DACC ADVISORY COMMITTEE   **REGULAR   MEETING**
MINUTES   **Friday, May 20th, 2016**

The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Friday, May 20th, 2016, in Austin, Texas.

Sara Clark called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Sara Clark (Chair), Elizabeth Brenner (Vice-Chair), Brittain Ayres, Darilynn Cardona-Beiler, Lori Renteria, Catherine Miller, David Courreges

Staff in Attendance: Susan Requejo, Patrick McNeilus, Jennifer Sowinski, Jeremy Myers, Dahlia Martinez, Michele Myles, Catherine Straub, Christopher Anderson, Lianna Bowers, Robert Hanley, Sean Martin

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   The minutes from the meeting of May 20th, 2016 were approved on a motion by Committee Member Catherine Miller and seconded by Committee Member Lori Renteria.   The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

2. **OLD BUSINESS**

   A. A motion was made to approve the Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Committee By-Laws, as written, by Committee Member Lori Renteria and seconded by Committee Member David Courreges. The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

   A. A motion was entered by Committee Member Lori Renteria that Committee Member Sara Clark, continue as Chair and Committee Member Elizabeth Brenner continue as Vice-Chair, the motion was seconded by Committee Member David Courreges. The motion passed on a 7-0 vote.

   B. Bill Brice (VP of Operations DAA) provided an overview of the HOT Team. This is a different approach to traditional policing models to address the needs of people on the streets. The concept involves not just law enforcement, but deploying a team of resources to include local mental health authority representatives, paramedics, social workers and others, in order to

more effectively address a person's needs on the streets. The role of this team is to actively engage with the people in the street to build trust and to understand what their needs are and to maintain on-going contact. Another objective is to divert people from the jail, emergency rooms, hospitals and emergency psychiatric centers by providing appropriate services and applying the services in an appropriate setting. The test program will begin on June 1st and will run through October 1st. Sobriety Center now has the support of the City Council and the Commissioner's Court and both the City and County are finalizing the terms of an interlocal agreement that would spell out how the Sobriety Center will be governed, what the structure would look like, this would allow the creation of the Sobriety Center to move forward. The Sobriety Center is an alternative to sending someone to jail.

C. Homeless/formerly homeless individuals shared first- hand experiences regarding challenges and barriers associated with access to housing. No action was taken on this item.

D. Susan Requejo, Administrative Manager and Jennifer Sowinski, Case Manager Supervisor presented the budget request for $525,000 in additional funding for rehabilitative services. Discussion included possible uses of the additional funds, including increasing the amounts of our direct contracts, Substance Abuse Managed Service Organization contract (SAMSO), Road to Recovery, and additional transitional housing. A motion was made by Committee Member Lori Renteria, to accept the Recommendation for Budget Funding with the corrections as noted. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Catherine Miller and passed on a vote of 6-0-1, with Committee Member Darilynn Cardona-Beiler abstaining. Committee Member Lori Renteria discussed a draft resolution supporting the creation of a sobriety center. A motion was made by Committee Member Lori Renteria in support of the Resolution Supporting the Creation of a Sobriety Center with corrections as noted. The motion was seconded by Committee Member David Courreges and passed on a vote of 7-0-0.

4. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

5. **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

6. **ADJOURN**
    Chair Sara Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m. without objection.