



**General Membership Meeting
3:00 pm, Thursday, August 24, 2023**

In Person: Carastar Health Training Room, [2140 Upper Wetumpka Road](#), Montgomery, AL 36107
334-279-7830 Ext. 7003 (Parking is available in front and side of building. Enter through central doors.)

Online: bit.ly/MACH-GENERAL

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MEETING AGENDA

- Call to Order** Lydia Pickett
- Approval of Minutes from June 22, 2023** *(Voting by MACH members only.)*
- Introductions**
- Advisory Committee Reports**
- HMIS Committee (PIT Count and HMIS Data) Tasha Cooper
 - CoC Committee Report Charlene Roberson
 - Coordination of Services Committee Report Sheralyn Belyeu or Ghandi Daniels
 - Membership Committee Report Eileen Knott
- Updates/Upcoming Events/Announcements**
- Next Virtual Resource Hour on Legal Aid
 - Wednesday, September 20 at 3:00 p.m. pre-register at bit.ly/MACH-LEGAL
 - Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week: November 11 to 18, 2023
 - Blanket Drive
 - Not-a-Bed Awareness on Friday, November 11 in the evening
- Presentation – P.E.E.R.S.** Robert Turner, peer counselor
- Overview of Carastar Health’s Services**
- Adjournment**

Next Meeting: October 26, 3:00 PM at City of St. Jude Interpretive Center, 2048 West Fairview Ave.

Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (MACH)
 General Membership Meeting
 Thursday, June 22, 2023, 3:00 pm
 Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, AL and via Zoom

Persons present, both in person and online:

Name	Organization (in alphabetical order)
Julie T. Beard	
Riley Cowell	Agape of Central Alabama
Formeeca Tripp	Alabama Arise
Jessica Platt	Alabama State University
Diane Bibb	Cherity's House
Adena Kramer	City of Montgomery
Laura Reid	Family Sunshine Center
Catherine Watts	Family Sunshine Center
Karen Turner	Five Horizons Health
Tiffany Chaney	Gathered By Grace
Tasha Cooper	HandsOn River Region
Tammy Middleton	HandsOn River Region
Terry Reid	Health Services, Inc.
Sheralyn Belyeu	Just Serve Central Alabama
Amanda Reyes	Knights and Orchids Society
Malcolm Hughes	M H Investment Trust
Breonna Alexander	MACH
Patrick Aitken	MACH
Darrell Cates	MACH
Lydia C. Pickett	MACH
Eileen Knott	MACH
Regina Skrivanek	MACH
Charlene Roberson	Mental Health of America in Montgomery
Meta Ellis	Montgomery Pride United
James Lovejoy	MACH Board Member, NAACP
Jessie Leonard	Project Noah – Boots Up
Melissa Leonard	Project Noah-Boots UP
Alvin Rowell	Quiet Storm Outreach Group
Leon Morgan	Reality and Truth Ministries
Amy Perry	Reclamation Center of Alabama
Harvey Johnson	The Salvation Army
Barbara Clark	Sweetpea Homes
Tavaras Koonce	URGE (Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity)

- I. Call to Order and Welcome by Eileen Knott, MACH Management Assistant.
- II. Introductions were made by those present and joining virtually.
- III. A motion to accept the minutes of the General Membership Meeting on April 27, 2023, was made by Tasha Cooper and seconded by Patrick Aitken. All members were in favor.

IV. Committee Reports

HMIS Committee

Tammy Middleton, HMIS Coordinator and Coordinated Entry for HandsOn River Region, went over the May Shelter Report. Tracked in the Shelter Report provided for this meeting are the number of beds available from each institution that uses HMIS and the average usage of these shelter beds. She explained that the goal of the report is to demonstrate an occupancy of each facility and the number served by each facility in order to reflect an accurate utilization rate. Ms. Middleton is working diligently with Carastar to determine an accurate count of beds utilized in their facilities. Even though, many of their facilities seem to show some availability on the May Shelter Report, some of Carastar's accommodations are not inhabitable and need to be temporarily taken off the list until repairs have been made. Ms. Middleton explained that the Carastar Diversion center utilization rate is low, but only because they just went from 4 to 16 beds with this facility. The Salvation Army beds vacillate; currently, SA offers 22 beds. All current shelter users of HMIS are asked to keep an accurate, up-to-date bed list; report changes to Ms. Middleton by calling 334-313-2764 or emailing her at tmiddleton@handsonriverregion.org. Sweetpea Homes is a new institution that will be using HMIS. Aletheia House will also be using HMIS programmatically. All HUD vendors must use HMIS as a database. All housing services among utilizers of HMIS system are offered through Coordinated Entry process and this starts when a consumer dials 2-1-1.

Continuum of Care Committee

Charlene Roberson shared the recent work of this committee emphasizing that this group's main work is to manage the process for applying for and receiving HUD funding each year. She asked that individuals to consider joining this committee.

Coordination of Services Committee

Sheralyn Belyeu highlighted the Resource Hours organized by this committee every two months; these are offered during the months that there are no General Membership Meetings). Recordings of these Resource Hours will soon be available on YouTube. Ms. Belyeu also went over plans for River Region Connects, including the planned virtual volunteer training. Finally, she announced Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week (November 11 to 18, 2023). Adena Kramer raised the question of bringing the City of Montgomery mobile shower unit to the Connects event this year. The need for dental care was also raised as a consideration. The military bases were mentioned as a resource for volunteers. Groups that would like to volunteer as a team can register through HandsOn River Region.

Membership Committee

Eileen Knott reported on the vital support that individual and organizational memberships play in the life support of MACH. Currently there are 55 organizational members and 51 individual members. Members receive announcements about resources available for distribution. This committee is looking for a co-chair and members. Check MACH's website for links to this and other Advisory Committee Meetings.

V. Announcements

- a. Dr. Darrell L. Cates was introduced as MACH's Program Services Coordinator.
- b. Harvey Johnson said goodbyes as the outgoing Co-director of The Salvation Army and announced that Butch and Lisa Frost were soon to be in place as the new directors of that institution.

- VI. Presentation from Melissa Brown-Leonard, Executive Director of Project Noah, a non-profit and community development organization based out of Birmingham. Her husband Jessie Leonard is also a director in the program. She outlined the organization's veterans programming called Boots Up. Among other forms of outreach, Boots Up provides housing for veterans and non-veterans – a total of 14 beds for males - in Montgomery at 431 S. Court Street. Support for their offerings is thankfully provide

through fundraising or through partnerships like that with Priority Veteran. Residents have stayed in these facilities for 6 months to 3 years. See their PowerPoint on the MACH website in association with other materials for this meeting.

- VII.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. Next meet was announced for Thursday, August 24 at 3:00 p.m. and will be hosted by Carastar Health, 2140 Upper Wetumpka Road