

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

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SSAB Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2022

Members Present

Jan Spencley
Anahid Brakke
Robin Maxson
Vino Pajanor
Phil Thalheimer
Keara O'Laughlin
Rachel Morineau

Members Absent

Carol Lewis
Buck Martin
Greg Anglea

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, Director Self-Sufficiency Services
Albert Banuelos, HHSA
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA
Allison Boyer, HHSA
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA
Jeannie Hufford, HHSA
Ida Bell, HHSA
Albert Garcia, HHSA
Michael Schmidt, HHSA
Eric Rubio, HHSA
Darlene Beltran, HHSA
Brenda Vargas, HHSA
Roxanne Hernandez, HHSA
David Hopkins, HHSA
Nanette Hartley, HHSA
Patty Baker, HHSA
Kelly Motadel, HHSA
Amanda Berry, Board/Supervisors District 3
Joshua Bohannon, Board/Supervisors District 4
Kyle Sand, San Diego County Counsel

Guests

Amanda Schultz Brochu, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Devin Ton, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Ashley Jeznach, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Britney Lowery, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Mauricio Medina, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Joseph Kendrick, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Jen Keyes, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Nancy Saavedra, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Amanda Mascia, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Araceli Mondragon, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Nicole Marquel, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Jack Dailey, Legal Aid Society of San Diego
Karla Samayoa, 2-1-1 San Diego
Luis Monteagudo, 2-1-1 San Diego
LaKiesha Wilks, MAAC Project
Ralph Enriquez, Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego
Dennis Crosby, Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego

1. Meeting called to order via Zoom at 9:31 by Chair, Anahid Brakke.
2. Authorization of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), was approved with all Board Members present voting yes.
3. The May 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved, with all Board Members present voting yes.

4. Public Comments:

- Amanda Berry of District 3: Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer's office shared the upcoming the County of San Diego Budget Hearings for FY 22/23 and public participation opportunities, as well as the timeline to when the budget voting and when it will take effect.

5. Information Item: Update on Local Response to COVID19 Emergency for all Public Assistance Programs, Waivers, Enrollment, Service Delivery, Data: Assmaa Elayyat, Chief, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSa). Ms. Elayyat provided updates on CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs and General Relief flexibilities, waiver expirations and extensions and the recently budgeted CFAP program expansion.
6. Discussion Item: Baby Formula Shortage: All SSAB Members. Dr. Kelly Motadel of the County of San Diego's Medical Care Services Department shared a California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) Memo on the nationwide shortage of infant formulas and its increased risk for inadequate nutrition in infants. This information included the situation/background of the shortage, requested actions of provider and resources for families.
7. Information Item: National Refugee Month: Albert Garcia, Chief, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSa). Ralph Enriquez, Director, Refugee and Immigrant Services, Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego and Dennis Crosby, Program Manager, Afghan Support Investment Program (ASIP), Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego. Mr. Ismael Lopez shared the County's opportunity to provide support for the Afghan Evacuees, seeing a total of over 600 individuals over the 2-week event in May. Mr. Dennis Crosby shared the background of the Afghan Support and Investment Project (ASIP) and their main function of providing eligible clients with funding housing assistance for Afghan families transitioning to the United States. Mr. Enriquez shared the San Diego Newcomers Project (SDNP) and the services provided to promote economic and social self-sufficiency among refugees and asylees.
8. Presentation Item: First Quarterly Report on Plan to Implement SSAB Eligibility Task Force (ETF) Recommendations: Dr. Alberto Banuelos, Assistant Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSa) and Assmaa Elayyat, Chief, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSa). Dr. Banuelos and Ms. Elayyat presented the Board Letter draft memo that will be shared with the Board of Supervisors on June 15, 2022 where the department is highlighting a very high-level implementation plan with projected implementation dates, following the initial Board Letter presented on March 15, 2022. The SSAB requested detailed information on the high-level implementation plans, with Self-Sufficiency Services agreeing to return with more information as requested in their Board Letter. The SSAB also requested to discuss metrics to be tracked. For example, for under reasons for denial due to failure to provide, that Self-Sufficiency Services to explore the possibility to look at the denial rate by race and ethnicity.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on July 13, 2022.