



BOONE COUNTY
UPWARD MOBILITY

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

Meeting Objective: Begin building landlord survey

Attendees: Lori Acton (Love Columbia (LC)), Carter Stephenson (Public Health and Human Services (PHHS)), Kendra Jackson (Columbia Housing Authority (CHA)), Onni Flint (Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA)), Bronwyn Miller (Doorways), Gina Jenkins (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Enola-Riann White (BCCSD)

1. Welcome
2. Follow up from last meeting
 - a. Gina provided a summary of previous meeting and updated the group about feedback received from Leigh Kottwitz. Enola and Gina were invited to Coffee with Code Enforcement on June 5, 2026.
 - b. The workgroup decided that July and August meetings will be virtual only from 3:00pm – 4:00pm.
3. Partner updates
 - a. Lori Acton (LC) shared the next Saturday RentWell class will be held on July 18th 8:30am – 12:30pm at the ROC. Individuals interested in attending can email coaching@lovecolumbia.org. Love Columbia is still looking for housing coaching staff, reach out to Lori (lori@lovecolumbia.org) for a job description.
 - b. Carter Stephenson (PHHS) shared that the homelessness strategic plan will eventually hold focus groups for landlords regarding homelessness in Columbia. If members of the workgroup have contact information for landlord email Carter. He also reported that the Summer Project Homelessness Connect is fully funded and will feature cooling stations this year provided by the Office of Sustainability. The Balance of State Notice of Funding Opportunity has become available, with year 1 funding to not go below 60% and looking similar to last year. More details will become available as the timeline is approved.
 - c. Bronwyn Miller (Doorways) reported that following a brief hiatus due to grant restrictions, Doorways has resumed short-term rent, mortgage, utility assistance, and deposit assistance for people living with HIV.
4. Landlord survey planning
 - a. Purpose and use of results
 - i. The group decided to do an open-ended survey with a continuous review. Discussion continued around what the workgroup needed to move forward with planning. The group determined the target audience is current housing providers, but the survey can be used to provide education to future housing providers.
 - ii. Use of the results will be determined based on the responses collected from the survey.
 - b. Refine survey questions
 - i. The workgroup determined the survey will have no more than 10 questions total, with three required questions:
 1. Are you a current landlord or not
 2. If yes, where are your rentals?

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3. Would you like to be contacted by the workgroup?
 - ii. Enola to send ranking list to workgroup. Workgroup will finish off potential questions by 6/5, then Enola will send a ranking list to the group on Monday 6/8. There will be an additional question to the workgroup: what do you see occurring with this data?
- c. Survey distribution
 - i. The survey will be available virtually on the HASA Upward Mobility webpage. Links will be sent to the Columbia Apartment Association (CAA)/Real Estate Investors group (REI) and to the Office of Neighborhood Services for them to distribute to their respective lists of housing providers. A paper version will also be available on the HASA Upward Mobility website. Individuals will email a photo/scanned copy to Upward or bring the completed form to the Community Services Department.
 - ii. Additional discussion was held regarding the development of an elevator pitch for the survey to describe its purpose and planned use.
5. Next Steps
 - a. At the July meeting finalizes survey questions and develops language/elevator pitch for survey distribution
 - b. Gina and Enola to check in with Leigh regarding survey distribution.
6. Closing

Next Workgroup Meeting: July 1, 2026, 3:00 pm – 4:00pm via Zoom

Next All Upward Mobility Meeting: July 29, 2026 4:30 – 6:00pm, Boone Electric Volt Room