



BOONE COUNTY
UPWARD MOBILITY

Housing Access and Support Alliance Workgroup Minutes

September 25, 2025, 1:30PM – 3:00PM

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

Meeting Objective: Evaluate 2025 workgroup plan progress and goals

Attendees: Conner Gibson (Love Columbia (LC)), Brandon Shults (Burrell Behavioral Health), James Schrock (Como Comunidad), Kendra Jackson (Columbia Housing Authority (CHA)), Lori Acton (LC), Onni Flint (Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA)), Scott Buis (Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital), Gina Jenkins (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Enola-Riann White (BCCSD)

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Enola started the meeting by welcoming and having everyone make introductions.
 - b. Enola reminded the workgroup to complete the Upward Mobility Annual Feedback survey.
2. Follow up from last meeting
 - a. Enola provided a recap of the September meeting where the workgroup discussed a "Landlord 101" session.
 - b. Workgroup members were asked to bring one-page summarize of various housing assistance programs. The information was uploaded to the shared document. These documents will not be made public, but workgroup members can request access to the shared document by emailing upward@boonecountymo.org.
3. Compile list of housing/rental and associated services
 - a. The workgroup reviewed provided program lists from attendees, acknowledging the list is not exhaustive.
 - b. Discussion focused on developing a resource packet for landlords, including key details and definitions about various programs. The packet could be hosted on the upward mobility website and potentially updated every 6 months. Further discussion occurred on organizations that provide assistance that were missing from previous HASA meetings including: Welcome Home, City of Refuge, Flourish, True North, Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul.
 - c. It was suggested to have all landlords in one setting to hear from various organizations rather than Kendra Jackson (Columbia Housing Authority (CHA)), suggested reaching out to learn about the next meeting date and to learn what questions landlords may have to guide a presentation. The workgroup considered and will use united messaging approach for the landlord training session.
4. Next Steps
 - a. The November meeting will focus on finalizing plans for united messaging for landlord training sessions.
 - i. Kendra Jackson will reach out to CHA to find out presentation schedule for 2026
5. Closing
 - a. Partner Updates

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- i. Onni Flint (Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA)) shared CMCA properties will be available for pre-sale soon and upcoming home buyer education classes.
- ii. Lori Action (Love Columbia (LC)) mentioned Love Columbia's upcoming November classes: 10/28 Pre-home ownership classes, 11/8 First-time homebuyer workshop, 11/8 RentWell tenant success training, 11/8 growth-mindset class.
- iii. Kendra Jackson (CHA) shared that CHA has opened referrals for Kinney Point
- iv. James Schrock (Como Comunidad) recently held an event where they packed 150 care packages for Hispanic families and included translated service materials
- b. Comments and Questions – no comments or questions
- c. Enola ended the meeting by reminding members to complete the annual feedback survey and to send one-page summaries of their programs for the shared document.

Next Workgroup Meeting: October 23, 2025 from 1:30 – 3:00 PM at Boone Electric Community Building or virtually [via Zoom](#)