



BOONE COUNTY
UPWARD MOBILITY

Housing Access and Support Alliance Minutes
February 4, 2026, 3:00pm – 4:30pm
Love Columbia (1209 E Walnut St, Columbia MO) and via [Zoom](#)

Meeting Objective: Set workgroup goals 2026

Attendees: Bronwyn Miller (Doorways), Scott Claybrook (Arise Dwellings), Jessica McNear (Voluntary Action Center (VAC)), Becca Jones (VAC), Scott Buis (Truman Memorial Veteran’s Hospital), Bayliee Kulesa (Love Columbia (LC)), Conner Gibson (LC), Lori Acton (LC), Onni Flint (Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA)), James Schrock (Como Comunidad), Garnett Mathews (Mid-Missouri Legal Services), Brandon Shults (Burrell Behavioral Health), Joanne Nelson (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Gina Jenkins (BCCSD), Enola-Riann White (BCCSD)

1. Welcome
 - a. Enola-Riann White started the meeting welcoming everyone and having the group introduce themselves.
2. Follow up from last meeting
 - a. REI/CAA presentation
 - b. Enola and Gina presented to CAA and the Real Estate Investors Group on behalf of HASA on January 14, 2026.
3. Workgroup 2026 goals
 - a. The workgroup reflected on the engagement with REI/CAA and discussed how to build on that momentum. Discussion included deepening landlord engagement by further developing landlord training and onboarding support, considering incentive programs, re-exploration of universal application processes, and tenant education.
 - b. The workgroup wants meetings to serve as working meetings. They agreed to explore landlord engagement as a base that the ideas discussed can grow from over time. Directional goals included: reviewing what programs exist currently for landlord engagement/onboarding, exploring incentives, inviting landlords to participate in existing tenant trainings such as Love Columbia’s RentWell, and updating and promoting existing tenant tools such as “Ready to Move-In” and “Ready to Rent” check-lists.
4. Partner Updates
 - a. Lori Acton (Love Columbia) shared March 14 will offer a RentWell session along with other trainings, exact details are still in development. The following week will have first-time homebuyer education classes based on home maintenance. Lori updated the workgroup on LIHTC properties that have aged out such as North Hampton.
 - b. Onni Flint (Central Missouri Community Action) the condos for sale on Providence are ADA compliant.
 - c. Enola-Riann White reminded the workgroup of the book club on There is No Place For Us starting March 18th following the Affordable Housing Coalition at 4:30pm. The book is available at Daniel Boone Regional Library and the Boone County Community Services Department will obtain copies that can be checked out.
5. Next Steps

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- a. The workgroup will research existing landlord engagement and onboarding programs to prepare recommendations/discussion for the March meeting
 - b. Enola and Gina will update the broken “Ready to Rent” link on the Upward Mobility website.
6. Closing
- a. Enola thanked everyone for attending and reminded the group to bring a device to the next meeting.

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