

**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
January 19, 2023**

Members Present

Jan Spencley
Robin Maxson
Phil Thalheimer
Keara O'Laughlin
Buck Martin
Vino Pajanor

Members Absent

Carol Lewis
Greg Anglea
Anahid Brakke
Rachel Morineau

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, Director Self-Sufficiency Services
Albert Banuelos, HHSA
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA
Allison Boyer, HHSA
Jeannie Hufford, HHSA
Michael Schmidt, HHSA
Eric Rubio, HHSA
Albert Garcia, HHSA
Yenissa Salgado, HHSA
Sonia Guaderrama, HHSA
Anita Rodgers, HHSA
Kelly Chan, HHSA
Ismael Lopez, HHSA
Maribel Gallegos, HHSA
Patty Baker, HHSA
David Hopkins, HHSA
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA
Christopher Kaeg, HHSA
Joshua Bohannan, Board/Supervisors District 4

Guests

Shelly Dieu, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Lindsey Wade, Hospital Association of San Diego
Luis Monteagudo, 2-1-1 San Diego
Karla Samayoa, 2-1-1 San Diego
Nathan Wollman, SEIU
Cierra Gant, SEIU

1. Meeting called to order at 9:40 by Vice-Chair, Vino Pajanor.
2. The November 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved, with all Board Members present voting yes.
3. Public Comments:
 - No public comment
4. Action Item: Nomination and Selection of the 2023 SSAB Chair and Vice-Chair. Vino Pajanor was elected as 2023 Chair (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain). Jan Spencley was elected as 2023 Vice Chair (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain) against 1st candidate nomination Phil Thalheimer.
5. Information Item: Update on Local Response to COVID19 Emergency for all Public Assistance

Programs, Waivers, Enrollment, Service Delivery, Data: Adriana Ramirez, Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Ramirez provided updates on CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs and General Relief flexibilities, waiver expirations and extensions. She also provided CalFresh Failure to Provide Denial data and shared a memo sent by Assmaa Elayyat, Chief, to all Self-Sufficiency Services Staff regarding the Public Charge Final Rule.

6. Discussion Item: SSAB 2023 Priorities and Strategic Goals: All SSAB Members. The SSAB Members collectively decided for the County to draft recommendations for the SSAB 2023 Priorities and Strategic Goals, to be presented at the next meeting on February 8, 2023. A public comment was made for this agenda item by Nathan Wollman of SEIU, stating his concern of the monitoring of progress on the implementation of the Enrollment Task Force (ETF) Recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on February 8, 2023.