



**DACC ADVISORY Board  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Friday, March 23, 2018**

**The Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC) Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Friday, March 23, 2018 in Austin, Texas.**

**Sara Clark called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance: Sara Clark (Chair), Lea Downey Gallatin, Jason English, Lori Renteria, Andrew Cates, Gary Ponder**

**Staff in Attendance: Michael Coffey, Pete Valdez, Jeremy Myers, Jennifer Sowinski, Dahlia Martinez, Martha Chapa, Rebeka Martinez, Robbie Hanley, Robert Kingham, Caitlin Purcell, Chris Anderson, Sean Martin**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The January 19, 2018 minutes were not approved.

**2. CITIZEN/CLIENT TESTIMONIALS**

A. Homeless/formerly homeless individuals shared first-hand experiences regarding challenges and barriers associated with access to housing. An Emergency Solutions Grant housing update was provided to the board. Testimonial provided by a client of the Case Management program.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Introduction to Rhonda Patrick, executive director of the Sobering Center of Austin & Travis County (Clark/Renteria). Rhonda Patrick updated the board on the Sobering Center. Questions were answered but no action taken on this item.
- B. Update from the Budget/Funding Recommendations Working Group, followed by discussion and possible action on their recommendations (Cardona-Beiler/Howard/Gallitan); Andrew Cates moved that the draft created by the working group be approved and empower the working group to add the most current statistics from Echo that Ann Howard can provide. Motion second by Lori Renteria.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Homelessness Assistance Audit Series (Clark/Cates); No discussion or action taken on this item.

- B. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on Attendance of Advisory Board Meetings (Clark/Gallatin); No discussion or action taken on this item.
- C. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Homelessness Outreach Street Team (“HOST”) pilot program (Cardona-Beiler/Clark); No discussion or action taken on this item.
- D. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Sobering Center of Austin & Travis County (Renteria/Clark); No discussion or action taken on this item.
- E. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Downtown Austin Community Court Facilities (Clark/Courreges); No discussion or action taken on this item.
- F. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on rental assistance grant opportunities. (Cardona-Beiler/Clark); No discussion or action taken on this item.
- G. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on 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.
- H. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Community Court data and statistics (Cates/Clark); No discussion or action taken on this item.

**5. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**6. ADJOURN**

**Meeting ended at 9:12 a.m.**