



General Membership Meeting
3:00 pm, Thursday, June 24, 2021
(Video Conference Call)



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MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order

Lydia Pickett, Executive Director, MACH

Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2021

(Only MACH members are allowed to vote.)

MACH Advisory Committee Reports

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

Announcements/Information

- Social Security Application Training
- ERAMCo Application Assistance (Montgomery County: 334-261-6186; all others: 833-620-2434)
- Montgomery Housing Authority – Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs)
- Second Chance Job Fair (flyer included)
- Eviction Assistance through Legal Services Alabama
- Other announcements

Adjournment

Next Meeting: [Thursday, August 26, 2021, 3:00 p.m.](#)

Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (MACH)
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 22, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
(Conducted via Zoom video 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:

Name	Agency/Organization
Jacqueline Rankins Smith	
Cynthia Bisbee	Bisbee & Associates
Brittney Smith	Family Sunshine Center
Laura Reed	Family Sunshine Center
Keenan Winters	First CME Church
Tara Davis	Friendship Mission
Tasha Cooper	HandsOn River Region
Darrin Mayes	HandsOn River Region
Lisa Nelson	Health Services, Inc.
Lydia Pickett	MACH
Najla Rushdan	MACH
Breonna Alexander	MACH
Patrick Aitken	MACH
Beverly Toodle	MACH
Doug McCloud	MAO (Medical Advocacy & Outreach)
Keisha Shaw	Masterpiece Inc.
Faye Shaw Jenkins,	Masterpiece Inc.
Charlene Roberson	Mental Health America in Montgomery
Meta Ellis	Montgomery Pride United
Emma McDaniel	Montgomery Pride United
Phyllis Gravely	Pam's Open Arms
Richard Carter	Pleasant Grove CME Church
Tommy Woodard	Priority Veteran
Susan Hunt	Renascence, Inc.
Bryan Farrington	Salvation Army
Betty Washington	Starting Point
Delia Hasberry	The Wellness Coalition
Ghandi Daniels	The Wellness Coalition
Jessica Avant	The Wellness Coalition
Derikka Vaughans	The Wellness Coalition
Stan Warren	Veterans Affairs

Call to Order - Lydia Pickett called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes - Ghandi Daniels motioned to approve the minutes from March 9, 2021. Tasha Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried without opposition.

Advisory Committee Reports

Continuum of Care Committee – Lydia Pickett, Chair

The Committee will create a gaps analysis survey will be created to determine current unmet needs of our homeless population and barriers to accessing services. Lydia will assemble the Committee and aim to have a

draft of the survey ready for review by the next membership meeting (June 24). Suggestions and ideas are welcomed.

Membership Committee – Lydia Pickett

The Committee will continue strategizing about how to increase membership and keep members engaged in all 5 counties served by MACH.

Coordination of Services Committee – Ghandi Daniels, Chair

- **River Region Connects** – Ghandi explained purpose and scope of the event, scheduled for August 12, 2021, 9 a.m. 12p.m. at the Multiplex. Event will be full scale since there is ample space to spread out and take safety precautions. Invitations to participate will be issued to partner organizations. Next planning meeting will be April 27th at 10 a.m. Help is welcomed and participation is encouraged. HandsOn/2-1-1 will recruit volunteers. A strong plea was made for barbers; attendees were asked to provide contact information for barbers willing to donate their time. The committee hopes to have single dose vaccinations available on site.
- **National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness (NHHA) Week - November 13 – 22, 2021**
MACH's annual Blanket Drive is held on the first 3 Saturdays in November, leading into NHHA Week. This year MACH is looking to bring awareness to homelessness within the community during NHHA week. The planning process to have several events during that week are just beginning – nothing concrete yet. Ideas so far include “Fill/Stuff the Buggy” with various items and/or a sleep-out. The objective is to create a signature event that MACH can host annually.

HMIS/Data Collection Committee – Tasha Cooper, Chair

The Committee has not met recently. Tasha stated a “null values report” will be issued monthly to HMIS users to show the places where required data are missing, which could be problematic during a HUD review of the HMIS program. All HMIS participants were urged to spend time reviewing the report. She stressed that if data are incorrect, there will be an insufficient amount of federal-level financial support/funding allocated to meet our community's needs. She provided general information about Coordinated Assessment/Coordinated Entry. She needs someone from each agency on the HMIS Data Collection Committee to help review and expand the process, with the primary objective of integrating practices to end homelessness.

Mainstream Resources Committee – Tara Davis, Chair

Tara invited anyone interested to attend the Mainstream Resources committee meeting on May 4, 2021 at 2 p.m. She asked everyone to share any information they have on resources for our clients. She will create a master list which will be available on the MACH website. Beverly Toodle asked for information from new members, especially in counties beyond Montgomery.

Presentation: Services Available through River City Church – Patrick Aitken (filling in for Yolanda Allen)

Patrick Aitken spoke on the services available at River City Church each week, tailored to meet the needs of the homeless population. (Handout/schedule provided to attendees.) The program is called HOME (Homeless Outreach Mission Endeavors). Objective is to be a one stop shop for clients to access food, clothing, services and information on a regular basis. Rapid COVID tests are available; 3 volunteer nurses are certified to give the test at RCC.

Review/Update on MACH Services – Beverly Toodle

Beverly explained criteria for each program offered by MACH: Rapid Rehousing (for those who are literally homeless), Homelessness Prevention (for those at risk of becoming homeless), and Street Outreach (for the unsheltered homeless sleeping on the streets or in cars, abandoned buildings, tents, etc.). Agency representatives should call 2-1-1 to refer clients to MACH's programs.

Announcements/Information

- Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) – www.ahfa.com – Financial assistance is available for rental and utility arrears; statewide program; funded by Department of the Treasury.
- Tasha stated HandsOn River Region has a partnership with Uber to provide transportation to and from vaccination sites.
- Lydia asked new organizations in attendance to contact Tasha to provide information about their services. She encouraged all agencies to make sure their 2-1-1 information is up to date.
- Lydia states she plans to develop an orientation session for new MACH members. When established, new members will be able to log in 30 minutes ahead of the MACH meetings to obtain in-depth information and ask questions about MACH, grants, programs, etc.
- Tara noted that Friendship Mission is hiring for several positions.

Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 24, 2021 3:00 pm** (via Zoom video conference).

All business being concluded, meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

SECOND CHANCE JOB FAIR



THURSDAY, JULY 8
9 AM - 12 PM
TRUE DIVINE BAPTIST CHURCH
4601 TROY HIGHWAY
MONTGOMERY, AL 36116

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Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless 2021 Advisory Committees

Continuum of Care Committee

Lydia Pickett, Chair

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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

Najla Rushdan, Chair

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Najla@midalhomeless.org

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.