



**General Membership Meeting  
3:00 pm, Thursday, June 23, 2022**



**In Person: Morgan Memorial Library, 245 High Street, Montgomery**

**Online:**

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**MEETING AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

Lydia Pickett, MACH

**Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2022**

*(Only MACH members are allowed to vote.)*

**Introductions**

**Updates**

- Virtual Resource Hour Report Ghandi Daniels  
 Past events The Wellness Coalition  
 Next: July 20<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m. (pre-register on Zoom)  
 Employment & Job Readiness Programs
- River Region Connects Eileen Knott, MACH  
 Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Multiplex
- Salvation Army Capt. Daimion Roberts, Corps Officer  
 Current services and how to access them  
 How agencies can check bed availability  
 Moving plans

**Presentation and Information-Gathering**

- City of Montgomery Task Force on Homelessness Eddie Compton, Mayor’s Senior Policy Advisor
- Brainstorming Session: Current services and needs

**Announcements**

- Carastar\* Crisis Diversion Center (\*formerly Montgomery Area Mental Health Authority)
- Cooling Centers at libraries and at Montgomery Crisis Center/Shelter
- New service providers: Faith House (Susan Alston Johnson)  
 Quiet Storm (Alvin Rowell)

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: August 25, 2022, 3:00 PM (location to be announced)**

## Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (MACH)

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Thursday, April 28, 2022, 3:00 pm (via Zoom)

### Persons present:

Formeeca Tripp	Alabama Arise
Mike Nicholson	Alabama Arise
Nicey T. Eller	Alabama State Department of Education
Ellen Habermacher	Back Pack Food Ministry
Muaath Al-Khattab	Faith in Action Alabama – Montgomery Hub
Stephanie Thompson	Family Guidance Center
Laura Reid	Family Sunshine Center
Catherine Watts	Family Sunshine Center
Tara Davis	Friendship Mission
Tasha Cooper	HandsOn River Region; MACH Board Member
Yolanda Allen	
Nelson Cook	
Sheralyn Belyeu	JustServe
Doug McCloud	Medical Advocacy and Outreach
Ashley Tarrant	Medical Advocacy and Outreach
Karen Turner	Medical Advocacy and Outreach
Brandi Rollins	Mentors of Montgomery; Homeless Mat Ministry
Breonna Alexander	MACH
Patrick Aitken	MACH
Craig Baab	MACH Board Member
Rochell Darrington	MACH
Eileen Knott	MACH
Beverly Toodle	MACH
Lydia Pickett	MACH
Keenan Winters	MACH
Meta Ellis	Montgomery Pride United
Emma McDaniel-Ellis	Montgomery Pride United
James Lovejoy	Omega Psi Phi Fraternal Housing
Precious Cramer	Priority Veteran
LaQuandra Hall	Priority Veteran
Tonya Young	Quiet Storm Outreach Group
Na'Sha Deramus	The Wellness Coalition
Samuel Duff	The Wellness Coalition
Delia Hasberry	The Wellness Coalition
Frank Smith	The Wellness Coalition

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

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the February 24, 2022 minutes came from Tasha Cooper; seconded by Patrick Aitken. All approved the minutes as printed.



**Advisory Committee Reports** – A calendar of advisory committee meetings is posted on the MACH website membership page. All interested persons are welcome to join committees. Committee reports were as follows.

**Continuum of Care, Lydia Pickett:** This committee participates in the annual application process for HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) funds for services to the homeless. Information on the Continuum of Care (CoC) competition is posted on the MACH website and it is updated annually. MACH applies for funds for the entire River Region. Other agencies submit projects for funding via MACH. Information will be posted as it becomes available. Additionally, the committee is working on a template for a survey or surveys regarding needs and services in our community. The surveyed will be people experiencing homelessness as well as service providers. Feedback will support the next application for Continuum of Care funds.

**Membership, Eileen Knott:** This committee met in March and gave feedback on the MACH website that is under construction as well as current and future MACH newsletters. The committee reviewed the sector gaps in representation on the organizational member list (government, corrections, education, etc. and specific representation from Autauga, Lowndes, Bullock and Elmore counties) and created an action plan to invite and share information with possible representatives from these sectors and places.

**Coordination of Services, Lydia Pickett, on behalf of Ghandi Daniels:** This committee organized a virtual Resource Hour occurring every other month, which started in March with information about shelters services. The Resource Hour on Mental Health will be Wednesday, May 18 at 3 p.m. This committee is currently planning River Region Connects scheduled for August 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**HMIS/Data Collection, Tasha Cooper:** This committee reviewed the Point in Time (PIT) Count data collected on February 22. The Count includes data on unsheltered and homeless people in our area. There were 46 street homeless individuals included in this year's count. Because the number is down this year (due to several factors), the HMIS committee is considering changes for next year such as: listing specific addresses on the maps used by teams, surveying for longer periods during the day, and partnering heavily with outlying counties on their homeless population. All agencies that receive HUD funding are required to collect and manage data through HMIS (Homeless Management Information System). All agencies serving unstably housed and homeless people are encouraged to use the HMIS system because data drives the federal funding our community receives.

**Mainstream Resources, Tara Davis:** The committee is working on a growing list of mainstream resources. Those wanting to provide information about resources for the list should contact Sherri Lusby at 334-452-1971 or [slusby@montgomeryval.gov](mailto:slusby@montgomeryval.gov), or Tara Davis at 334-356-6412 or [tdavis@friendshipmission.org](mailto:tdavis@friendshipmission.org).

**Announcements** – Lydia Pickett shared the following:

- Information on the ADECA grant process for ESG funding (and application due date)
- The request from Mayor Reed's Task Force on Homelessness for local stories and ideas for new policies and programs. She welcomed input on this request.
- The next Virtual Resource hour will be Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.
- Carastar Health, formerly Montgomery Area Mental Health Authority, will open their 24-Hour Crisis Diversion Center on May 16.
- River Region Connects will be Thursday, August 4, 2022 at the Multiplex.

#### **Presentation by Nicey T. Eller, Homeless Education Liaison**

Ms. Eller is a part of a team of specialists who are working to deepen the knowledge of school administrators and teachers on the realities of homelessness in their midst. She assists school systems in southeastern region of the state on the use of McKinney Vento funds (federal funds that are available to ensure an equitable education for those students who are experiencing homelessness.) She provided information about the many services available free of charge to homeless families with children in the school system. (Presentation slides available on the MACH website.)

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, June 23, 2022, 3:00 pm via Zoom and at a to-be-announced physical location.