

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (SSAB)**  
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**SSAB Meeting Minutes**  
**May 08, 2014**

**Members Present**

Gary Knight  
Bob Brandenburg  
Georgeann Grotey  
John Hughes  
Paul Downey  
Sandy Pugliese  
James Floros  
Bruce M. Abrams

**Members Absent**

Philip Thalheimer  
Linda Blair Forth

**Staff Present**

Rick Wanne, Deputy Director Eligibility Operations  
Ida Bell, HHSA  
Anita Rogers, HHSA  
Laura Hernandez, HHSA  
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA  
Suzette, St. Pierre, HHSA  
Albert Garcia, HHSA  
Jessica Francis, HHSA  
Marty Smith, HHSA  
Katherine Trinh, HHSA  
Petros Alemeselassie, HHSA  
Alex Arevalo, HHSA  
Kim Forrester, HHSA

**Guests**

Marjorie Larson  
Derek Stoats  
Kellen Russoniello  
Lindsey Wade  
Angela Diaz De Leon  
Olivia Kirkland  
Nathan Packard  
Erik Pena  
Eddie Burgos

1. Vice Chairwoman Sandy Pugliese called the meeting to order at 9:32a.m.
2. Vice Chairwoman Sandy Pugliese made a motion to approve the April 13, 2014 minutes. Paul Downey seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all Board members present.
3. **Public Comments on Items not listed on the Agenda:**
  - Kellen Russoniello, Staff Attorney, ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties, Introduced the Health and Safety Communities Initiative – they are comprised of organizations that serve and advocate on behalf of those impacted by the criminal justice system. Health and safety communities initiative applauds the County's commitment to address the health needs to one of the most vulnerable populations. The ACLU urges the County to pursue research that tracks the number of enrolments achieved, how the enrollment for this population impacts health access and utilization and health insurance and access has in impact on recidivism rates.
  - Lindsey Wade, Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial County, stated that it would be helpful to have updates on the CMS portion of the Health and Human Services Agency's budget, as well as Behavioral Health budget available for community members to view.

**ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- 9:45 – 10:00 4. **Action Item:** Review and Approve Board of Supervisor Letter: Medi-Cal Outreach and Enrollment Grant, Peter Shih from Health Care Policy Administration, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Mr. Shih asked the Board members to approve the Board Letter, which will be on the agenda of the May, 20, 2014 Board of Supervisor’s meeting. Chairwoman Sandy Pugliese made a motion to approve, Paul Downey Second that Motion. The motion was approved by all Board members present.
- 10:00-10:30 5. **Information Item:** Patti Groulx, Budget Manager, Health Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Groulx gave an overview of the Health and Human Services Operational Plan for the FY14/15. The plan included a look at the Economy and the CAO recommended budget.
- 10:30-11:00 6. **Information Item:** Office of Business Intelligence Update, Anabel Poole, Chief, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Poole gave an update on the department. Their goal is to Explain the past, optimize the present and predict the future. They conduct research and policy analysis that support Emergency Preparedness, Position Control, Operational Plan, Dashboards, and Facility Planning.
- 11:00-11:15 7. **Information Item:** Family Stabilization Program, Laura Hernandez, CalWorks/WTW Managers, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Hernandez explained the Program requirements, services and benefits for Welfare to Work recipients receiving Family Stabilization. Family Stabilization Program is to Help families avoid homelessness; loss of utilities and vehicle repair, so they may gain self-sufficiency.
- 11:15-11:30 8. **Information Item:** Eligibility Operations Updates: Rick Wanne, Deputy Director, Eligibility Operations, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Mr. Wanne provided an update and a handout on Eligibility Services By The Numbers. He mentioned topics discussed at the Eligibility Stakeholder Forum including, Technical CalFresh Updates and Family Stabilization Program. He also mentioned that May is CalFresh awareness month.

**ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on **June 12, 2014 at Access Call Center, 8765 Fletcher Pkwy, La Mesa CA 91942**

***The SSAB Minutes were written and submitted by Gabriela Romero.***