



**General Membership Meeting**  
**3:00 pm, Thursday, April 27, 2023**



**In Person:** [The Family Sunshine Center, 858 S. Court St., Montgomery, AL 36105](#)

**334-206.2100** (Parking is plentiful. Ring front doorbell for entry. FSC asks that guests sign a Confidentiality Agreement that will be provided.)



**Online:** [bit.ly/MACH-GENERAL](https://bit.ly/MACH-GENERAL)

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**MEETING AGENDA**

<b>Call to Order</b>	Lydia Pickett
<b>Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2023</b>	<i>(Voting by MACH members only.)</i>
<b>Introductions</b>	
<b>PIT Count and HMIS Reports</b>	Tammy Middleton
<b>Updates/Upcoming Events/Announcements</b>	
• Funding Opportunities	Lydia Pickett
• CoC Committee Report	Charlene Roberson
• Coordination of Services Committee Report	Sheralyn Belyeu
• Virtual Resource Hour on Disaster Response	
○ Wednesday, May 17 at 3:00 p.m.	
○ Bit.ly/MACH-RESPONSE	
• River Region Connects	
○ Wednesday, Aug 16, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	
○ City of Montgomery Multiplex	
<b>Presentation</b>	Katrina Erby, H.O.P.E.
<b>Overview of FSC Center Services</b>	Catherine Watts, Deputy Director
<b>Adjournment</b>	

**Next Meeting: June 22, 3:00 PM (Trinity Presbyterian Church)**

**Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (MACH)**  
 General Membership Meeting  
 Thursday, February 23, 2023, 3:00 pm  
 The MAP Center, 12 East Delano Avenue, Montgomery, AL  
 and via Zoom

**Persons present, both in person and online:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization (in alphabetical order)</b>
Audrey Ross	
Marie Anderson	ADECA
Joy Smith	ADECA
Dave Veatch	ADECA
Formeeca Tripp	Alabama Arise
Kashunda Murphy	Alabama State University
Jessica Platt	Alabama State University
Dr. Darrell Cates	Aletheia House
Dr. Cynthia Bisbee	MACH Board Member
Eddie Compton III	City of Montgomery
Claudette Rogers	Dimensional Counseling, LLC
Muaath Al-Khattab	Faith in Action Alabama
Jayme Teague	Family Promise of Montgomery
Laura Reid	Family Sunshine Center
DeAndra Brown-Tyushime	Five Horizons Health
Tara Davis	The Friendship Mission
Elizabeth Williams	Gathered By Grace
Sheralyn Belyeu	Just Serve
Bethany Belyeu	Just Serve
Breonna Alexander	MACH
Patrick Aitken	MACH
Lydia C. Pickett	MACH
Eileen Knott	MACH
Meta Ellis	Montgomery Pride United
Margeaux Hartline	Montgomery Pride United
Emma McDaniel-Ellis	Montgomery Pride United
Sarah Ponto Rivera	Montgomery Pride United
Alvin Rowell	Quiet Storm Outreach Group
LaDonna Brendle	Reality and Truth Ministries
Major Harvey Johnson	The Salvation Army
NeSha DeRamus	The Wellness Coalition
Grady Talbert	WSFA News

- I. Call to Order and Welcome by Lydia Pickett
  
- II. Introductions were made by those present and joining virtually.

III. A motion to accept the minutes of the General Membership Meeting on October 27, 2022, was made by Jayme Teague and seconded by Patrick Aitken. All members were in favor.

IV. PIT Count and Coordinated Entry Report – (Tasha Cooper and Tammy Middleton both were unable to join the meeting to make a report. Lydia Pickett reported that the preliminary number of street/unsheltered homeless persons encountered during the Point in Time (PIT) count is between 128 and 135 (not including those in shelters). The official PIT count data (determined after a HUD review of submissions) will be shared by MACH as soon as received. Ms. Pickett noted Tasha and Tammy’s recent Coordinated Entry/Assessment meeting (held on a regular basis). She also gave a brief reminder of how the process works and how homeless service providers can participate.

V. Announcements:

- Jayme Teague – Family Promise of Montgomery is transitioning from a pre-pandemic model using churches as shelters to a static site of temporary housing. The organization has purchased and is renovating a four-plex in the Cloverdale area, expected to open within the next month. Their previous office/day center site just off Maxwell Blvd will be transformed into a duplex.
- Major Harvey Johnson – The Salvation Army (SA) reported on activities since Maj. Johnson’s arrival late last summer. Their 80 beds were tapered down to 45 by December 23, 2022 (date the shelter closed). Some residents transferred to Friendship Mission or to extended-stay hotel rooms (paid by SA) or to permanent housing. SA moved 16 clients into permanent housing and currently have 13 people in 10 rooms at an extended-stay hotel: 3 rooms are for families, 1 is a single, and 6 are dedicated to enrollees with Hope Inspired Ministries. SA is renting office space from The MAP Center and meets with clients there. They offer utility assistance, rental assistance, and food boxes. They also still have many coats available. Maj. Johnson said he will update his service info with 2-1-1. SA does not yet have a permanent shelter site because efforts to attain property have been thwarted by neighborhood associations.
- Eddie Compton III, Senior Policy Advisor to the Mayor and chair of the Mayor’s Task Force (TF) on Addressing Homelessness, reported that the TF has completed a Strategic Plan and an Action Plan. The creation of “homeless heart center” (one building that offers multiple services from several homeless service providers) He named The MAP Center as a potential location. He stated that \$2 million dollars in ARPA funds has been allocated in the Montgomery Thrive budget for this purpose. Once the County Commission passes the budget (already passed by the City Council), a request for proposals (RFP) will be issued. In regards to the development affordable housing and shelters, Mr. Compton said the City’s Community Development Department has researched several areas of the City, but housing development is a long-term goal and that the City’s Grant Department has been seeking shelter funding. Ms. Pickett stated that MACH will call a meeting once the RFP is announced. Both she and Mr. Compton acknowledged some “homelessness hubs” already exist, including MACH and Reality & Truth’s day center, both of which will be able to apply for “hub” funding to expand their operations. Ms. Pickett assured the group that MACH will provide information as available so that MACH’s membership, et al will have an opportunity to take the next steps together. Mr. Compton stated that shelters will also be able to apply for funding.
- River Region Connects has been scheduled tentatively for Wednesday, July 19 at the City of Montgomery Multiplex. Details will follow.

- Love Loud Montgomery has been offering “Homeless Depot” services much like River City Church used to do downtown. On Mondays and Wednesdays they offer legal, insurance, veterans, food stamps, and government phone services on a rotating basis. Patrick Aitken of MACH has been facilitating this effort with Donna McCullough and Montgomery Baptist Ministries.
- Montgomery Baptist Ministries is hosting a Homeless Depot event (multiple services) from 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot on the corner of the Eastern Bypass and Carmichael Road on Saturday, March 11. Flyers are forthcoming.

**VI.** Presentation by Dave Veatch, ESG Program Manager of ADECA (<https://adeca.alabama.gov>):

Mr. Veatch explained the annual Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) statewide grant competition to fund Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, Street Outreach, and HMIS activities. ADECA will host a spring application workshop (open to all), where all requirements and processes will be discussed. (Email [Dave.Veatch@adeca.alabama.gov](mailto:Dave.Veatch@adeca.alabama.gov) to receive announcements). He explained that applications can be made by a single entity or as a group (as MACH does, with subrecipients). Funding is capped at \$400,000 if serving only one county and \$500,000 if serving more than one. Information is available on the ADECA website. Ms. Pickett pleaded with organizations to consider applying for ESG funds to provide Rapid Rehousing and Street Outreach services to complement MACH’s programs and provide an additional point of service for those needing help. She stated that MACH would provide training and technical support for any agency that receives funding. She encouraged potential applicants to go ahead now and download the 2022 application from the ADECA website to get a head start on preparing the narrative and budget portions. She stated that she (as the CoC Director) could help with the process now, but will likely not have time to do so once the 2023 competition is announced.

**VII.** Other Announcements

- Reality & Truth Ministries’ LaDonna Brendle reported on the work of their One Church Mission (1 of 6 outreach programs), which has been operating since 2006. They are offering services at a hub location for a (homeless day center) on Montgomery Street and expects it to be fully operational in June. The center offers/will offer daily meals, washers and dryers, showers, lockers, a barbershop/salon, a place for pets, a kitchen, places for community/homeless services partners to meet clients, and computer lab. One Church Mission operates solely with volunteers.
- Alvin Rowell introduced Quiet Storm Outreach Group and their work to collect hygiene and comfort items in “serve boxes”. Their volunteers regularly pass out these boxes to homeless persons throughout the city. In-kind and cash donations for this effort are welcome.
- Tara Davis announced Friendship Mission’s Annual Golf Tournament (Drive Out Homelessness) is March 16. They need volunteers, golfers and sponsors.
- Alabama Arise’s Legislative Day (an advocacy and education event) is April 11.

**VIII.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.