#) in preparation for workgroup collaboration.

3. Action on 2025 workgroup plans

a. Portable Tenant Screening Report System (PTSRS) crosswalk collaboration

The format of the shared PTSRS crosswalk document was reviewed, with some additional discussion of specific information which would be helpful to collect whenever possible. Everyone in attendance was asked to identify a Portable Tenant Screening Report vendor they would focus their research efforts on during the meeting, and everyone worked individually or in small groups to add additional information to the document.

Following some time working independently, the workgroup discussed some of their initial findings, including more detailed discussion of the HomeScreen program which Tower Grove Community Development Corporation presented on during the February 2025 workgroup meeting. The workgroup was interested in learning more about how this platform engages social service providers



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and requested to have the meeting recording reshared with the workgroup. Additional ideas for information to gather within this crosswalk to help guide future actions planned by the workgroup were discussed. Concerns about who would be completing an application if a social service component was part of a screening platform were brought up.

b. Information sheets

Information sheets were not addressed during this part of the workgroup meeting.

4. Next Steps

- Onni will share any feedback received from colleagues in other counties who are interested in the HomeScreen platform, especially if it includes additional items for this workgroup to consider.
- The shared PTSRS crosswalk document will be updated to have a column to save a link to a sample copy of the background reports generated by each PTSRS as well as a place to add a description of the source for where they are getting background check information.
- The link to access the shared PTSRS crosswalk document will be reshared with the workgroup.
- A link to the HomeShare presentation will be reshared with the workgroup.
- All workgroup members are encouraged to email upward@boonecountymo.org with ideas for the content to include in information sheets geared towards move in and move out days.
- All workgroup members should continue to fill in the shared PTSRS crosswalk document with details of specific information for the different vendors prior to the next workgroup meeting.
- The information gathered on PTSRSs will guide next steps in creating a timeline for other workgroup activities at the June workgroup meeting.

5. Closing

a. Partner Updates

- Carter said Project Homeless Connect will take place next on July 10, 2025, and volunteers are needed for the event. Carter also shared about his recent experience traveling to Atlanta, GA as part of the City of Columbia group invited through Bloomberg Idea Exchange, which brought five top finalist cities there to see shipping container homes. Someone in the project management office of the City of Columbia is taking the lead in exploring this opportunity to build housing further. This update prompted further discussion of some content discussed during the recent May 2025 Upward Mobility Affordable Housing Coalition workgroup meeting and everyone was encouraged to review the minutes for this meeting when they become available to hear more about some different approaches being explored to address housing affordability.
- Lori shared Love Columbia will offer estate planning and home maintenance classes in June and that a calendar is posted on their website with additional information.

b. Comments and Questions

The meeting concluded with a reminder of the next workgroup meeting date and location.

Next Workgroup Meeting: June 26, 2025, from 1:30 – 3:00 PM at Boone Electric Community Building – Volt Room or virtually via Zoom