

**DOWNTOWN AUSTIN COMMUNITY COURT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE REVIEW AND EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2010
3:00PM
COMMUNITY COURT, 719 E. 6TH STREET
Austin, Texas**

Subcommittee Members Present:

Dennis Barkway—Austin Recovery
Marshall Jones—DAA
Tim Miles-- Foundation Communities
William Kelly—Univ. of Texas

Subcommittee Members Absent:

none

Guest Members Present:

Darla Gay, DA's Office
Emily Thomas, UT
Katherine Flores, UT

Staff Members Present

Pete Valdez, Acting Court Admin.
John Lawyer—Court Resource Coord.
Luz Lozano—Analyst/Programmer

I. Call meeting to order.

• **Opening remarks and introductions.**

Dennis Barkway called the meeting to order at 3:08pm. Dennis announced that he was stepping down as chair due to his work schedule; Bill Kelly has agreed to assume the chair. Pete Valdez requested that the committee look at their overall number of meetings due to the staff shortage at DACC.

• **Approval of minutes from last meeting: January 14, 2010.**

Dennis called for a motion to approve the minutes. Marshall Jones motioned. Seconded by Bill Kelly. All approved.

II. Presentation, discussion, and action on the following items:

- a. Review the status of data requests. Luz Lozano went over the data he has been able to provide from the list submitted by the subcommittee at the last meeting. There was further discussion of several of the items for clarification,

including warrants. Luz also referred the group to the addendum that he brought to the meeting with some additional data on it. Luz invited anyone with questions to email him directly. There was a discussion about why so many “unknowns” under Offender stats (Item 12). Pete listed among the reasons trials, correspondence cases, fine cases, and attorney representations, all of which defendants may be interviewed by staff.

b. Discuss the flowchart of operations. Pete Valdez went over the charts with the committee. There was a discussion of plea options, who on staff does what. He reminded the committee that there use to be a resource coordinator in the courtroom who interviewed defendants . He discussed the number of case managers, how they are used, and how they could be used. The committee members asked about the types of cases and talked about who the court should be seeing as their target population.

c. Bill Kelly deferred his report on his Miami trip to the full Advisory Committee meeting.

d. The discussion of unmet DACC client needs was deferred.

e. No Citizen Communication.

III. Discuss next meeting date, place and agenda items.

The next meeting was set for 3/5/2010 at DACC at 3:00PM.

IV. Adjourn.

Dennis called for a motion to adjourn. Bill Kelly so moved. Second by Tim Miles. All approved. Adjourned at 4:40pm.