

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (SSAB)  
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**SSAB Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2014**

**Members Present**

Philip Thalheimer  
Bob Brandenburg  
James Floros  
Georgeann Grotey  
Sandy Pugliese  
Linda Blair Forth  
Paul Downey  
Bruce M. Abrams

**Members Absent**

John Hughes

**Staff Present**

Rick Wanne, Deputy Director Eligibility Operations  
Charline Khoury, HHSA  
Laura Hernandez, HHSA  
Petros Alemeselassie, HHSA  
Anita Rodgers, HHSA  
Kim Forrester, HHSA  
Carmen Lopez, HHSA  
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA  
Deanna Zotalis-Ferreira, HHSA  
Katherine Trinh, HHSA  
Anabel Poole, HHSA  
Jessica Francis, HHSA  
Albert Garcia, HHSA  
Vincent Chua, HHSA  
Terra Wallace, HHSA  
Elena Murillo, HHSA  
Lora Guillen, 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, Caroline Smith, 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 January 9, 2014 minutes. Sandy Pugliese seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all Board members present.
3. **Public Comments on Items not listed on the Agenda:**
  - No public comment

**ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS:**

4. **Presentation Item:** Overview of County of San Diego Legislative Program, Caroline Smith, Office of Strategy and Intergovernmental Affairs, County of San Diego. Ms. Smith gave an overview of the County's Legislative Program which consists of Three Components: Guidelines, Priorities and Sponsorship. The Office of Strategy and Intergovernmental Affairs (SIA) manages the legislative program of the Board of Supervisors by seeking enactment of Board's legislative proposals and responding to Federal and State legislation that could affect the County.
5. **Presentation Item:** CalWorks – Welfare to Work Expanded Subsidized Employment Program, Laura Hernandez, CalWorks Manager, Eligibility Operations, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Hernandez provided an update on CalWORKs/Welfare to Work: Expanded

Subsidized Employment (ESE) program requirements, services and benefits for clients receiving CalWORKs (CW) / Welfare to Work.

6. **Action Item:** Review and Approve Board of Supervisor Letter: CalWorks Information Network Printing and Mailing Services and CalWorks – Welfare to Work Expanded Subsidized Employment Program, Rick Wanne, Deputy Director, Eligibility Operations, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). Mr. Wanne asked the Board members to approve the Board Letter presented which will be on the agenda of the February 25, 2014 Board of Supervisor's meeting. Mr. Phil Thalheimer made motion to support the proposed Board Letter and seconded motion by Sandy Pugliese. All Board members present were in favor; the motioned carried.
7. **Discussion Item:** Alternative Locations for Social Services Advisory Board Meeting, Paul Downey, Social Services Advisory Board Member. Mr. Paul Downey offered proposal to schedule site visits to Family Resource Center offices in the regions. Recommended locations are: ACCESS, Lemon Grove Family Resource Center (LGFRC), Southbay Family Resource Center (SBFRC), Welfare to Work Providers and Downtown Mills Building Family Resource Center/Appeals. Mr. Thalheimer made a motion based on the recommendation to make a quarterly meeting to the different County location offices. Sandy Puliegse seconded the motion. All Board members present were in favor; the motion carried.
8. **Information Item:** Eligibility Operations Updates: Rick Wanne, Deputy Director, Eligibility Operations, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). Mr. Wanne provided an update and a handout on Eligibility Services By The Numbers. He mentioned topics discussed at the Eligibility Stakeholder Forum: CalFresh updates and Affordable Care Act (ACA).

**ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:**

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

The next regular meeting will be held on **March 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.***