



BOONE COUNTY
UPWARD MOBILITY

Housing Access and Support Alliance Minutes

August 5, 2026, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

via [Zoom](#)

Meeting Objective: Finalize housing provider survey and approve the messaging for survey distribution

Attendees: Lori Acton (Love Columbia (LC)), Kaye Vandendaele, guest (Boone County Coalition to End Sexual Violence (BCCESV)), Garnett Matthews (Mid-Missouri Legal Services), Bronwyn Miller (Doorways), Shawana Neuner (Mid-Missouri Board of Realtors), Becca Westhues (Voluntary Action Center (VAC)), Tambra Hickem (Harbor House), Gina Jenkins (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Enola-Riann White (BCCSD)

1. Welcome – Enola opened the meeting and welcomed Kaye Vandendaele from BCCESV
 - a. Kaye shared the work of BCCESV and invited the workgroup to the 10/13 Housing Roundtable 3:30 – 5:00pm. Contact Kaye.Vandendaele@CoMo.gov for more information or to RSVP.
2. Partner updates
 - a. Lori Acton (LC) shared the upcoming Bridge to Independence that targets 16-24 year olds 8/22 10:30 – 1:30pm at Love Columbia contact coaching@lovecolumbia.org for more information
 - b. Becca Westhues shared there is no funding available for eviction prevention at the moment but VAC has applied for a new grant for additional funding but hasn't heard if received will open back up.
3. Meeting format
 - a. The workgroup discussed returning to a regular meeting schedule for the rest of the year. Meetings will return to a 1.5 hour hybrid format. (in-person at Love Columbia).
4. Review of closed-ended survey questions
 - a. The workgroup reviewed the closed-ended/multiple choice survey questions selecting three questions regarding familiarity with local resources/organizations.
5. Elevator Pitch
 - a. Enola reviewed shared language with workgroup. It can be found on the Draft Language tab of the shared document. Workgroup members are asked to review this tab and provide feedback at the September meeting.
6. Next Steps
 - a. The workgroup discussed launching the survey following the September meeting. It will first be sent to ONS. After about a week of collecting responses, BCCSD will review the list and share with HASA members who have completed it (if that information was provided), then HASA members will send it out to their networks. It was suggested to add language to draft language to signal the workgroup is aware this is coming from multiple sources.
 - b. Workgroup members will review the "Housing Provider Survey" and "Draft Email Language" tabs providing feedback ahead of the September meeting. Additional, members were asked to review the "Landlord Handout for edits" tab and make any updates/adjustments to their programs and services listed. This list will be used to populate sections of the survey.
7. Closing – Enola ended the meeting with a summary of next steps and a reminder of the September meeting.

Next Workgroup Meeting: September 2, 2026, 3:00 pm – 4:30pm Love Columbia (1209 E Walnut, Columbia MO) and via Zoom