



**BOONE COUNTY**  
UPWARD MOBILITY

## Jobs and Workforce Development Workgroup Minutes

July 24, 2024, 1:30PM – 3:00PM

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

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**Meeting Objective:** Plan next steps based on ranked action steps. Time to take ownership and take action.

**Attendance:** Natasha Harris (Victory Finance), Dr. Nikki Carter (MU Healthcare Systems), Terra Eavenson (Connections to Success), Lisa Driskel-Hawxby (REDI), Liz Sensintaffar (Job Point), Daniel Crasnow (Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA)), Megan Weaver (Moberly Area Community College), Conrad Hake (Love Columbia), Miles Gibson (First Last Mile), Fontella Jackman-Jones (Woodhaven), (Gina Jenkins (Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD)), Victoria Woods (BCCSD), Kerby Webb (BCCSD), Verna Laboy (BCCSD)

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Verna welcomed all attendees in the absence of Al Cobbins (Facilitator) with thoughts of him as he cares for his mother. All introduced themselves.

### 2. Review Consensus ranking (3/20/24).

The workgroup reviewed and participated in a lively discussion regarding the Consensus Ranking sheet beginning with the highest-ranking potential actions to create an *Action Step Assessment (7/24/24)* working document. Those participants who were present in the meeting shared where their agency/company “fit” in the action step assessment. Potential Action #3, create opportunities to acknowledge and incentivize businesses which support employees’ upward mobility, birthed an idea for the workgroup, thanks to Lisa Driskel-Hawxby, for a yearly Upwardly Mobile Boone County Business Award, which could have categories.

### 3. Next steps for workgroup

Verna plans to reach out to some individuals/organizations to hopefully connect and encourage them to engage with this workgroup.

### 4. Closing

#### a. Partner Updates

- CMCA is looking for vendors to attend a Resource Fair in Centralia on August 3, 2024.
- First/Last Mile Transportation Service Ribbon Cutting will be at REDI on August 15, 2024 at 5:30 PM.
- Woodhaven recorded a PBS Video. Fontella will share when it is released and available.
- Sign up will be shared soon for an Upward Mobility Community Update event on September 6, 2024, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, which will include a Poverty Simulation facilitated by CMCA.
- MU Healthcare Expo will be September 13, 2024 at Holiday Inn Expo Center, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, for all Boone County students from Middle School through High School. It will be an immersive experience for the students and not a career fair.

#### b. Comments and Questions

The next workgroup meeting will be Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 1:30 – 3:00PM, Boone Electric Community Building or via [Zoom](#).



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