

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (SSAB)**

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**SSAB Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2021**

Members Present

Jan Spencley
Anahid Brakke
Buck Martin
James Floros
Gary Knight
Rachel Morineau
Vino Pajanor
Keara Pina
Greg Anglea

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, Director Self-Sufficiency Services
Albert Banuelos, HHSA
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA
Allison Boyer, HHSA
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA
Ida Bell, HHSA
Jeannie Hufford, HHSA
Albert Garcia, HHSA
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA
David Hopkins, HHSA
Nanette Hartley, HHSA
Eric Rubio, HHSA
Michael Schmidt, HHSA
Kyle Sand, San Diego County Counsel

Guests

Brittany Boiko, Legal Aid Society of San Diego
Greg Knoll, Legal Aid Society of San Diego
Jack Dailey, Legal Aid Society of San Diego
Devin Ton, Feeding San Diego
Ivonne Velazquez, Hospital Association of San Diego
Lindsey Wade, Hospital Association of San Diego
Amanda Schultz Brochu, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Violeta Aguirre, Scripps Health
Hector Cruz, City of San Diego

1. Meeting called to order via WebEx at 9:32 by Chair, Anahid Brakke.
2. The March 10, 2021 meeting minutes were approved, with all Board Members present voting yes.
3. Public Comments:
 - Greg Knoll, Legal Aid Society of San Diego, commented on the recent Board of Supervisors letter on enrollment in relation to contributing their services to the Ad Hoc Committee.
 - Lindsey Wade, Hospital Association of San Diego, commented on offering their experience and recommendations for flexibilities and best practices to contribute to the Ad Hoc Committee.
 - Jack Dailey, Legal Aid Society of San Diego, commented on Public Charge and expressed interest in any opportunity to partner with the County of San Diego for outreach to immigrant communities.

4. Discussion Item: Review of Public Posting and Distribution of SSAB Agenda: Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Mr. Wanne presented the process in which the SSAB agenda items are requested, submitted to the Clerk of the Board to be posted at the County Administration Center, and uploaded onto the SSAB website, along with meeting materials and WebEx information.
5. Information Item: Update on Local Response to COVID19 Emergency for all Public Assistance Programs, Waivers, Enrollment, Service Delivery, Data: Assmaa Elayyat, Chief, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Elayyat provided a review of program flexibilities and waiver updates for CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKS and General Relief.
6. Discussion Item: Review of Public Charge Status and Stakeholder Communication Opportunities: Assmaa Elayyat, Chief, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Elayyat provided an overview of Public Charge and shared a letter to staff regarding the recent updates impacting Self-Sufficiency Programs, along with a resource guide with helpful information and links to legal resources put together by the State of California which customers can be referred to regarding Public Charge. It was requested to have Public Charge be an ongoing topic for SSAB.
7. Discussion/Action Item: SSAB Enrollment Ad Hoc Subcommittee: Anahid Brakke, Chair, Social Services Advisory Board. Ms. Brakke explained the goals of the SSAB Ad Hoc Subcommittee in relation to the Enrollment Board Letter from Supervisor Lawson-Remer. Along with Ms. Brakke, fellow SSAB members Keara Pina, Greg Anglea and Jan Spencley volunteered to join. A vote to confirm the Ad Hoc Committee members was taken, with all Board Members present voting yes.
8. Action Item: Draft 2021 Strategic Goals for Discussion: Social Services Advisory Board Members. Assmaa Elayyat presented the Draft Strategic Goals and Objectives, including legislative advocacy ideas and outreach suggestions for 2021. Following SSAB Board Member discussion, a motion was made to adopt the Legislative Advocacy items, adding SB107 and the remaining Advocacy and Outreach items will be discussed and considered at the May SSAB meeting. A vote was taken to confirm adoption of the Legislative Advocacy items, with all members present voting yes.
9. Discussion Item: Agenda Topics for the SSAB May 2021 meeting: Social Services Advisory Board Members. The Board Members discussed potential topics for the upcoming meeting, including SSAB Meeting accessibility and translation services for the public, and a Chair request for a presentation from the County Office of Equity and Racial Justice.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on May 12, 2021 Via WebEx.