

**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, 2nd Floor Conference Room, San Diego CA 92123  
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**SSAB Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2025**

**Members Present**

Jan Spencley  
Robin Maxson  
Lori Brown  
Rachel Morineau  
Greg Anglea  
Dana Toppel

**Members Absent**

Vino Pajanor  
Daniela Murphy  
Phil Thalheimer  
Andrea Gonzalez

**Staff Present**

Alberto Banuelos, HHSA  
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA  
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA  
Jeannie Hufford, HHSA  
Brenda Vargas-Ramirez  
Janelle Jones-Phillips, HHSA  
Yenissa Salgado, HHSA  
Alberto Garcia, HHSA  
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA  
Eric Rubio, HHSA  
Bianca Graciano, HHSA  
Ismael Lopez, HHSA  
Patty Baker, HHSA  
Nina Olivas, HHSA  
David Sagaz, HHSA  
Ricardo Hernandez, HHSA  
Emmanuel Molina, HHSA  
Danica Borja, HHSA  
Lisa Duke, HHSA  
Megan Murphy, HHSA

**Guests**

Lindsey Wade, Hospital Assoc. of SD & Imperial Counties  
Stephanie Phann, Hospital Assoc. of SD & Imperial Counties  
Jack Dailey, Legal Aid Society of San Diego  
Tina Bae, Legal Aid Society of San Diego  
Adrian Carstens, 2-1-1 San Diego  
Jessica Peter, 2-1-1 San Diego  
Anae Evangelista, San Diego Hunger Coalition  
Virginia Casey, San Diego Hunger Coalition  
Richard Rushton, Vista Hill  
Dawn Schultheis-Musselman, HHSA Staff  
Gerrell Howard, HHSA Staff  
Kimberly Smith, HHSA Staff  
Felicia Alcaraz, HHSA Staff  
Leticia Diaz Deleon, HHSA Staff  
Angel Wright, HHSA Staff  
Walter Olivas, HHSA Staff  
Jamie Nova  
Victor Ibarra

1. Meeting called to order at 9:41 by Vice Chair, Jan Spencley.

2. The March 12, 2025 meeting minutes were approved, with 5 Members present voting yes and 1 abstention.
3. Public Comments:
  - No public comment
4. **Discussion Item:** SSAB Member Sharing, Comments, and Topics of Interest: All Social Services Advisory Board Members. The Members did not have any comments or discussion at this time.
5. **Presentation Item:** CalFresh Healthy Living Program: Lisa Duke, Program Manager, Public Health Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Duke shared an overview of the CalFresh Healthy Living Program and their goals to support healthy, active, and nourished lifestyles by teaching low-income Californians about good nutrition and how to stretch their food dollars, while also building community partnerships. She also shared information on funding, the communities in San Diego that they serve and Local Implementing Agency Coordination with other County departments and Community Based Organizations.
6. **Action Item:** Legislative Support Letters: Assmaa Elayyat, Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Elayyat shared 2 draft Advocacy Letters with the Board Members. The first letter requests a one-time ask for State funding of \$245 million dollars for the upcoming fiscal year, to ensure appropriate funding both for the CalWORKs eligibility and employment services. The second letter requests support from the San Diego Congressional Delegation for Federal Fiscal Year 25/26 funding for critical safety net programs including Medi-Cal and CalFresh. Vice Chair Jan Spencley requested an edit for the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter, to include that our region would lose hospitals, community health centers, physicians and other vital providers serving all residents if the budget cuts are placed. All Members present voted yes to proceed with submitting after the revision.
7. **Information Item:** Review of Forecast of Federal Legislation and Proposed Rule Changes: Assmaa Elayyat, Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Elayyat shared that Congress passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) that was signed by the President on March 14, 2025 that will continue Federal funding through the 24/24 Federal Fiscal Year that ends on September 30, 2025. She also shared Federal department changes, which included office closures, restructuring and 10,000 job cuts in Health & Human Services departments such as the CDC, FDA and CMS.
8. **Information Item:** Update on Medi-Cal Renewals, PHE Lift for Public Assistance Programs, Waivers, Enrollment, Service Delivery, Data: Claudia Gurrola, Chief, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Gurrola provided an update on the new EBT chip-tap card and the EBT Personal Identification Number (PIN) Reset Pilot. She also shared an update on the extension of the Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents waiver and provided information as well as a flyer on the new benefit for Medi-Cal members, called Enhanced Care Management (ECM). Ms. Gurrola also notified the Members of the various PHE Unwinding Waivers that are ending on June 30, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on May 14, 2025 at 5055 Ruffin Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, San Diego, CA 92123.