

**DOWNTOWN AUSTIN COMMUNITY COURT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2011
7:30AM
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, ROOM 1101
CITY HALL**

Advisory Members Present:

Charles Locklin—University Area Partners
Marshall Jones—DAA
Tim Miles-- Foundation Communities
Lori Renteria--East Cesar Chavez N.A
William Kelly—Univ. of Texas
Bruce Mills

Advisory Members Absent:

Dennis Barkway, Austin Recovery

Guest Members Present:

Assistant City Manager McDonald
Bill Brice, DAA
Jack Darby, Krimelab
Leah Bojo, CM Shade Office
Darla Gay, DA's office
Judge Nancy Hohengarten, Travis County Court #5

Staff Members Present

Pete Valdez, Court Administrator
John Lawyer, Resource Coordinator

I. Call meeting to order.

- **Opening remarks and introductions.**

Charles Locklin called the meeting to order at 7:32 am.

- **Approval of minutes from last meeting November 17, 2010.**

Charles asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2010 meeting. Marshall Jones so moved; Lori Renteria seconded. All approved. The members of the Research and Evaluation Subcommittee approved the minutes from the 5-13-2010 meeting. Marshall Jones moved to approve; seconded by William Kelly. All approved.

II. Citizen Communication

None.

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

- a. Discussion on the future of Project Recovery. Judge Hohengarten shared her opinion that it has become a limitation to only admit clients to Project Recovery on the basis of PI or Criminal Trespass charges. She advocated for opening the door more broadly to serve other clients needing help, with her withdrawing from being on major source of referrals and perhaps having Community Court take that role. She also mentioned that other developments, including the possibility of a sobriety center, will impact the program. Judge Hohengarten all told the committee about an application for a planning grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to figure out all the pieces of services for defendants in need of housing, treatment, mental health services, etc. Mike McDonald suggested a resolution to City Council regarding a vision for the next phase of the program. Charles Locklin asked for a motion supporting such a resolution. Bill Kelly moved; seconded by Lori Renteria. All approved.
- b. Changes to the bylaws per recent Council action. John Lawyer went over the changes in the draft of the new bylaws. Charles asked for a motion to approve. Lori moved; seconded by Bruce Mills. All approved with a clarification requested about the August 1 date in Article 3 C.
- c. Establish a working group on performance measures for case management targeted at frequent offender population. Pete Valdez talked about the draft measures from staff. The committee said it would form a working group.
- d. Adoption of 2011 Meeting Calendar. The committee revised the dates on the draft calendar. Marshall Jones moved to approve; seconded by Bruce Mills. All approved.
- e. Travis County Sobriety Station. Marshall Jones updated the committee on discussions about the sobriety center being advocated by Travis County Criminal Justice Planning. Bill Brice expressed concern about the lack of a comprehensive strategy for dealing with the criminal justice population in the downtown area.
- f. Report on ECHO. Marshall Jones talked about the upcoming homeless count and the need for volunteers.

IV. No Executive Session held.

- V. The next meeting was set for March 16, 2011 at City Hall.** An item was requested for a report from the working group.

VI. Adjourned.

Charles asked for a motion to adjourn. Motioned by Lori. Seconded by Bruce Mills. Adjourned at 8:57 am.