

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (SSAB)  
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**SSAB Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2014**

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Linda Blair Forth

**Staff Present**

Rick Wanne, Deputy Director Eligibility Operations  
Charline Khoury, HHSA  
Jeannie Hufford, HHSA  
Laura Hernandez, HHSA  
Petros Alemeselassie, HHSA  
Anita Rodgers, HHSA  
Kim Forrester, HHSA  
Carmen Lopez, HHSA  
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA  
Deanna Helenihi, HHSA  
Deanna Zotalis-Ferreira, HHSA  
Katherine Trinh, HHSA  
Anabel Poole, HHSA  
Jessica Francis, HHSA  
Albert Garcia, HHSA  
Roxanne Hernandez, HHSA  
Ellen Schmeding, HHSA  
Vickie Molzen, HHSA  
Erika Eberman, HHSA

**Guests**

Joyce Abrams, Daniel Benson, Mark Drillon, Claire Oksayan, Bill Oswald, Daniela Solano, Sean Karafin, Angela Diaz de Leon, Marjorie Larson, Dan Meyer, Kate Mulling, Kellen Russoniello, Jennifer Seneor, Hilda Chan, Derek Staats, Amanda Schultz, Jennifer Tracy, Lindsey Wade,

1. Chairman Philip Thalheimer called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.
2. Chairman Philip Thalheimer made a motion to approve the December 12, 2013 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:**
  - Jennifer Tracy, San Diego Hunger Coalition, announced the California Food Policy Advocate (CFPA) "Freshy" Awards will be announced at the 2014 CalFresh Forum on February 18, 2014. The awards honor those in the state who have worked to improve CalFresh. Rick Wanne was nominated for the Administrator of the Year.

**ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS:**

4. **Information Item:** SSI Advocacy Program Overview and Update: Gregory E. Knoll, Legal Aid Society of San Diego, Inc., presented the mission and an overview of the Legal Aid Society of San Diego. The topics included were: Consumer Center for Health Education and Advocacy, Special Projects and Benefits to Consumers.
5. **Presentation Item:** Presentation Item: Aging and Independence Services (AIS) Programs

Update, Senior Nutrition. Ms. Ellen Schmeding, Aging & Independence Services (AIS) Director gave an overview of AIS, how it fits in the community and how it is connected with the 10 year strategic Plan Live Well San Diego. The available AIS programs and services for older adults and persons with disabilities are as follows: Physical Fitness and Health, Protection and Advocacy, Enrichment and Involvement, Family Caregiver Support Program, Medicare and Legal, Veterans Services and Nutrition were also briefly discussed.

6. **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 also gave an update of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) / Covered CA. He mentioned these topics were discussed at the Eligibility Stakeholder Forum and included: CalFresh updates and discussion of AB74/Family Stabilization.

7. **Closed Session :** SSAB Annual Planning Retreat

**ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on **February 13, 2014 Health Services Complex, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego Room, San Diego, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

***The SSAB Minutes were written and submitted by Maggie Sandoval.***