

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

**Held In Person
North Central Live Well Center
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**SSAB Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2024**

Members Present

Jan Spencley
Robin Maxson
Andrea Gonzalez
Phil Thalheimer
Greg Anglea
Rachel Morineau
Carol Lewis

Members Absent

Vino Pajanor
Daniela Murphy
Keara O'Laughlin

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services
Alberto Banuelos, HHSA
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA
Albert Garcia, HHSA
Yenissa Salgado, HHSA
Janelle Jones-Phillips, HHSA
Eric Rubio, HHSA
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA
Michael Schmidt, HHSA
Ismael Lopez, HHSA
Bianca Sosa-Graciano, HHSA
David Sagaz, HHSA
Patty Baker, HHSA
Ricardo Hernandez, HHSA

Guests

Khea Pollard, Jewish Family Service San Diego
Jack Dailey, Legal Aid Society of San Diego
Daniel Benson, Legal Aid Society of San Diego
Stephanie Phann, HASDIC
Adrian Carstens, 2-1-1 San Diego
Mauricio Medina, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Sara Beth Cooper

1. Meeting called to order at 9:31 by Vice-Chair, Jan Spencley.
2. The March 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved, with all Board Members present voting yes.
3. Public Comments:
 - No public comment

4. **Presentation Item:** Recovery Action Fund for Tomorrow (RAFT) Program: Khea Pollard, Director of Economic Mobility and Opportunity, Jewish Family Service San Diego. Ms. Pollard presented an overview of one of the JFS Economic Mobility and Opportunity Department's programs called the Recovery Action Fund for Tomorrow (RAFT) Program, in partnership with the County of San Diego. She provided information on the program's goals to provide support and relief, by distributing a one-time unconditional payment of \$4,000 to families, seniors, and individuals at risk of homelessness in the community.
5. **Information Item:** Review Legislative Advocacy Bills that Support SSAB Strategic Priorities: Assmaa Elayyat, Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). Ms. Elayyat shared a draft letter of support to the Board of Supervisors for Senate Bill 1355, in which the SSAB Members voted to advocate for in the previous meeting. She also shared a letter that was sent to the State from Chairwoman Vargas, in regards to the budget requests from the County of San Diego.
6. **Information Item:** Update on Medi-Cal Renewals, PHE Lift for Public Assistance Programs, Waivers, Enrollment, Service Delivery, Data: Assmaa Elayyat, Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). Ms. Elayyat provided quick updates for CalFresh and CalWORKs programs, focusing mainly on Medi-Cal Renewal data and provided updates on a variety of monthly reports. She also shared an update on the Disaster CalFresh, highlighting that Self-Sufficiency Services received over 19,000 applications and issued over \$6 million in benefits.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on May 8, 2024.