



**BOONE COUNTY**  
UPWARD MOBILITY

## Jobs and Workforce Development Workgroup Minutes

November 20, 2024, 1:30PM – 3:00PM

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

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**Attendees:** Arissa Calvert (Millstone Weber), Megan Weaver (Moberly Area Community College), Stacia Wolfe (MO Department of Corrections), Leslie White (Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA)), Fontella Jackmon-Jones (Woodhaven), Tara Shade (Woodhaven), Brooklyn Hill (CMCA), Conrad Hake (Love Columbia), Liz Sensintaffar (Job Point), Nikki Carter (MU Health Care), Nancy Ragsdale (Columbia Public Schools(CPS)), Jennifer DeLaporte (CPS), Katie Siegel (CPS), Lisa Driskel-Hawxby (Regional Economic Development Inc. (REDI)), Miles Gibson (First Last Mile), Jordan Carter (Services for Independent Living) Verna Laboy (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Gina Jenkins (BCCSD), Joanne Nelson (BCCSD), Emilio Ayala Youngblood (BCCSD), Kerby Webb (BCCSD)

**Meeting Objective:** Review/discuss Jobs and Workforce Development Feedback Survey Responses

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Verna welcomed all attendees and opened the floor for introductions.

### 2. Follow up from last meeting

#### a. Millstone Weber – Arissa Calvert

Verna introduced Arissa Calvert with Millstone Webber who gave the group a presentation on the work behind improving I-70. Arissa emphasized the desire to build a community, not just work on an infrastructure project. There was discussion about current and future collaboration with workgroup members.

#### b. Other Updates

No other updates were shared.

### 3. Review Jobs and Workforce Development Survey Results

Gina went over the results from the feedback survey. There was group discussion about what can be done to better the work group and ensure that the group is working towards action. There was conversation on how to keep Upward Mobility sustainable so the work can continue to happen.

The workgroup discussed the structure of meetings for the next year. Members determined that Wednesdays were still the best day of the week for most attendees and that the meeting location at Boone Electric was still the most desirable. Workgroup members wished to shorten the meetings to a one-hour time frame and adjust the meeting time to occur earlier in the day.

### 4. Next Steps

- Slides and handouts shared by Arissa will be sent to the workgroup.
- The workgroup will continue to discuss how the workgroup will structure efforts in 2025 during the December workgroup meeting.



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### 5. Closing

#### a. Partner Updates

- Love Columbia is having training to complete a Recovery Friendly Workplace certification.
- Woodhaven will have a ribbon tying ceremony on December 10 from 10AM-12PM.

#### b. Comments and Questions

No comments or questions.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 1:30 – 3:00PM, Boone Electric Community Building or virtually [via Zoom](#).