

**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  
February 8, 2023**

**Members Present**

Vino Pajanor  
Jan Spencley  
Robin Maxson  
Keara O'Laughlin  
Buck Martin  
Daniela Murphy  
Greg Anglea  
Rachel Morineau

**Members Absent**

Carol Lewis  
Phil Thalheimer

**Staff Present**

Rick Wanne, Director Self-Sufficiency Services  
Albert Banuelos, HHSA  
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA  
Allison Boyer, HHSA  
Jeannie Hufford, HHSA  
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA  
Michael Schmidt, HHSA  
Darlene Beltran, HHSA  
Eric Rubio, HHSA  
Albert Garcia, HHSA  
Yenissa Salgado, HHSA  
Patty Baker, HHSA  
David Hopkins, HHSA  
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA

**Guests**

Jack Dailey, Legal Aid Society of San Diego  
Karen Fernandez, Legal Aid Society of San Diego  
Daniel Benson, Legal Aid Society of San Diego  
Tina Bae, Legal Aid Society of San Diego  
Shelly Dieu, San Diego Hunger Coalition  
Mauricio Medina, San Diego Hunger Coalition  
Stephen Salter, San Diego Hunger Coalition  
Karla Samayoa, 2-1-1 San Diego  
Nathan Wollman, SEIU  
Cierra Gant, SEIU  
Iris Trammel, HHSA Staff  
Gerrell Howard, HHSA Staff  
Alexondria Harris, HHSA Staff  
Alberto Magarro, HHSA Staff  
Kimberly Smith, HHSA Staff

1. Meeting called to order at 9:31 by Chair, Vino Pajanor.
2. The January 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved, with all Board Members present voting yes, with the correction that the January 19, 2023 meeting was held in person and not virtually.
3. Public Comments:
  - No public comment

4. **Action Item:** SSAB 2023 Priorities and Strategic Goals: All SSAB Members. Mr. Rick Wanne and Mr. Alberto Banuelos presented the 2023 Proposed Priorities and Strategic Goals, requesting the support of SSAB. The SSAB members shared their feedback and suggestions for the 6 proposed priorities and goals. The 2023 priorities and strategic goals were approved, with all Board Members present voting yes.
5. **Action Item:** Letter of Commendation from the SSAB to Board of Supervisors Regarding Self-Sufficiency Services Over the Last 10 Years: Vino Pajanor, Chair, Social Services Advisory Board and Jan Spencley, Vice Chair, Social Services Advisory Board. Mr. Pajanor presented the idea to the SSAB members for a Letter of Commendation to be written to the Board of Supervisors to be given to Self-Sufficiency Services. The motion was approved with all Board Members present voting yes, and it was decided that a draft letter will be brought before the board at the next SSAB meeting on March 8, 2023.
6. **Item Information:** Update on Local Response to COVID19 Emergency for all Public Assistance Programs, Waivers, Enrollment, Service Delivery, Data, PHE Lift: Assmaa Elayyat, Chief, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). Ms. Elayyat provided updates on CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs and General Relief flexibilities, waiver expirations, extensions, CalFresh Failure to Provide Denial data and information on the discontinuance of the CalFresh benefit Emergency Allotments on April 1, 2023.

A public comment was made for this agenda item by Nathan Wollman of SEIU, stating that SEIU 221 wants to ensure that the provisional issues being addressed with the Eligibility Task Force do not go unresolved, including feeling that they are not adequately staffed, and workloads were unevenly distributed with not much change in the department. Mr. Wollman also stated that to continue their goals in making sure that people who eligible are enrolled, different practices that work and don't work in other Counties should be looked at and the case per worker ratio should be revisited.

7. **Presentation Item:** EBT Theft: Skimming and Scamming Overview: Adriana Ramirez, Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). Ms. Ramirez presented information on theft of Electronic Benefit Transfers (EBT) and the available resources including a new web page and fliers, provided by the County for EBT electronic theft prevention.

**ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on March 8, 2023.