



**DACC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Friday, July 15th, 2016**

The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Committee convened in a regular meeting on Friday, July 15th, 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, Catherine Miller, Lea Downey-Gallatin

Staff in Attendance: Michael Coffey, Pete Valdez, Susan Requejo, Jennifer Sowinski, Jeremy Myers, Dahlia Martinez, Martha Chapa, Michele Myles, Catherine Straub, Lianna Bowers, Robert Hanley, Sean Martin

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting of May 20, 2016 were approved on a motion by Committee Member Catherine Miller and seconded by Committee Member Darilynn Cardona-Beiler. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

2. CITIZEN/CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

A. Homeless/formerly homeless individuals shared first-hand experiences regarding challenges and barriers associated with access to housing. A brief update of the Emergency Solutions Grant was provided to the board. The update included lack of affordable units and financial assistance.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. In the process of implementing a HOST (Homelessness Outreach Street Team) initiative as a pilot for 3 months. The first month of implementation has been reviewed and it was found that the team has been successful. The HOST team has made contact with 171 non-duplicated individuals with a lot of services being provided to them. They are also working on completing Coordinated Assessment to place individuals based on their vulnerability. The team's primary focus has been downtown but has been moving to West Campus as needed. They are also working as a community to develop an infrastructure to continue monitoring the outcomes and to collect performance data. Would also like to work on

quantifying in dollars the cost avoidance of the team, to be able to make a case to the City Council that this is a good investment for the community.

- B.** Special called meeting will be scheduled for the HOST budget and the Annual Internal review.
- C.** Update on Texas Appleseed Presentation on Legal/Policy Issues (Clark/Brenner). No action was taken on this item.
- D.** Update on Downtown Austin Community Court Facilities (Clark/Courreges). No action was taken on this item.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. A motion was made by Committee Member Sara Clark to request the Audit and Finance Committee go through the process to change our name to the Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Board and to add to our enabling ordinance to “advise the City Council about the operations and policies of the court”. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Lea Gallatin and passed on a vote of 6-0.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

6. ADJOURN

Chair Sara Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m. without objection.