



**DACC ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
FRIDAY, May 17, 2019**

The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Friday, May 17, 2019 in Austin, Texas.

Darilynn Cardona-Beiler called the Board Meeting to order at 7:38 a.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Kate Garza, Susan Requejo, Darilynn Cardona-Beiler, Gary Ponder, Kergin Bedell, Jason English, Ann Howard, Andrew Williams

Staff in Attendance: Pamela Sigman, Pete Valdez, Jeremy Myers, Jennifer Sowinski, Dahlia Martinez, Martha Chapa, Robert Kingham, Nancy Pounds, Scott Davis, Cody Andrews

1. APPROVAL OF MARCH 1, 2019 AND APRIL 12, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting on March 1, 2019 were amended to reflect a correction to 3.E. under NEW BUSINESS to include Board Member Gary Ponder serving on this item along with Board Member Susan Requejo. Board Member Ann Howard moved to approve the March 1, 2019 meeting minutes as amended and approve the April 12, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Board Member Susan Requejo, and passed by an 8-0 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. Testimonials (ICM)-No client was available to speak.
- b. ESG Housing Update

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Action Plan to End Homelessness (Howard/Cardona-Beiler) - Board Member Ann Howard provided an update on how the plan was developed. A discussion about where the plan intersects with the work Downtown Austin Community Court does.
- b. Conversation Regarding Presentation from the DACC Funded Programs (Cardona-Beiler/Howard) - The Board is interested in engaging a conversation with each DACC funded program partner to see how the program aligns with DACC. Preference is to have the Front Steps Permanent Supporting Housing program present at the next meeting.

- c. Demographics of the Clients we are Serving, and the Process Used to Manage the Waitlist (Cardona-Beiler/Howard) - Questions and discussions on the DACC prioritization of clients served and the Coordinated Assessment Process were discussed in length.
- d. Possible Expansion for Court Services (Cardona-Beiler/Gallatin) - No new information available at this time.
- e. Orientation for New Board Members (Cardona-Beiler/Ponder) - Board members were encouraged to take a tour of the DACC to see how the process in action and how the services are provided.
- f. Election of Chair and Vice - Chair-Board Member Ann Howard moved that Darilynn Cardona-Beiler remain as Chair. Second by Board Member Susan Requejo. The motion passed by 8-0 vote. Board Member Jason English moved that Lea Downey Gallatin remain as Vice-Chair. Second by Board Member Gary Ponder. Motion passed by 8-0 vote.
- g. Format for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness to Provide Feedback to the DACC Advisory Board - Discussion about potential for having someone who has lived experience with homelessness serve on the Advisory Board. Board Member Gary Ponder moved that we remove the testimonial and replace that standing item with an open call for speakers with experience with Austin's service system for homelessness. Board Member Susan Requejo second the motion. The motion passed by 8-0 vote.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Homelessness Assistance Audit Series (Cardona-Beiler/Cates)-No discussion or action taken on this item.
- B. City Ordinance Review (sit/lie, camping/solicitation) (Cardona-Beiler/Gallatin)- No discussion or action taken on this item.
- C. City Council Resolution-20160811-037 concerning jailing individuals for failing to pay Municipal Court fines and Stakeholder Group on Fair Treatment of Indigent Defendants (Cardona-Beiler/Gallatin)- No discussion or action taken on this item.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. DACC Funded Program Partner Presentation-Front Steps
- B. Coordinated Assessment Processes and Data in Relation to DACC Clients Served
- C. Expansion of Shelter Status Report
- D. Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Mapping Project Update

ADJOURNMENT-Board Member Sara Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m. without objection.