



BOONE COUNTY
UPWARD MOBILITY

Jobs and Workforce Development Minutes
March 20, 2024, 1:30 – 3:00PM
Boone Electric Community Building, Volt Room (1413 Rangeline St.)

Attendance: Alvin Cobbins (Minority Men’s Network), Steve Smith (Job Point), Conrad Hake (Love Columbia), Fontella Jackmon-Jones (Woodhaven), Leslie White (Central Missouri Community Action), Tamba Hickem (Harbor House), Natasha Harris (Victory Finances), Caitlyn Kroboth (Moberly Area Community College), Gina Jenkins (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Verna Laboy (BCCSD), Lenna Peterson (BCCSD), Kristin Cummins (BCCSD)

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

1. Welcome and Introductions

AI opened the meeting and welcomed the group. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Review and Synthesize Action Steps Ranking

The workgroup reviewed progress, noting the group came to consensus on ranking for potential action steps #7-15 at the previous meeting. The group continued the process beginning with potential action step #6 and worked up the list. Discussion occurred for each potential action step. During the ranking, the group identified a separate potential action which they determined should be added as a new potential action step. The group worked together on the wording and ranking for the newly formed #16 (Identify and support youth earlier in their academic career to graduate or access alternative paths to high school graduation). The group completed the review and consensus ranking of all remaining potential action steps at the meeting.

3. Discussion of Next Steps for Workgroup

The workgroup will be provided with additional information to help brainstorm ideas for defining upwardly mobile business practices. The next workgroup meeting will allow time for further discussion of this definition and to consider how to get work done and next steps based on the action steps ranking results.

4. Closing

a. Partner Updates

Steve shared about Job Point including being featured in local media.

b. Comments and Questions

The workgroup was reminded of the survey and community input meeting for the Boone County Housing Study.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 1:30 – 3:00PM, Boone Electric



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