



**General Membership Meeting  
3:00 pm, Thursday, June 22, 2023**

**In Person:** [Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1728 S. Hull St., Montgomery, AL 36104](#)

**334-262-3892** (Park in the church parking lot and enter through the doors under the porte cochere. Walk past the desk to the large main hall and turn right. The room will be halfway down the hall on your left. )

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

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**Dial-in:** 312-626-6799

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## MEETING AGENDA

- Call to Order** Lydia Pickett
- Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2023** *(Voting by MACH members only.)*
- Introductions**
- Advisory Committee Reports**
- HMIS Committee (PIT Count and HMIS Data) Tasha Cooper or Tammy Middleton
  - CoC Committee Report Charlene Roberson
  - Coordination of Services Committee Report Ghandi Daniels or Sheralyn Belyeu
- Updates/Upcoming Events/Announcements**
- Next Virtual Resource Hour
    - Wednesday, July 19 at 3:00 p.m.
    - Registration link forthcoming
  - River Region Connects
    - Wednesday, August 16, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
    - City of Montgomery Multiplex
- Presentation** .
- Overview of Trinity Presbyterian's Community Service**
- Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:** [August 24, 3:00 PM \(place to be determined\)](#)

**Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (MACH)**  
 General Membership Meeting  
 Thursday, April 27, 2023, 3:00 pm  
 Family Sunshine Center, Montgomery, AL and via Zoom

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization (in alphabetical order)</b>
Kim Anderson	
Donna Collins	Aid to Inmate Mothers
Juliette Singleton	Alabama Arise
Formeeca Tripp	Alabama Arise
Shawn Morrison	ARC of Montgomery
Diane Bibb	Cherity's Homeless Shelter
Liletta Jenkins	Children's Policy Councils of Alabama
Dr. Cynthia Bisbee	Mental Health America in Montgomery
Jayne Teague	Family Promise of Montgomery
Laura Reid	Family Sunshine Center
Catherine Watts	Family Sunshine Center
Shericka Williams	Five Horizons Health
Tiffany Chaney	Gathered By Grace
Tasha Cooper	HandsOn River Region
Tammy Middleton	HandsOn River Region
Terry Reid	Health Services, Inc.
Katrina Erby	HOPE, Inc.
Sheralyn Belyeu	Just Serve
Breonna Alexander	MACH
Patrick Aitken	MACH
Lydia C. Pickett	MACH
Eileen Knott	MACH
Regina Skrivanek	MACH
Meta Ellis	Montgomery Pride United
Emma McDaniel-Ellis	Montgomery Pride United
James Lovejoy	NAACP
Betty Powell	Powell's Homeless Shelter
Jessie Leonard	Project Noah – Boots Up
Alvin Rowell	Quiet Storm Outreach Group
LaDonna Brendle	Reality and Truth Ministries
Camille Gross	The Salvation Army
Monica Jackson	The Salvation Army
Betty Washington	Starting Point and Serenity Rose Safe House
Barbara Clark	Sweetpea Homes
Janelle Mock	The Wellness Coalition

Delia Hasberry	The Wellness Coalition
Christopher Kirk	The Wellness Coalition

- 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 February 23, 2023, was made by Tasha Cooper and seconded by Patrick Aitken. All members were in favor.
- IV. Committee Reports
  - a. HMIS Advisory Committee report was given by Tammy Middleton who provided an overview of the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS) and invited all who provide shelter or provide any kind of service to the homeless to use HMIS. Tasha Cooper emphasized this invitation to use HMIS and outlined how it can serve as a data management tool for those organizations working with DHR's Reset Program. In order to schedule a training to use HMIS, call or email Tammy Middleton at 334-313-2764 or [tmiddleton@handsonriverregion.org](mailto:tmiddleton@handsonriverregion.org). Tammy Middleton shared the HMIS Shelter Report for March and highlighted utilization rates of local shelters that are using HMIS. She also provided an overview of the Point in Time Count, a HUD required enumeration of the region's homeless population at one point in time during the year. This year's count was held on January 25. A total of 125 people, including a number of women, nine veterans, ten families and one youth, who were counted because of their willingness to talk to an enumerator about their needs. Thirty-five of this overall count had a serious mental illness and twenty-six had a substance abuse disorder.
  - b. Lydia Pickett gave a report on the Continuum of Care Committee, responsible for a local needs assessment and local compliance with HUD's annual Continuum of Care competition for federal funding. Within this scope are two sets of funding -- dollars for recurring projects and funding for new projects - - and MACH advertises these This committee also ensures collaboration of the MACH membership with the City of Montgomery and its Five-Year Comprehensive Plan to End Homelessness. The next City plan is due or will begin in 2024.
  - c. Sheralyn Belyeu gave the report on the Coordination of Services Committee as that committee's cochair. This advisory group has organized and facilitated a series of virtual Resource Hours since January 2022. Lydia Pickett asked Eileen Knott to put the recordings of past Resource Hours and/or a list of past topics on the MACH website so that anyone could access or inquire about it. With this effort the committee works to keep the local community informed of local resources for those in need of housing resources and related services. This committee has also been working on the service and awareness events such as River Region Connects scheduled for Wednesday, August 16 at 3:00 p.m.
- V. Funding Opportunities from ADECA, Montgomery Thrive, HUD and HUD Youth Demonstration were discussed at a public meeting earlier this week. Lydia Pickett and MACH are not in charge of these funds, but she is available to discuss any application for these funds.
- VI. Presentation from Katrina Erby of H.O.P.E. (Help Up Optimism Perseverance Empowering Others): Mrs. Erby and her husband, along with four or five volunteers, offer assistance to homeless and housing

insecure women who are entrapped in human trafficking at hotels. Their prevention efforts, offered over the last four years, entail financial assistance to curtail reliance on sex trade. Rescue efforts entail removal of women from trafficking situations and bringing them to the Family Sunshine Center, the Well House or out of state. Feeding, detox with the aid of Carastar Crisis Center and spiritual conversations are common actions taken during a rescue. Rebuilding and strengthening these women is also an aspect of this organizations work. H.O.P.E. is aware that there is a large number of teenagers – female and male - who are also living in hotels and working the sex trade. Special communities with unique needs such as youth, seniors, and the deaf were discussed. H.O.P.E. is not currently using HMIS but they are considering it. The need for a dedicated detox center in Montgomery was discussed. The Wellness Coalition was highlighted as an agency that navigate healthcare resources for people without insurance or funds. Individuals looking for housing resources can call 2-1-1 in order to be guided to housing resources. Currently, there are no organizations offering hotel vouchers to prevent homelessness. Mrs. Erby's contact number, only to be shared with those referring victims and not the victims themselves, is 334-221-0316.

**VII.** Catherine Watts gave an overview of the Family Sunshine Center's services. FSC is a service provider for survivors of domestic violence (DV), sexual violence (SV) and human trafficking. Over 25% present to FSC with a victimization other than domestic violence. Survivors of DV and SV have protections at the federal level and all present were asked to sign a Confidentiality Agreement to further ensure the privacy of clients on site. The FSC has emergency shelter for survivors of DV and SV and a separate emergency shelter for survivors of human trafficking. FSC also supports a transitional shelter called the Exodus Community where clients can stay up to two years. FSC has a counseling center in Elmore County as well as in their Montgomery admin office. FSC is working with the Attorney General's Office and the state Anti-Human Trafficking Alliance to address gaps in services for unique groups of survivors of human trafficking, such as foreign-born who have been abused in terms of labor practices. There are currently gaps in services for youth and foreign-born survivors of human trafficking; when faced with the needs of these survivors, FSC collaborates with other trafficking survivor programs in the Southeast. FSC's Laura Reid maintains a resource list for their clients, and any service provider is welcome to call and consult on resource needs. In addition to this, an attorney on FSC's staff can be available to the clients of MACH's membership who have been victims of DV or SV and are who are open to receiving counseling from FSC. FSC has a school-based trauma counseling program across five counties in the schools and spends a great deal of time raising awareness about trauma-informed care. Mrs. Watts can share literature and other resources, just email her at [cwatts@familysunshine.org](mailto:cwatts@familysunshine.org).

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