



PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 4, 2025

Committee Members Present:

1. Vanessa Fuentes, Chair
2. Marc Duchen, Vice Chair
3. Ryan Alter
4. Zohaib "Zo" Qadri
5. José Velásquez

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Fuentes called the committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Public Communication: General

1 Speaker

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approve the minutes of the Public Health Committee meeting of May 7, 2025.**

The minutes of the May 7, 2025, Public Health Committee meetings were approved on Council Member Velásquez's motion, and Council Member Duchen's second with no objection, on a 5-0 vote.

Briefings

1. **Briefing from Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center d/b/a Integral Care regarding mental health services, crisis response, and housing programs.**
The Committee received a briefing from Dawn R. Handley, M.Ed., LPC, Vice President and Chief Operations Officer; Elizabeth Marrero, MSSW, Provider Network & Authority Officer; Marlene Buchanan, LPC, Director of Systems of Care - Integral Care
2. **Update on the Crisis Care Diversion (Mental Health Diversion) Pilot Program to provide alternatives for persons experiencing a mental health crisis.**
The Committee received a briefing from Courtney Lucas, Assistant Director of HPP Division, Health and Human Services; Laura Peveto, Division Director of OCS, Health and Human Services; Robert Kingham, Court Administrator, Downtown Austin Community Court; JP Eichmiller, Vice President of Strategy - Central Health; Dawn R. Handley, M.Ed., LPC, Chief Operations Officer
6. **Briefing from Undue Medical Debt on the impact of medical debt in Austin and opportunities for relief.**
The Committee received a briefing from Courtney Werpy Story, Vice President of Government Initiatives- Undue Medical Debt

Briefings by Memorandum

7. Staff update on Resolution No. 20240530-112, regarding the Downtown Austin Community Court's (DACC's) resources and mechanisms to partner with community organizations to provide consistent, equitable approach to partnering with trusted community groups to improve City service delivery.

The Committee received a briefing by memorandum from Robert Kingham, Court Administrator - Downtown Austin Community Court; Vicky Pridgen, Business Process Consultant - Budget & Organizational Excellence

Future Items

1. Identify items to discuss at future meetings.

- Update on the Marshalling yard
- Sobering Center Board Member Appointment

Mayor Pro Tem Fuentes adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

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