

Housing Access and Support Alliance Workgroup Minutes August 28, 2025, 1:30PM – 3:00PM

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

Meeting Objective: Evaluate 2025 workgroup plan progress and goals

Attendees: Evan Lawrence (4-A Change), Onni Flint (Central Missouri Community Action), Senica Smith (Voluntary Action Center (VAC)), Becca Jones (VAC), Tionna Lawson (VAC), Roy Kroeger (Boone County Resource Management Department), Garnett Matthews (Mid Missouri Legal Services), Jaymes Schrock (Como Comunidad), Joanne Nelson (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Gina Jenkins (BCCSD), Enola-Riann White (BCCSD)

Welcome and Introductions
 Gina welcomed everyone and the group did introductions.

2. Follow up from last meeting

- The status of the informational sheets currently under development was reviewed. Enola is working on additional edits to the documents but this work has been paused as the workgroup may need to further decide on the purpose and content of the information sheets.
- The work session held in lieu of the July meeting to further engage in planning efforts and review the Portable Tenant Screening Report Crosswalk had only one person in attendance.

3. Review of 2025 workgroup plans

Gina reviewed the results statement and provided background on the workgroup using an updated summary of the proposed workgroup plan for 2025 which outlines tasks that have both been adopted or suggested by the workgroup. The workgroup also reviewed a document providing an overview of objectives and action steps identified by another community initiative (Adult Sequential Intercept Mapping – Housing Task Force), to better understand existing efforts in the community. Using this information, the workgroup then split into two subgroups to consider a key focus area at this point given the capacity of those participating in the workgroup.

The groups came back together in discussion and explored two potential focus areas: increasing housing provider engagement and developing or enhancing a centralized resource hub. Information about programs happening in other communities was also discussed. Given the workgroup's current capacity, it was decided to begin working on ways to further share resources would be beneficial. The workgroup discussed potential to make resources available in different languages.

4. Next Steps

Workgroup members whose organizations have coaches (or similar roles) are encouraged to ask for their clients' insights on their biggest barriers to housing to help guide the content and direction of next steps within the workgroup. At the September meeting the workgroup will continue the discussion and explore potential outreach to housing providers.

5. Closing

- a. Partner Updates
 - Becca shared that the Voluntary Action Center's Holiday Program sign up starts next week.



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- Garnett shared that Mid Missouri Legal Services is in the process of developing expungement clinics. They are developing an online tool to guide the expungement process.
- Onni shared that Central Missouri Community Action is making progress on Providence Landing.
 Homes include 1-3 bedrooms and will be sold for less than the cost of materials. Homebuyers will need to complete Love Columbia's First Time Homebuyer Class.
- b. Comments and Questions
 - The workgroup meeting ended with a reminder of the next workgroup meeting date and location.

Next Workgroup Meeting: September 25, 2025 from 1:30 – 3:00 PM at Boone Electric Community Building –Volt Room or virtually <u>via Zoom</u>