



BOONE COUNTY
UPWARD MOBILITY

Jobs and Workforce Development Minutes

January 24, 2024, 1:30 – 3:00PM

Boone Electric Community Building (1413 Rangeline St., Columbia, MO 65201)

Attendance: Steve Smith (Job Point), Fontella Jackmon-Jones (Woodhaven), Todd Martin (Moberly Area Community College), Natasha Harris (Victory Finances), Lisa Fowler (Victory Finances), Nikki Carter (MU Healthcare), Donna Shatterly (Principe Italia JBS Prepared Foods), Conrad Hake (Love Columbia), Lori Acton (Love Columbia), Bailey Stock (Central Missouri Community Action), D'Markus Thomas-Brown (In2Action/ROC), Chad Massman (Columbia Chamber of Commerce), Madison Wyse (State of Missouri Job Center), Keri McKee (DSS Office of Workforce & Community Initiatives), Josiah Melzer (Program Specialist Office of Workforce & Community Initiatives), Gina Jenkins (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Verna Laboy (BCCSD), Lenna Peterson (BCCSD), Joanne Nelson (BCCSD), Al Cobbins (Minority Men's Network)

Meeting Objective: Continue ranking action steps to prioritize next steps for workgroup.

Results Statement: Boone County is a flourishing community where everyone can live, learn, and grow.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Al and Verna welcomed the group and prepared everyone for continuing the process of ranking action steps.

2. Breakout Groups and Ranking

- a. Instructions for ranking process – Instructions were provided to in-person and online attendees on the process for ranking potential action steps.
- b. Breakout groups discussion – The different breakout groups were able to complete their discussions on the remaining categories: Values, Equity & Specificity.
- c. Report out and prioritize action steps – This will be discussed and finalized at the February 2024 meeting.
- d. Discussion of next steps for workgroup – This will be discussed and finalized at the February 2024 meeting.

3. Closing

At the next meeting in February, there will be a discussion on all five categories ranking all the potential action steps: Values, Specificity, and Equity, Leverage & Feasibility. We will then get a group consensus for ranking each category.

- a. Partner Updates – Due to workgroup discussions, there were no partner updates.
- b. Comments and Questions – Due to workgroup discussions, there were no comments or questions.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 1:30 – 3:00PM, Boone Electric



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