Affordable Housing Coalition Workgroup Minutes
October 21, 2026, 3:00pm – 4:30pm
Love Columbia (1209 E. Walnut St., Columbia, MO) and via Zoom

Meeting Objective: Review updates and research on affordable housing initiatives.

Attendees: Jane Williams, facilitator (Love Columbia (LC)), Mary Jo Herde (Citizen), Al Tacker (Citizen), Andrew Devureaux (Boone County Resource Management (BCRM)), Jesse Stevens (BCRM), Mary Clark (LC), Andrew Grabau (William Guitar Little Foundation (WGL)), Judy Bock (St. Vincent de Paul), Gary Martin (St. Vincent de Paul), Mark Briley (Anderson Homes Foundation), Alejandra Pardini (City of Columbia), Ben Burgett (Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA), Doug Hunt (Columbia Community Land Trust), Diane Suhler (Citizen), Julie Shoop (Citizen), Scott Claybrook (Arise Dwellings), Lori Acton (LC), Bill Rataj (City of Columbia), Clint Smith (City of Columbia), Carter Stephenson (Public Health and Human Services), Abigail Stotler (Veterans Affairs), Ituwa Lubani (American Lung Association), James Bayless (Fresh Start), Conrad Hake (LC), Joanne Nelson (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Kristin Cummins (BCCSD), Enola-Riann White (BCCSD)

1. Welcome and Introductions
    a. Jane welcomed everyone and had the group introduce themselves
2. Housing Study Recommendations Update
    a. City of Columbia
        i. Bill shared that the City was selected for the National League of Cities Housing Accelerator program which will begin in 2027. They will receive a playbook, technical assistance, and connect with other communities to support housing.
        ii. Clint shared potential changes to Planning and Zoning including reducing bulk area requirements, new code amendments by the first quarter of 2027. He also shared they are still working on updates to the definition of family and are receiving feedback.
    b. Boone County Government
        i. Andrew D. shared they are still working on MainStar integration. There are no other major updates
3. Affordable Housing Research Group
    a. Housing Trust Funds (Annabella Saikoom-Dadzie)
        i. Annabella presented sources of housing trust funds for communities across the United States. She shared examples of local governments that combine dedicated revenues and partner support, funding purposes, how the funds are distributed, and how bonds are integrated into the processes.
    b. 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act (Mary Clark)
        i. Mary provided an overview of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act. There was robust discussion on the potential use of the funding made available, but the language is currently vague and needs to be built out further.
4. Community Presentations & Discussions
    a. Randy Cole (Columbia Housing Authority)
        i. Randy presented on CHA's use of bonds in their past and current projects.

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5. Partner Updates
   a. Jane shared the job fair held on 10/20 went very well, they are exploring if they will do something similar again.
   b. Mark Briley (Anderson Homes Foundation) provided an update on the Spencer Hill project. They are in the development phase and waiting on county approval to proceed with the next steps.
   c. Ben Burgett (CMCA) shared they have accepted a Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) for the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) on Garth.
   d. Alejandra Paradini (City of Columbia) gave an update on the homelessness strategic plan process; they are reviewing the data to make objectives and will seek community feedback on those objectives. They are also exploring an Affordable Housing Platform through the Bloomberg Idea Exchange.
6. Closing
   a. Jane closed the meeting thanking everyone for their time and a reminder of the next workgroup meeting.

Next Workgroup Meeting: November 18, 2026, 3:00pm at Love Columbia in-person or via Zoom