

**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, 2nd Floor Conference Room, San Diego CA 92123
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**SSAB Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2026**

Members Present

Jan Spencley
Daniela Murphy
Andrea Gonzalez
Lori Brown
Greg Maxson
Robin Maxson

Members Absent

Vino Pajanor
Rachel Morineau
Andrea Gonzalez
Phil Thalheimer

Staff Present

Alberto Banuelos, HHSA
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA
Jeannie Jones, HHSA
Brenda Vargas-Ramirez
Alberto Garcia, HHSA
Michelle McGeary, HHSA
Bianca Graciano, HHSA
Ismael Lopez, HHSA
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA
David Sagaz, HHSA
Gabriela Damian, HHSA
Ghina Perez-Hall, HHSA
Justine Kozo, HHSA
Karina Flores, HHSA
Darlene Beltran, HHSA
Jennifer Morehouse, HHSA

Guests

Adrian Carstens, 2-1-1 San Diego
Raychel Sager, 2-1-1 San Diego
Jack Dailey, LASSD/ HCA
Tina Bae, LASSD
Virginia Casey, HHSA Staff
Lindsey Wade, Hospital Assoc. of SD & Imperial Counties
Rebecca Jauregui-Vargas, HHSA Staff
Michael Schmidt, HHSA Staff
Kimberly Smith, HHSA Staff
Heather Summers, HHSA Staff
Gerrell Howard, HHSA Staff
Walter Olivas, HHSA Staff
Dawn Schultheis-Musselman, HHSA Staff
Trinh Le, HHSA Staff
Casey Shirk, HHSA Staff
Stephanie Phann, Hospital Assoc. of SD & Imperial Counties
Shannon Okimoto, HQP Socal
Mauricio Medina, San Diego Food Bank
Peter Kang, HHSA Staff
Lam Doan, HHSA Staff
Michelle Surakhanova, Neighborhood Healthcare

1. Meeting called to order at 9:34 by Vice Chair, Jan Spencley
2. The May 13, 2026 meeting minutes were approved, with all Members present voting yes.

3. **Public Comments:**

- No public comment

4. **Discussion Item:** SSAB Member Sharing, Comments, and Topics of Interest: All Social Services Advisory Board Members. The members did not have any comments or discussion at this time.

5. **Presentation Item:** Budget Update: Rissa Japlit, Executive Finance Director, Financial Services Division, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Japlit presented an overview of the Budget released on May 18, outlining the planned \$262 million in FY 2026-27. To balance the budget, four priority strategies were identified: improving operational efficiencies, recalibrating contracts and services, maximizing alternative funding sources, and using bridge funds supported by one-time revenue stabilization strategies. These actions are intended to help absorb early impacts and avoid reductions in community services. Overall, the HHSA budget prioritizes HHSA core services, obligations under federal and state law and implementing operational efficiencies that allow us to improve service delivery and minimizing effects on clients.

6. **Information Item:** House Resolution 1 (H.R. 1) CalFresh Impacts: Claudia Gurrola, Chief, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Gurrola presented an overview of CalFresh eligibility changes under H.R. 1 related to work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents. The new requirements will take effect at the time of enrollment or renewal and will be applied at the individual level. Beginning in June, adults ages 18 to 64 who do not meet the updated criteria may be impacted. CDSS has introduced several exemptions, and staff are working to ensure all eligible individuals are properly identified for exemptions. Training efforts are being focused on areas where exemptions can be maximized. Efforts to collaborate with partners and share information with the community will continue.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on July 08, 2026 at 5055 Ruffin Road, 2nd Floor Conference Room, San Diego, CA 92123.