

**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 10, 2023**

Members Present

Vino Pajanor
Jan Spencley
Robin Maxson
Greg Anglea
Daniel Murphy
Phil Thalheimer

Members Absent

Carol Lewis
Keara O'Laughlin
Rachel Morineau

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services
Alberto Banuelos, HHSA
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA
Allison Boyer, HHSA
Albert Garcia, HHSA
Yenissa Salgado, HHSA
Janelle Jones-Phillips, HHSA
Michael Schmidt, HHSA
Gloria Garcia, HHSA
Ismael Lopez, HHSA
Bianca Sosa-Graciano, HHSA
Nina Olivas, HHSA

Guests

Stephanie Phann, HASDIC
Jack Dailey, Legal Aid Society of San Diego
Daniel Benson, Legal Aid Society of San Diego
Karla Samayoa, 2-1-1 San Diego
Mauricio Medina, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Alexondria Harris, HHSA Staff
Kimberly Smith, HHSA Staff
Samantha Brown
Carlyn Obringer
Amanda Stephens

1. Meeting called to order at 9:33 by Chair, Vino Pajanor.
2. The December 13, 2023 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 2024 SSAB Chair and Vice-Chair. Vino Pajanor was re-elected as 2024 Chair (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain). Jan Spencley was re-elected as 2023 Vice Chair (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).

5. **Discussion Item:** SSAB 2024 Priorities and Strategic Goals: All SSAB Members. Ms. Assmaa Elayyat and Dr. Alberto Banuelos presented a list of suggestions to the Board Members, for the 2024 priorities and strategic goals for the Social Services Advisory Board. This included continuing to advocate for legislative bills, but also incorporating advocacy around the State Budget for administrative funding as well as local advocacy for the County Budget. Mr. Rick Wanne also suggested the Board Members' advocacy in the elimination of the Semi-Annual Report and the initial and annual interview that is required for the CalWORKs and CalFresh Programs, as well as the introduction of Artificial Intelligence funded at the State level for 24/7 on-demand customer service, with the Self-Sufficiency Services willing to pilot the program. The proposed 2024 priorities and strategic goals are as follows:

- Continue State and Federal Legislative Advocacy
- State Budget Advocacy
- Continue Community Outreach Efforts
- Promote Increased Use of Technology Automation and Customer Self Service
- Support SSAB Members for Increased Elected Officials and Community Education Regarding Self-Sufficiency

A public comment was made by Mauricio Medina of the San Diego Hunger Coalition, requests that the Board continue to prioritize the implementation of the Make the County Work For All initiative in the 2024 priorities, and for the State Budget he believes there is more opportunity to weigh in as the public in shaping the budget in the next year between today and the main revise with the governor.

6. **Information Item:** Review Legislative Advocacy Bills that Support SSAB Strategic Priorities: Assmaa Elayyat, Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Elayyat provided an overview of what occurs in the legislative session, explaining that as 2024 is the 2nd year of the cycle, held bills from last year will be carried forward into this year. New legislation will also be introduced around February 16, 2024 and the Social Services Advisory Board will be able to discuss advocacy following this date.
7. **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 (HHSA). Ms. Elayyat provided quick updates for CalFresh and CalWORKs programs, focusing mainly on Medi-Cal Renewal updates and reports.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on February 14, 2024.