General Membership Meeting
3:00 pm, Thursday, February 24, 2022
(Video Conference Call)

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MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order
Lydia Pickett, Executive Director, MACH

Approval of Minutes from October 28, 2021 and December 16, 2021
(Only MACH members are allowed to vote.)

Introductions

MACH Advisory Committee Reports
- Continuum of Care
  Lydia Pickett, MACH
- Membership
  Eileen Knott, MACH
- Coordination of Services
  Ghandi Daniels, The Wellness Coalition
- HMIS/Data Collection
  Tasha Cooper, HandsOn River Region
- Mainstream Resources
  Tara Davis, Friendship Mission

Presentation: MACH Housing Assistance Program
Beverly Toodle

Other Announcements/Updates
1. Montgomery Crisis Center
2. River Region Connects
3. Emergency Contact Info (AL Driver’s License)

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Apr 28, 2022 03:00 PM
The Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (MACH) convened the general membership in a meeting at the above date, time, and methodology. The following members and visitors were in attendance:

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**Call to Order** - Lydia Pickett called the meeting to order at 3:05p.m.

**Announcements** – The following information was shared by Lydia Pickett.

- **River Region Connects 2021** – Over 100 participants (estimated). Held on August 12 in conjunction with River City Church at their site. Planning for 2022 event will begin soon.

- **Blanket Drive** – To be held on the first three Saturdays of November at three sites: Vaughn Road Church of Christ, Dreamland BBQ on Vaughn Road, and the MACH office. PODS open from 9-12. Items gathered will be disseminated to community partners and during the Point in Time Count. Members are appealed to take part as volunteers.

- **National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness (NHHA) Week - November 13 – 22, 2021** – Still working on plans for this event.

- **2022 Point in Time Count** - Volunteers needed to help with the count, to be held within the last 10 days of January.

- **CoC Competition** - MACH Members serving the homeless should register for announcements of funding opportunities at [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov) under the Continuum of Care (CoC Competition) listserv; must register each year to be considered for funding. Registration open/close dates will be announced by HUD; usually January - early March.
**MACH Advisory Committee Meetings** - Attendees entered breakout rooms to conduct meetings and learn more about the committees associated with the Membership’s work. The following groupings met in breakout rooms and reported back to the full assembly:

**Membership Committee – Lydia Pickett, Acting Chair**
Charlene Roberson
Susan Hunt Sims

- Gap analysis survey was discussed; purpose will be to figure out what the community needs are. The committee will need to determine: How can linkages be established in the simplest way? What resources/services do people have? What do they need? Who is our target audience? How do we get the questions out to people? What have other CoC’s done for gap analysis? City of Montgomery’s 5-year should be considered when planning.
- Offered question to Membership Committee: What agencies are not a part of the CoC?
- Will meet again on Nov. 9 at 3 p.m.

**Continuum of Care Committee – Lydia Pickett, Chair**
Charlene Roberson
Susan Hunt Sims

**Coordination of Services Committee – Ghandi Daniels, Chair**
Justin Olson
Breonna Alexander
Jessica Bimbo
Patrick Aitken
LaVonnette Liggett
Marche Johnson
Rob McCaa
Keisha Favor

- This committee discussed the upcoming Blanket Drive and National Awareness Week activities.
- Will meet again on November 3 at 10 a.m.

**HMIS/Data Collection Committee – Tasha Cooper, Chair**
Beverly Toodle
Tonya Young
Laura Reid
Catherine Watts

- Discussed the upcoming Point in Time count, the shelter utilization reports and community prioritization as related to Coordinated Entry System.
- Will meet again on November 16 at 11 a.m.

**Mainstream Resources Committee – Tara Davis, Chair**
Brittney Smith
(No committee members not present when the full assembly reconvened.)

**Next Meeting** - The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 16, 2021 3:00 pm** (via Zoom video conference).

All business being concluded, meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.
Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless (MACH)
Membership Meeting
Thursday, December 16, 2021, 3:00 pm (via ZOOM)

Call to Order
Welcome by Lydia Pickett, Executive Director, MACH

Persons present

Mike Nicholson          Alabama Arise
Charlene Roberson       Alabama State Nurses Association
Emily Howard            AshaKiran Inc. and Century Church
Jayme Teague            Family Promise of Montgomery
Laura Reid              Family Sunshine Center
Brittney Smith          Family Sunshine Center
Tara Davis              Friendship Mission
Breonna Alexander       MACH
Patrick Aitken          MACH
Donna Davis             MACH
Eileen Knott            MACH
Beverly Toodle          MACH
Lydia Pickett           MACH
James Lovejoy           Manhood Inc.- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity
Susan Hunt Sims         Renascence Inc.
Sherry Lovsby           The City of Montgomery
Stephanie O. Smith      The Wellness Coalition
Kavonda Griffin-Turner  The Wellness Coalition
Ghandi S. Daniels       The Wellness Coalition

Approval of Minutes, Lydia Pickett, MACH
The October 28, 2021 membership meeting minutes were not distributed prior to the meeting, therefore approval will be discussed at the next meeting.

Committee Reports

Continuum of Care, Lydia Pickett, MACH
The committee will create a survey to assess the needs of the homeless and persons at risk of homelessness. The goal of the survey is to identify gaps in services. The committee will research other agency’s efforts, survey language, and implementation strategies.

Membership, Eileen Knott, MACH
The committee will continue to work on identification and solicitation of individuals and agencies representative of the requirements of HUD, i.e., law enforcement, mental health, veterans, etc.
Coordination of Services, Ghandi Daniels, The Wellness Coalition
Ghandi provided a general overview of the committee’s responsibilities, of which is hosting the Annual Blanket Drive and River Region Connects events. The MACH Blanket Drive was conducted the first three Saturdays in November. A report of the results of the Blanket Drive was not available. The first Not-A-Bed Sleepout (Sponsored by: Southern Poverty Law Center) was hosted in conjunction with assistance from River City Church. The event was hosted as part of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Down the Street Café and The Salvation Army provided food for the event. The committee plans to host River Region Connects on July 20, 2022. The committee will seek to host the event at the City of Montgomery’s Multi-Plex facility. River Region Connects is the annual homeless resource fair. Additionally, the committee is discussing hosting a regular event entitled, Resource Hour. Resource Hour is on the calendar for January, March, and May. The purpose of Resource Hour is for persons to come together to share agency information and other identified resources with attendees. Persons interested in participating on the committee please contact Eileen Knott at eileen@midalhomeless.org.

HMIS/Data Collection, Tasha Cooper, HandsOn River Region presented by Laura Reid, Family Sunshine Center
The committee is making plans for the annual Point-in-Time (the count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless person on one night in January, require by HUD) Count. The PIT Count is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2022. The committee has scheduled two shifts a.) two-hours in the daytime to capture homeless women who might not be out at night; and b.) 2:30 pm to 8:00 p.m. The evening teams will start their route leaving from the Friendship Mission. HandsOn River Region will post a call for volunteers. Volunteers are asked to serve a complete shift. Friendship Mission will assemble brown bags for each volunteer team. Donations of food, snacks, water, etc. are needed. Anyone interested in making donations can email Tasha Cooper at tcooper@handsonriverregion.org. Everyone is welcome to solicit donations on behalf of MACH. If needed, a donation letter is available. HandsOn River Region is participating in the Martin Luther King Day of Service on January 17, 2022 where hygiene kits will be assembled for distribution during the PIT count. MACH will be working with surrounding hospitals, DHR, the Children’s Policy Council, police stations, etc. for surrounding counties as the PIT count is focused on Montgomery County. The MPD Crisis Intervention Team will work with MACH. The committee needs vans. The committee has commitments for two (2) vans from Friendship Mission; one (1) from MACH; one (1) from Family Promise, and two (2) from the Family Sunshine Center. The committee needs 8-10 vans. If interested in providing a van, please contact Tasha Cooper. The next committee meeting is January 13, 2022, at 11:00 am.

Lydia Pickett noted MACH plans to send a PIT count team to outlying counties during the daytime. MACH will contact agencies in outlying counties to learn where homeless persons congregate. Also, MACH will communicate with the school homeless liaisons to obtain the count of homeless families in the school districts.

Mainstream Resources, Tara Davis, Friendship Mission
The committee will create a meeting calendar for 2022. The committee has started a shared Google Doc with the goal of creating a resource guide. Persons interested in participating can contact Tara at tdavis@friendshipmission.org.
Presentation The Wellness Coalition, Health Insurance Enrollment
By Kavonda Griffin-Turner, The Wellness Coalition

Topic: Insurance and enrollment in the Affordable Care Act.

The Wellness Coalition has four federally certified staff members to assist persons in applying for healthcare insurance. Staff members are available Monday-Friday and after hours by appointment.

The ACA provides affordable healthcare insurance options to individuals, families, and employers. The ACA (Enacted March 2010) provides protection for consumers with pre-existing conditions, essential health benefits, premium tax credit (the tax credit pays for monthly premiums-reduced or no cost premiums), and cost sharing reductions (reduced or no co-pays).

Eligibility requirements: Must be lawfully present in the United States; not incarcerated; and must meet income requirements. For questions about income requirements, please contact The Wellness Coalition.

The current enrollment period ends January 15, 2022. For persons enrolled prior to the deadline coverage begins February 1, 2022.

Additionally, The Wellness Coalition helps consumers in the River Region gain access to healthcare providers, provides healthcare related classes, offers programs such as Heart Link, Diabetes Prevention, Tobacco Program (encouraging apartment owners to have non-smoking policies so other tenants are not exposed to second-hand smoke), Breast Feeding, and conducts outreach initiatives. Also, The Wellness Coalition offers a Wellness Case Management Program assisting participants in establishing a medical provider rather than going to the emergency rooms for healthcare, helps individuals managing chronic conditions such as diabetes, and access to prescription medicines with pharmaceutical companies. Also, provided is the Heart Link program for persons with cardiovascular disease. A Registered Nurse hosts regular classes to answer questions and help educate individuals on healthcare issues. All services are free of charge.

Announcements/Updates
Jayme Teague, Executive Director, Family Promise of Montgomery
Jayme provided an overview of the services provided by Family Promise of Montgomery, a shelter program for families historically implemented with the assistance of area churches. Area churches converted classrooms to shelters for families Monday through Friday. Because of the pandemic Family Promise of Montgomery had to adjust the program model. After receiving funding from ADECA, Family Promise purchased a four-plex for housing families. The property also has an additional structure for the new Family Promise office. Renovation completion is anticipated in the first quarter of 2022. Families can stay an estimated 30-90 days in temporary housing. Pets allowed. Capacity per unit is eight (8).

Breonna Alexander, MACH, Assistant Program Coordinator
The Capri Theater hosted The Sock Ball Fight event benefiting MACH with 417 pairs of socks.
Lydia Pickett, Executive Director, MACH
MACH conducted the annual Blanket Drive. If an agency needs winterwear, blankets, socks, coats, hats, etc., please contact Eileen Knott at eileen@midalhomeless.org.

The City of Montgomery Warming Center
Christina Thornton with the City of Montgomery, EMA Division is working on The Warming Center (former Crisis Center). The Warming Center opens when there is four hours of temperatures 32 degrees or below. The Warming Center is installing a kitchen onsite.

Feed-The-Meter
The City of Montgomery donated eight (8) parking meters. A total of ten (10) meters have been committed. Funds generated from the meters support homeless efforts. The program launched February 2020. The Board of Directors of MACH have been discussing offering meter sponsorships to area business for the meters. Sponsorships are $2000.00 for one-year of advertising on the meters. In 2020 MACH received $616.00 from Feed-the-Meter. No funds received for 2021.

Adjournment
Adjournment time 4:10 pm.

Next Meeting Thursday, February 24, 2022, 3:00 pm via ZOOM.