



General Membership Meeting
3:00 pm, Thursday, February 23, 2023



In Person: [The MAP Center, 12 E. Delano Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36105](#)

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MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order Lydia Pickett, MACH

Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2022 *(Only MACH members are allowed to vote.)*

Introductions

Preliminary PIT Count Report and Coordinated Entry Report – Tasha Cooper

Updates/Upcoming Events/Announcements

- Mayor’s Task Force on Homelessness – Eddie Compton
- The Salvation Army – Harvey Johnson and Monica Jackson
- Homeless Depot: Carmichael and E. Bypass on Saturday, March 11
- River Region Connects: City of Montgomery Multiplex on Wednesday, July 19

Presentation Dave Veatch, ESG Program Manager
Upcoming Grant Cycle - Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs

Overview of MAP Center Services

Adjournment

Next Meeting: **April 27, 3:00 PM** (location to be announced)

Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (MACH)

General Membership Meeting

Thurs., Oct 27, 2022, 3:00 pm at Brantwood Children's Home, Montgomery, AL

Persons present, both in person and online:

Name	Organization (in alphabetical order)
LaDonna Rudolph	Alabama State Dept. of Education
Dr. Darrell Cates	Aletheia House
Dr. Cynthia Bisbee	Bisbee and Associates, LLC; MACH Board Member
Keshundra Wilson	Brantwood Children's Home
Eddie Compton	City of Montgomery
Julie Waters	Creative Consultants
Muaath Al-Khattab	Faith in Action Alabama
Laura Reid	Family Sunshine Center
Zach Lewis	Gathered By Grace
Tasha Cooper	HandsOn River Region, MACH board member
Terry Reid	Health Services, Inc.
Cathryn Crowder	Hope Inspired Ministries
Sheralyn Belyeu	Just Serve
Craig Baab	MACH board member
Breonna Alexander	MACH
Patrick Aitken	MACH
Rochell Darrington	MACH
Lydia C. Pickett	MACH
Beverly Toodle	MACH
Jim McCusker	NA
Marianne McLeod	NA
LaQuanda Hall	Priority Veteran
Kamilla Merritt	Priority Veteran
Alvin Rowell	Quiet Storm Outreach Group
LaDonna Brendle	Reality and Truth Ministries
Major Harvey Johnson	The Salvation Army
Barbara Clark	Sweetpea Homes

I. Call to Order and Welcome by Lydia C. Pickett

II. Introductions were made by those present and joining virtually. Due to technical difficulties, all joining online were asked to send an email to lydia@midalhomeless.org in order to confirm their attendance for the minutes.

III. Shelter Report for months of July to September was outlined by Tasha Cooper. Tasha Cooper also gave an overview of Point-in-Time (PIT) Count (held during the last 10 days of January 2023) with discussion of obstacles and possible solutions to inaccuracies in data. ACTION: A MACH meeting will be called in early December, possibly December 8th, to inform newcomers to the PIT Count of the effort and to make initial preparations.

IV. Craig Baab made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23 meeting. Patrick Aitken seconded the motion. All were in favor.

V. Announcements:

- Virtual Resource Hour on Food Pantries was announced for November 16 at 3:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required at bit.ly/MACH-PANTRY.
- Blanket Drive will be held at the MACH offices and will occur during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (Nov. 14-18). MACH distributes the blankets and cold-weather gear to other agencies.
- Not-a-Bed Sleepout is an overnight opportunity to raise awareness and build community around the concern of homelessness. MACH will hold a sleepout in the parking lot of 101 Coliseum Blvd on Friday, November 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. the next day. Individuals and institutions throughout the River Region are encouraged to participate and/or to hold “sleepouts” of their own on the evening of Friday, November 18, and use the promotional hashtag #notabed. Promotional items for this event are available at the MACH office.
- Funding opportunities for CDBG and ESG grants are available from the City of Montgomery. Application deadline is November 28 at 2:00 p.m.
- The alternative gift fair, Gift of Hope, will be held on December 3 from 10:00 a.m. until Noon in Cloverdale Park.

VI. Presentation from Dr. Darrell Cates of Aletheia House / (205) 730-6573

Aletheia House’s programs, except for its veteran’s programs such as Jobs for Vets, are open to all. In addition to homeless populations, Aletheia House serves HIV positive clients. The agency is headquartered in Birmingham where it operates housing and a mobile medical unit that travels to rural areas in the state. In Montgomery, Aletheia House has opened housing for seniors behind Lanier High School and drug use prevention programming with Success Unlimited Academy on Fairlane Avenue for youth ages 17 to 25. Please see the membership page of the MACH website to view presentation slides from Dr. Cates that were to be shown at this meeting.

VII. Overview of Brantwood Children’s Home from LaShunda Wilson, Associate Licensed Counselor: Children, ages 10 to 21 years, are referred to Brantwood by Alabama Department of Human Resources. Brantwood offers different levels of supportive housing for children and youth: 16 basic rooms for ages 10-15; 10 cottages for transitional ages of 16 to 19; and 6 community apartments for independent living of those who are 20-21.

VII. Attendees were encouraged to become individual or organizational members of MACH through dues of \$10 or \$50 respectively. The next general membership meeting will be February 23, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at a to-be-determined location.

XI. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.