



Second Chance Leasing Workgroup Minutes

August 29, 2024, 1:30PM – 3:00PM

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

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Meeting Objective: Better understanding of Boone County Rental Housing Standards

Attendance: Roy Kroeger (Boone County Resource Management), Alice Leeper (Columbia Board of Realtors), Syreta Toson (A Home for Her), Tionna Lawson (Voluntary Action Center (VAC)), Senica Smith (VAC), Becca Jones (VAC), Daniel Crasnow (Central Missouri Community Action), Scott Buis (Truman VA), Minhua Zhu (MO Department of Social Services), Dara Williams (Pandora Premium Properties LLC), Sarah Melchert (Frontier Property Management), Chelsea Zabski (Missouri Foundation for Health), Carmelita Wright (Salvation Army), Carter Stephenson (Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services), Erika Buford (Powerhouse Community Development Corporation), Verna Laboy (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Kerby Webb (BCCSD), Gina Jenkins (BCCSD), Emilio Ayala Youngblood (BCCSD)

1. Welcome and Introductions

Verna welcomed attendees and introductions were made.

2. Boone County Rental Housing Standard Presentation by Roy Kroeger, MPH, REHS – Onsite Wastewater/Rental Housing Coordinator, Resource Management

Roy from the Boone County Resource Management Department introduced himself and provided information on his background and current role as an Onsite Wastewater & Rental Housing Coordinator. He shared that in 2021 the Missouri Legislature passed a ruling which allows local governments to create rules and regulations on housing standards. The conditions and process to report a complaint in Boone County were reviewed, with information on the areas that define habitability – which are the primary focus of an inspection. Clarification was provided to explain that the established habitability requirements are only in terms of meeting basic standards. Roy also noted some differences between processes within the City of Columbia.

3. Second Chance Leasing Workgroup Overview

Verna asked the attendees to evaluate the workgroup overview handout that was provided and discuss what work still needs to be accomplished, explaining progress which was made in some action steps.

- In relation to the “Develop and implement a resident training program” strategy, Love Columbia is currently providing a “Rent Well” course for people of the community to become educated on the details of being a good tenant.
- The “Develop and Implement a housing provider training program” strategy is lacking an agent to help with the goal. There was a recommendation to approach this problem by reaching out to City of Columbia Office of Neighborhood Services to touch base on the ties to their work. Verna will follow up with their department.



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- The group discussed possibilities of potential quarterly updates or housing provider presentations following the Housing Summit in October this year.

4. Closing

a. Partner Updates

Everyone was invited to attend the Housing Summit on October 24th, 2024 at Memorial Baptist Church. Please see the flier to [register for the event](#).

b. Comments and Questions

None

c. Next Steps

A change in the definition of Upward Mobility used across workgroups was brought up and supported by those in attendance, noting our position and efforts in the work continue.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 26, 2024, 1:30 – 3:00 PM Boone Electric Community Building or virtually [via Zoom](#).