



General Membership Meeting 3:00 pm, Thursday, October 27, 2022



In Person: Brantwood Children's Home, 1309 Upper Wetumpka Rd., Montgomery, AL 36107
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MEETING AGENDA

- Call to Order** Lydia Pickett, MACH
- Approval of Minutes from August 25, 2022** *(Only MACH members are allowed to vote.)*
- Introductions**
- HMIS* Report**
- Updates/Upcoming Events/Announcements**
- Virtual Resource Hour November 16, 3 p.m. Ghandi Daniels, The Wellness Coalition
Topic: Food Pantry Resources
Pre-register at bit.ly/MACH-PANTRY
 - National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (November 12-20, 2022)
 - MACH's Second Annual Not-A-Bed Sleepout, Friday, November 18, 2022
 - Blanket Drive (Nov. 14-18, 2022, 9 a.m. to Noon each day)
- Presentation** Dr. Darrell Cates
Aletheia House
Case Manager/Employment Specialist
- Overview and Tour of Organization** LaShunda Wilson, MS, ALC
Brantwood Children's Home
- Adjournment**

Next Meeting: February 23, 2023, 3:00 PM (location to be announced)

**HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) is the system used for collection and management of confidential data related to people who access homeless services.*

Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (MACH)

General Membership Meeting

Thurs., August 25, 2022, 3:00 pm at Reality and Truth Ministries, 506 Montgomery St., Montgomery, AL

Persons present:

Name	Organization
Nydia Saffold	Aid to Inmate Mothers
Dr. Darrell Cates	Aletheia House
Jessica Platt	Alabama State University (Library)
Clare Johnson	Central Alabama Community Foundation
Adena Kramer	City of Montgomery
Jim McCusker	NA
Muaath Al-Khattab	Faith in Action Alabama
Claire Smith	First UMC
Jacqueline Navidad	Frazer UMC Homeless Ministry
Tara Davis	Friendship Mission
Rev. Tiffany Chaney	Gathered By Grace
Tasha Cooper	HandsOn River Region, MACH board member
Rebecca Cornwell	HandsOn River Region
Sheralyn Belyeu	Just Serve
Breonna Alexander	MACH
Debbie Gaddy	MACH
Eileen Knott	MACH
Lydia C. Pickett	MACH
Traci Herndon	MACOA
Marquita Willis	Medical Advocacy and Outreach
Charlene Roberson	Mental Health America Montgomery
Julie Waters	Mental Health America Montgomery
Meta Ellis	Montgomery Pride United
James Lovejoy	Omega Psi Phi, Inc., MACH board member
LaQuanda Hall	Priority Veteran
Alvin Rowell	Quiet Storm Outreach Group
LaDonna Brendle	Reality and Truth Ministries
Vernon Caldwell	Reality and Truth Ministries
Vicki Dearing	Reality and Truth Ministries
Leon Morgan	Reality and Truth Ministries
Craig Baab	MACH board member
Ghandi Daniels	The Wellness Coalition, MACH board member
Delia Hasberry	The Wellness Coalition

Call to Order & Welcome by Lydia Pickett, Executive Director, MACH

Introductions – All present in person introduced themselves and Eileen Knott introduced those joining the meeting virtually.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the June 23, 2022 minutes came from Dr. Darrell Cates; seconded by Ghandi Daniels. Members approved the minutes as printed.

Updates

Coordination of Services Committee (Ghandi Daniels)

- Virtual Resource Hour on Job Readiness was attended by over 30 people. The next Virtual Resource Hour will be about services and programs offered by 2-1-1 and will be Wednesday, September 21 at 3:00 p.m. Pre-registration is available on Facebook and through email invitation.
- The committee is gearing up for the November Blanket Drive and Not-A-Bed Sleep Out. Next Committee meeting is September 7 and it is open to all.

River Region Connects (Eileen Knott)

- Held on August 4, 2022; 140 people attended, receiving a total of 46 haircuts, 18 COVID vaccinations, 38 state IDs, 10 voter registrations, 46 eye exams, 29 legal counsel visits, and more than 50 pairs of shoes, among other services. At least 30 of the volunteers and service providers provided constructive feedback. Greater attention to volunteer training and children's services will be offered next year. Task force members for next year's event have been identified.

HMIS Data Review (Tasha Cooper)

- Shelter providers that use the HMIS system are asked to update their information in the system by the end of the month. This includes updated bed lists, HMIS user agreements, and data elements such as shelter capacity and the number of people served who have returned to homelessness. The HMIS Committee will host an annual training meeting for shelter providers on September 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at a to-be-determined location.
- **July Shelter Report** – this report includes data from Family Sunshine Center, Safe Haven Lodge, Friendship Mission, The Salvation Army, Carastar Health. There were 160 shelter beds available in July and 124 occupied (78% occupancy). Emergency shelter available to house families included 50 beds with 32 occupied (64% occupancy). All total, there were 210 emergency shelter beds with 156 occupied (74% occupancy). In all categories of shelter beds from these agencies (permanent supportive housing, transitional housing and emergency shelter), the July report shows 269 beds available with 197 occupied (73% occupancy).
- Lydia Pickett stressed the importance of accurate data and its connection to receiving adequate funding to meet the community's needs. She asked all emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing providers to provide this data to be used by the City of Montgomery Task Force on Homelessness and its budget planning. Data should be forwarded to either Tasha Cooper (HandsOn) or Adena Kramer (City of Montgomery).
- Lydia Pickett noted the need for a glossary to explain the various terms used during meetings and in relation to possible funding. This task will be assigned to a MACH committee.

Funding Opportunities (Lydia Pickett)

- **2022 Continuum of Care Competition:** Through this annual process, MACH publicizes the availability of funds and submits a joint (collaborative) application to HUD consisting of all projects proposed for to HUD for funding. A summary of the funding opportunity, along with information about the application process, was distributed via email and is available on the MACH website. She noted that a little more than \$86,000 in funding is available for new projects. Applications are due for local community review by August 30; applications submitted after that date will lose points. Applications are acceptable for rapid rehousing, transitional housing or permanent supportive housing programs.
- **ESG and CDBG funding:** Both types of funding offer support for homeless programs. The City will announce their funding opportunity sometime this fall. Interested parties should subscribe to the City of Montgomery Planning Department's email list in order to receive announcements. A much higher amount of the same funding is available through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) in the spring. **Lydia stressed the need for more agencies to apply (especially for ESG Rapid Rehousing funds)** since MACH is the only agency currently providing services and any delay in MACH's application process stops the flow of services. This can be avoided if there were additional agencies with funding for this program. Agencies can apply for **up to \$500k** in ADECA funding to hire staff and operate the program.

Announcements

- **Blanket Drive** dates will be announced soon. This event will be planned in concert with MACH's second annual **Not-A-Bed Sleep-Out** scheduled for the evening of Friday, November 18, and morning of Saturday, November 19. It was suggested that MACH consider a fundraising component for this event; participants could get sponsors for the hours that they sleep outdoors or in their cars.
- **Give Smart Montgomery** Grants of \$2,500 (maximum) became available through the Central Alabama Community Foundation on August 1 and will continue to be available on a rolling basis. Clare Johnson (clare.johnson@cacfinfo.org) offered guidance to nonprofits providing programs or projects that address homelessness and other issues triggering panhandling behavior.

Presentation by LaDonna Brendle on Reality and Truth Ministries (R&T)

- R&T (a faith-based organization) has two programs to serve homeless people:
 1. Transitional housing for women released from prison. Three women at a time and their children (as needed), are housed for free for one year in order to establish a foundation for independent living. Program residents receive a four-quarter curriculum provided by volunteers which includes a) strategies for dealing with their past, b) building healthy relationships, c) money management, and d) developing a prayer life.
 2. One Church Mission (in operation since 2010). This ministry has provided a day center with showers, food, companionship, computers, internet, etc. – along with navigators to access employment and housing opportunities for participants.
- There are no paid staff at R&T, but lots of volunteers. A for-profit company has been spawned to create some job and housing opportunities for the people served by the non-profit.
- R&T's non-profit needs an HVAC system and some finishing electrical work in order to officially open their day center of One Church Mission at their current location (506 Montgomery Street).

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 27, 2022, 3:00 pm via Zoom (bit.ly/MACH-GENERAL) and at a to-be-announced physical location.

MACH/HMIS SHELTER OCCUPANCY REPORT - July 2022

	# Beds Available	Average Beds Occupied	Percent Occupancy	Total Clients Served
EMERGENCY SHELTER - INDIVIDUALS				
Family Sunshine Center	2	1.00	50%	5
Family Sunshine Center -Human Tracking Program	3	3.00	100%	5
Friendship Mission - Men	28	31	111%	58
Friendship Mission - Women	15	8	53%	13
Montgomery Area Mental Health - Crisis (Greil)	40	30	75%	41
Safe Haven Lodge - Veterans	32	30	94%	41
Salvation Army	40	21	53%	58
TOTAL EMERGENCY SHELTER - INDIVIDUALS	160	124	78%	221
EMERGENCY SHELTER - FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN				
Family Promise	3	7	233%	7
Family Sunshine Center	4	3	75%	4
Friendship Mission - Women	28	8	29%	13
Salvation Army	15	14	93%	14
TOTAL EMERGENCY SHELTER - FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN	50	32	64%	38
TOTAL EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS				
	210	156	74%	259
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - INDIVIDUALS				
Family Sunshine Center - HUD Phase I	6	1	17%	14
Montgomery Area Mental Health	10	4	40%	6
TOTAL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - INDIVIDUALS	16	5	31%	20
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN				
Family Sunshine Center - HUD Exodus	28	23	83%	27
Family Sunshine Center - HUD Phase I	15	13.0	87%	25
TOTAL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN	43	36	84%	52
TOTAL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BEDS				
	59	41	70%	72
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING - INDIVIDUALS				
Montgomery Area Mental Health (HUD 525)	50	36	72%	40
Montgomery Area Mental Health (Long-Term Residential)	108	91	84%	96
TOTAL PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING - INDIVIDUALS	158	127	80%	136
TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES				
	427	197	46%	331

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MACH/HMIS SHELTER OCCUPANCY REPORT - August 2022

	# Beds Available	Average Beds Occupied	Percent Occupancy	Total Clients Served
EMERGENCY SHELTER - INDIVIDUALS				
Family Sunshine Center	2	1.00	50%	11
Family Sunshine Center -Human Tracking Program	3	2.00	67%	3
Friendship Mission - Men	28	33	118%	60
Friendship Mission - Women	15	11	73%	15
Carastar Diversion Center	4	2	50%	23
Montgomery Area Mental Health - Crisis (Greil)	40	30	75%	59
Safe Haven Lodge - Veterans	32	30	94%	43
Salvation Army	40	24	60%	54
TOTAL EMERGENCY SHELTER - INDIVIDUALS	164	133	81%	268
EMERGENCY SHELTER - FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN				
Family Promise	3	7	233%	7
Family Sunshine Center	4	2	50%	19
Friendship Mission - Women	16	12	75%	23
Salvation Army	15	16	107%	16
TOTAL EMERGENCY SHELTER - FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN	38	37	97%	65
TOTAL EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS				
	202	170	84%	333
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - INDIVIDUALS				
Family Sunshine Center - HUD Phase I	6	1	17%	5
Montgomery Area Mental Health	10	5	50%	6
TOTAL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - INDIVIDUALS	16	6	38%	11
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN				
Family Sunshine Center - HUD Exodus	28	28	100%	28
Family Sunshine Center - HUD Phase I	15	2.0	13%	5
TOTAL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN	43	30	70%	33
TOTAL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BEDS				
	59	36	61%	44
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING - INDIVIDUALS				
Montgomery Area Mental Health (HUD 525)	50	37	74%	39
Montgomery Area Mental Health (Long-Term Residential)	108	92	85%	96
TOTAL PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING - INDIVIDUALS	158	129	82%	135
TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES				
	419	206	49%	377

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Salvation Army	15	12	80%	22
TOTAL EMERGENCY SHELTER - FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN	38	42	111%	60
TOTAL EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS				
	202	161	80%	318
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - INDIVIDUALS				
Family Sunshine Center - HUD Phase I	6	5	83%	5
Montgomery Area Mental Health	10	5	50%	5
TOTAL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - INDIVIDUALS	16	10	63%	10
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN				
Family Sunshine Center - HUD Exodus	28	30	107%	30
Family Sunshine Center - HUD Phase I	15	8.0	53%	24
TOTAL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING - FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN	43	38	88%	54
TOTAL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING BEDS				
	59	48	81%	64
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING - INDIVIDUALS				
Montgomery Area Mental Health (HUD 525)	50	39	78%	42
Montgomery Area Mental Health (Long-Term Residential)	108	92	85%	96
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