



General Membership Meeting
3:00 pm, Thursday, April 22, 2021
(Zoom Video Conference Call)

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MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order Lydia Pickett, Executive Director, MACH

Approval of Minutes – March 9, 2021 Call for the Motion
(Only MACH members are allowed to vote.)

MACH Advisory Committee Reports

Continuum of Care	Lydia Pickett, MACH
Membership	Lydia Pickett, MACH
Coordination of Services	Ghandi Daniels, The Wellness Coalition
HMIS/Data Collection	Tasha Cooper, HandsOn River Region
Mainstream Resources	Tara Davis, Friendship Mission

Presentation Yolanda Allen, Volunteer
River City Church

Review /Update on MACH Services Beverly Toodle
(Street Outreach, Rapid Rehousing, Homelessness
Prevention) Program Services Coordinator
MACH

Announcements/Information

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) - www.ahfa.com

Adjournment

Next Meeting: **Thursday, June 24, 2021, 3:00 pm**

Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (MACH)

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

(Conducted via Zoom Conference)

The Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (MACH) convened the general membership in a meeting at the above date, time, and methodology. The following members and visitors were in attendance:

Liletta Jenkins	AL Department of Early Childhood Education -State Children's Policy Council
Mike Nicholson	Alabama Arise
Sherril Lusby	City of Montgomery
Ebony Vaughn	Council on Substance Abuse (COSA) /HOPE Recovery Community Center
Angie Turner	Family Guidance Center of Alabama
Cecelia Saunders	Family Guidance Center of Alabama
Kimberly Cole	Family Sunshine Center
Lakisa Vaughn	Family Sunshine Center
Mary Malone-Williams	Family Sunshine Center
Brittney Smith	Family Sunshine Center
Sandra Wells	Family Sunshine Center
Jennie Tice	Family Sunshine Center
Stephen Holdren	Family Sunshine Center
Darrin Mayes	HandsOn River Region
Tasha Cooper	HandsOn River Region
Patrick Aitken	MACH
Breonna Alexander	MACH
Lydia Pickett	MACH
Beverly Toodle	MACH
Cynthia Bisbee	MACH Board
Debra Gosha	Member (MACH)
Meta Ellis	Montgomery Pride United/ Bayard Rustin Center
Susan Hunt	Renascence
Bryan Farrington	The Salvation Army
Ell White	The Salvation Army
Dr. Allen Sims	The Wellness Coalition
Jessica Avant	The Wellness Coalition
Delia Hasberry	The Wellness Coalition
Ghandi Daniels	The Wellness Coalition

Call to Order – Lydia Pickett, Executive Director, MACH, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes – Ghandi Daniels motioned for approval of October 22, 2020 minutes; Tasha Cooper seconded; motion carried.

MACH Advisory Committee Reports

Ms. Pickett encouraged all who have not joined a committee to select one and become engaged. Information on committees is available on the MACH website in the membership section. All committees are encouraged to meet at least quarterly in order to stay connected, active, and informed. Information about committees will be available on the MACH web site. Committee chairpersons were asked to set quarterly meeting dates and contact members to inform them.

Continuum of Care, Chair, Lydia Pickett, MACH, lydia@midalhomeless.org, 261.6182

The Committee will plan to conduct a Gaps Analysis to determine current unmet needs among our homeless population. Analysis will include surveys of people experiencing homelessness as well as a survey of MACH members and partners/supporters.

Membership (no current chairperson)

Report given by Lydia Pickett

There is a need to increase members outside of Montgomery County to include the other 4 in our service area (Autauga, Bullock, Lowndes, and Elmore). We need to connect with them on an ongoing basis to assure representation, engagement, and service delivery in those areas. Tasha Cooper noted that not only service providers, but community leaders, need to be members in order to have informed voices at the table. Ms. Pickett stressed importance of having homeless or formerly homeless people as members. She will task the new Committee chair (when appointed) with creating a glossary of terms to help newcomers and visitors acclimate to MACH; will also develop a brief new member orientation (15-30 minutes) which can be conducted prior to each MACH meeting for anyone who is interested.

Coordination of Services, Chair, Ghandi Daniels, The Wellness Coalition, gdaniels@thewellnesscoaliton.org; 293.6489

The annual Blanket Drive in November yielded 5,351 donated items (blankets, coats, scarves, hats, and other winter wear valued at \$50,854. Most items have been distributed to member agencies. Remaining items are available at MACH for those who need them. Ebony Vaughn stated gratitude for items COSA received for their clients. Beverly Toodle stated that MACH also received a large donation of new (in plastic) pillows, cases, and sheets which are available at MACH.

HMIS/Data Collection, Chair, Tasha Cooper, HandsOn River Region, tcooper@handsonriverregion.org; 334.264.3335

All shelter providers have been asked to appoint at least one person to the Committee. In general, the Committee is responsible for PIT (Point in Time) data, HIC (Housing Inventory Count), the HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) management, and the HUD-mandated Coordinated Entry System. The Committee needs representatives from government, schools, veterans' services, housing systems, etc. to effectively coordinate and provide services. Ms. Cooper invited all in attendance to consider joining. Stated the committee is highly important because if our data does not reflect our need, we (our area) will not be funded as needed. Ms. Pickett reemphasized the need for good data to support our efforts.

Mainstream Resources, Chair, Tara Davis, Friendship Mission, tdavis@friendshipmission.org; 334.356-6412

Report was presented by Lydia Pickett for Tara Davis (absent due to scheduling conflict). Ms. Davis requested that anyone with information about community services or with unmet client service needs provide that information to her so she can make contact with agencies or seek out services. Would also like for attendees to consider joining the Committee. Ms. Davis has been in touch with ADPH and wants to arrange a vaccine clinic to administer the Johnson & Johnson (one-dose) vaccine to street homeless persons. No plans have been solidified. Ms. Daniels mentioned that The Wellness Coalition's new Community Health Worker Program might be able to produce some ideas to assist with this.

Presentation: Montgomery Crisis Center – Sherri Lusby, Project Manager, City of Montgomery

Location: 650 Augusta Street **Phone:** 334-452-1971 (Sherri's cell) or 334-312-2858 (Crisis Center cell)

The Center opened yesterday. Will serve as quarantine or isolation location for people who are COVID-positive or are awaiting COVID test results. Maximum stay is 10-14 days. Max capacity is 94. Referral form must be completed for clients to be sent to Center. Ms. Lusby will provide case management and referral to shelter or housing resources. Discussions are ongoing with Montgomery Area Mental Health Authority to provide virtual counseling, and with local hospitals about discharge planning and referral to the Center for COVID-positive patients. No vaccinations or medical

care will be available. Post COVID, Center will serve as a resource for families displaced due to tornadoes, hurricanes, or other disasters.

Announcements

- **Job Openings** – Ghandi Daniels announced 10 position openings with The Wellness Coalition for Community Health Workers to provide information to their communities about COVID. Positions are posted on Indeed.
- **AlabamaFamilyCentral.org** – Liletta Jenkins announced this new resource, an online portal for Alabama families to access multiple resources. Agencies can add their information to the site by filling out a form.
- **Fourth Saturday** – Patrick Aitken stated that River City Church will re-start its monthly Forth Saturday event on March 27th, providing multiple resources for the homeless. Additionally, the Church will be open 3 days/week from 10am – 1pm, offering clothes closet, food pantry, and other items to meet immediate need and link clients to housing and other resources. Church now provides and address for those who need it to receive mail; also has disability attorney and volunteer barbers on site. Mr. Aitken asked all agencies to consider signing up to be on site once weekly for a few hours. Program is entitled HOME (Homeless Outreach Mission Endeavor).

All business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 22, 2021, 3:00 – 4:00 pm (via video conference).



RIVER CITY CHURCH

**301 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36104
334-263-0549**

Homeless Hub Weekly Schedule 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Mondays

- Lunch – provided by Lee Jackson (every other Monday. Additional cooks needed so there can be daily meals).
- Spiritual Guidance - Chaplain Ken Parks
- Behavioral & Mental Health Counseling - Medical Advocacy & Outreach (MAO)

Wednesdays

- Spiritual Guidance - Chaplain Don Henderson
- Street Kutz (haircuts) - Rochell Darrington
- Job Readiness & Placement – Hope Inspired Ministries (HIM)
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Thursdays

- Food Stamp Applications - DHR
- SSI/Disability/Stimulus Assistance – Attorney Susan Schaefer (every other Thursday)
- Eviction Assistance - Legal Services Alabama – Attorney Maceo Kirkland (every other Thursday)

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday

- Clothes Closet
- Food Pantry
- Homeless Depot (items to meet basic needs)
- COVID Rapid Testing
- Volunteers to assist with filling out the online application for the Friendship Mission shelters.

Future Services

- Medical Outreach Ministries – services and dates to be announced
- Loads of Love – permanent shower and laundry facility; construction to begin at River City Church in May
- Installation of approximately 30 Post Office Boxes to provide mailing addresses for unsheltered homeless clients
- "Phone Home" Program – will provide homeless clients with a phone and a private room reconnect with family that might be worried about them

**Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless
Advisory Committees
2021**

Continuum of Care Committee

Lydia Pickett, Chair

334-261-6182

Lydia@midalhomeless.org

Responsibilities:

- Manage formal structure for the Continuum of Care process.
- Seek and secure funding.
- Develop a formal structure for the process.
- Review local data and needs analysis.
- Identify gaps in the CoC system and work with local agencies to fill those gaps.
- Coordinate with the Data Collection Committee on the conduct of CoC surveys.

Coordination of Services Committee

Ghandi Daniels, Chair

334-293-6489

gdaniels@thewellnesscoalition.org

Responsibilities

- Manage linkages among service providers to assure MACH keeps its members updated on common issues among providers.
- Develop and ensure the maintenance of a directory of services for the homeless and how the services can be accessed.
- Hold service presentations at MACH meetings.
- Schedule training events for MACH.
- Oversee MACH's annual events – River Region Connects and Blanket Drive
 - Sub Committee: River Region Connects (Annually – Summer)
 - Sub Committee: Blanket Drive (Annually – November)

Mainstream Resources Committee

Tara Davis, Chair

334-356-6412

tdavis@friendshipmission.org

Responsibilities

- Encourage local mainstream (ex. Medicaid, TANF, DHR, etc.) to join forces with MACH agencies to better serve homeless clients.
- Coordinate efforts to prevent homelessness (ex. Upon discharge from hospitals or corrections).
- Provide services needed by those exiting the homeless services systems, including collaboration on how to change existing rules and operations within mainstream agencies to more effectively serve the homeless.

HMIS/Data Collection Committee

Tasha Cooper, Chair

334-264-3335

tcooper@handsonriverregion.org

Responsibilities

- Manage the homeless enumeration data collection process, including gaps analysis and assisting members of local government in the completion of homeless counts.
- Routinely coordinate with the Continuum of Care committee on the conduct of continuum of care surveys.
- Oversee management and maintenance of the HMIS system through the HMIS lead agency.
- Encourage local agencies to participate in the HMIS system.
- Regularly review established HMIS policies and procedures.

Sub Committee: Point-in-Time Count (Annually – Last 10 days of January)

Membership Committee

Chairperson to be appointed

334-261-6182

Responsibilities

- Develop a membership application form.
- Identify gaps in the Coalition's membership base.
- Recruit new members to fill those gaps.
- Review applications of all individuals and organizations seeking membership in MACH.
- Make recommendations to the full membership of the MACH Board regarding acceptance of those seeking membership.
- Assist in contacting lapsed and non-renewing members to encourage rejoining.