



**DACC ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, March 1, 2019**

The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Friday, November 16, 2018 in Austin, Texas.

Sara Clark called the Board Meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Sara Clark (Chair), Jason English, Gary Ponder, Darilynn Cardona-Beiler, Ann Howard, Susan Requejo

Staff in Attendance: Michael Coffey, Pete Valdez, Jeremy Myers, Dahlia Martinez, Robert Kingham, Caitlin Purcell, Chris Anderson, Nancy Pounds, Scott Davis, Laura Torres, Mikaela Frissell, Laura Williamson, Lauren Christenson

1. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2018 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting on November 16, 2018 were approved on a motion by Board Member Darilynn Cardona-Beiler and second by Board Member Sara Clark. The motion passed by 6-0 vote.

2. CITIZEN/CLIENT TESTIMONIALS and EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (“ESG”) HOUSING UPDATE: Individuals sharing first-hand experience regarding the challenges associated with access to housing.

- a. Homeless/formerly homeless individual share first-hand experiences regarding challenges and barriers associated with access to housing.
- b. An Emergency Solutions Grant housing update was provided to the board.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Action Plan to End Homelessness (Howard/Clark) Ann Howard provided a brief update on the five key components to end homelessness i.e; Outreach and Shelter, Housing and Support Services, Addressing Disparities, System Effectiveness and Community Commitment. Board Member Ann Howard reported seeing a lot of progress in each area.
- B. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Availability of Lockers at the ARCH (Cardona-Beiler/Clark)-Board Member Darilynn Cardona-Beiler reported she followed up with Front Steps. Lockers are only assigned to clients that are connected

with a case manager. She also met with Council Member Ann Kitchen who informed her that an RFA was sent out seeking providers to bring this service.

- C. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Seeking Grant/Outside Funding for DACC Programs (Clark/Ponder)
 - i. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on DACC Contractor's FY/18 Performance Measures Overview (Clark/Cates)-Robert Kingham reported that no service contractors signed up to provide storage solutions.
 - ii. Ann Howard reported that Vela Carmen toured some creative solutions for storage in San Diego. Will contact her to follow-up.
 - iii. Board member Sara Clark called a special meeting to discuss budget proposals. A working group was created consisting of Board Members Sara Clark, Gary Ponder and Ann Howard.
- D. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Possible Expansion for Court Services (Clark/Gallatin)-No discussion or action taken on this item.
- E. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Orientation for New Board Members (Clark/Ponder)-Gary recommended that he and Susan Requejo serve when this item is brought up for discussion.
- F. Emergency Election of Chair (Clark/Gallatin)-Board Member Sara Clark nominated Darilynn Cardona-Beiler as the new chair starting at the next meeting. Board Member Ann Howard second the motion.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Community Court Data and Statistics (Cates/Clark)- No discussion or action taken on this item.
- B. Sobering Center of Austin & Travis County (Clark/Gallatin)-Executive Director, Dr. Rhonda Patrick and Christine Hassell, Clinical Director reported that one thousand clients had been through the center to date. Outreach and education are up and running.
- C. Homelessness Assistance Audit Series (Clark/Cates)- No discussion or action taken on this item.
- D. City Ordinance Review (sit/lie, camping/solicitation) (Clark/Gallatin)- No discussion or action taken on this item.
- E. City Council Resolution 20160811-037 concerning jailing individuals for failing to pay Municipal Court fines and Stakeholder Group on Fair Treatment of Indigent Defendants (Clark/Gallatin)-No discussion or action taken on this item.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. ADJOURN

Board Member Sara Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m. without objection.