

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

**Held In Person  
North Central Live Well Center  
5055 Ruffin Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, San Diego CA 92123  
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**SSAB Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2023**

**Members**

**Present**

Vino Pajanor  
Jan Spencley  
Robin Maxson  
Keara O'Laughlin  
Daniela Murphy  
Rachel Morineau  
Carol Lewis  
Phil Thalheimer

**Members Absent**

Buck Martin  
Greg Anglea

**Staff Present**

Rick Wanne, Director Self-Sufficiency Services  
Albert Banuelos, HHSA  
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA  
Allison Boyer, HHSA  
Jeannie Hufford, HHSA  
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA  
Eric Rubio, HHSA  
Albert Garcia, HHSA  
Yenissa Salgado, HHSA  
Patty Baker, HHSA  
David Hopkins, HHSA  
Ismael Lopez, HHSA  
Ruth Martin, Board/Supervisors District 1

**Guests**

Lindsey Wade, HASDIC  
Stephanie Phann, HASDIC  
Karla Samoyoa, 211 San Diego  
Jessica Peter, 211 San Diego  
Jack Dailey, Legal Aid Society of San Diego  
Mauricio Medina, San Diego Hunger Coalition  
Cierra Gant, SEIU  
Isiah Beemen, SEIU  
Adrianna Yemhatpe, Travelers Aid of San Diego  
Violeta Aguirre, Scripps Health

1. Meeting called to order at 9:32 by Chair, Vino Pajanor.
2. The March 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved, with all Board Members present voting yes.
3. Public Comments:
  - No public comment
4. **Presentation Item:** Overview of the Hospital Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties (HASDIC) and Hospital Outstation Partnership with Self-Sufficiency Services: Lindsey Wade, Senior Vice President, Hospital Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties (HASDIC). Ms. Wade provided an overview of HASDIC's partnership with Self-Sufficiency Services.
5. **Action Item:** Review Legislative Advocacy Bills and Letters of Support that Align with SSAB Strategic

Priorities: Assmaa Elayyat, Acting Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Elayyat shared an updated tracking sheet of all active legislative bills, with suggestions provided by the SSAB members at the March 8, 2023 meeting. She also shared a draft Letter of Support from the SSAB to Chairwoman Vargas, in support of Senate Bill 600 and Assembly Bill 274. This letter was approved, with 6 Board Members voting yes and 1 Member voting no.

A public comment was made by Mauricio Medina, Public Affairs Manager of San Diego Hunger Coalition, stating his appreciation of the list of bills on the tracker that can support ending hunger and mentions that AB712 should be elevated to the support level. He is also requesting clarity on what the middle analysis required tag or code is: it is waiting on seeing if the bill is amended or greater clarity on how it will impact the County or what it will do to the CalFresh program.

6. **Information Item:** Update on Local Response to COVID19 Emergency for all Public Assistance Programs, Waivers, Enrollment, Service Delivery, Data, PHE Lift: Assmaa Elayyat, Acting Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Elayyat provided updates on CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs and General Relief flexibilities, waiver expirations, extensions, Medi-Cal Renewals and EBT Fraud. Ms. Elayyat also shared data on the Community Based Organization Referrals for all Self-Sufficiency programs.

**ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on May 10, 2023.