

**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
June 12, 2024**

Members Present

Vino Pajanor
Jan Spencley
Robin Maxson
Andrea Gonzalez
Phil Thalheimer
Rachel Morineau
Carol Lewis
Daniela Murphy

Members Absent

Greg Anglea
Keara O'Laughlin

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services
Alberto Banuelos, HHSA
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA
Allison Boyer, HHSA
Jeannie Hufford, HHSA
Albert Garcia, HHSA
Yenissa Salgado, HHSA
Janelle Jones-Phillips, HHSA
Eric Rubio, HHSA
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA
Michael Schmidt, HHSA
Ismael Lopez, HHSA
Bianca Sosa-Graciano, HHSA
Marcus Giffin, HHSA
David Sagaz, HHSA
Patty Baker, HHSA
Ricardo Hernandez, HHSA

Guests

Jack Dailey, Legal Aid Society of San Diego
Daniel Benson, Legal Aid Society of San Diego
Stephanie Phann, HASDIC
Adrian Carstens, 2-1-1 San Diego
Jessica Peter, 2-1-1 San Diego
Cierra Williams, SEIU
Dawn Schultheis-Musselman, HHSA Staff
Eduardo Gaeta, HHSA Staff
Iris Trammel, HHSA Staff
Gerrell Howard, HHSA Staff
Mamie Alston-McCall, HHSA Staff
Angel Wright, HHSA Staff
Stephanie Palafox

1. Meeting called to order at 9:34 by Chair, Vino Pajanor.
2. The May 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved, with all Board Members present voting yes.
3. Public Comments:

- No public comment
4. **Presentation Item:** State Budgets Impact Overview: Jeannie Hufford, Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Hufford provided an overview of the State Budget deficit that projects a \$44.9B deficit from the May Revision and its \$61.2M impact to Self-Sufficiency Services programs. The Medi-Cal Administration with a proposed reduction of \$3.5M, the CalFresh Administration with a \$5.1M reduction and the CalWORKs Administration will be greatly impacted, with a \$21.3M reduction and further eliminations.
 5. **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 shared a draft letter of support to the Board of Supervisor regarding AB 2241, which the Members present at the previous meeting voted yes to move forward with advocating. She also shared a message from Dr. Eric McDonald, Interim Agency Director for the Health and Human Services Agency, regarding the presentation of the CAO's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25 to the Board of Supervisors and what it means for the Agency if the Governor's current proposal stands.
 6. **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 an update on the County's Opt-in for additional BenefitsCal features, including Interview Nudge, General Relief application, EBT/BIC replacement, VITA, Disaster CalFresh (when DCF is active), Click to Chat and Call Me. She also shared updates on CalFresh, Medi-Cal and CalWORKs programs flexibilities and waivers, as well as Google Ad samples for EBT Skimming and Scamming reminders. Ms. Elayyat also provided updates on a variety of monthly reports.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on August 14, 2024.