

**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  
March 11, 2026**

**Members Present**

Robin Maxson  
Lori Brown  
Vino Pajanor  
Jan Spencley  
Greg Anglea  
Rachel Morineau

**Members Absent**

Phil Thalheimer  
Andrea Gonzalez  
Daniela Murphy

**Staff Present**

Alberto Banuelos, HHSA  
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA  
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA  
Jeannie Jones, HHSA  
Brenda Vargas-Ramirez  
Alberto Garcia, HHSA  
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA  
Eric Rubio, HHSA  
Darlene Beltran, HHSA  
Michelle McGeary, HHSA  
Bianca Graciano, HHSA  
Ismael Lopez, HHSA  
David Sagaz, HHSA  
Ricardo Hernandez, HHSA  
Gabriel Damian, HHSA

**Guests**

Lindsey Wade, Hospital Assoc. of SD & Imperial Counties  
Adrian Carstens, 2-1-1 San Diego  
Justine Kozo, HHSA Staff  
Ghina Perez-Hall, HHSA Staff  
Peter Battistel, 2-1-1 San Diego  
Amanda Berry, Health Care Partners of Southern California  
Lauren Abrams, Health Care Partners of Southern California  
Kimberly Smith, HHSA Staff  
Dawn Schultheis-Musselman, HHSA Staff  
Eduardo Gaeta, HHSA Staff  
Neyri Alatorre, HHSA Staff  
Ali Clendenin, HASD & IC  
Jack Dailey, LASSD/ HCA  
Julia Macouzet, LA Maestra Community Health Centers  
Shannon Okimoto, Health Care Partners of Southern California  
Virginia Casey, HHSA Staff  
Rebecca Jauregui-Vargas, HHSA Staff

1. Meeting called to order at 9:33 by Chair, Vino Pajanor
2. The September 10, 2025 meeting minutes were approved, with all Members present voting yes.
3. Public Comments:

- No public comment
4. **Action Item:** Nomination and Selection of the 2026 SSAB Chair and Vice-Chair. Vino Pajanor was re-elected as 2026 Chair (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain). Jan Spencley was re-elected as 2026 Vice Chair (6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).
  5. **Discussion Item:** SSAB Member Sharing, Comments, and Topics of Interest: All Social Services Advisory Board Members. Vice Chair Jan Spencley suggested discussing County Medical Services to at a future meeting. Chair Vino Pajanor raised concerns about lack of food for kids and figuring out a way to get food for the kids. Robin Maxson suggested investigating gleaners to assist. Rachel Morineau suggested having Live Well come to a future meeting to discuss options. Chair Vino Pajanor questioned how we could get a collaboration and what as a region can we do to be discussed at a future meeting. Vice Chair Jan Specley discussed all the impacts of everything being rolled out the next 3 years and how individuals could lose coverage and would like to identify who is affected and how we could get them help.
  6. **Information Item:** Clear Ordinance : Brenda Vargas-Ramirez, Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSa). Ms. Vargas-Ramirez provided an overview of the Clear Ordinance that was passed on January 28, 2026. She presented how ordinance protects against discrimination, unlawful detention, and misuse of information and guidance has been provided to staff and leadership. Flyers must be posted at County facilities in multiple languages. Self-Sufficiency Services has already followed a similar process with CLEAR formalizing our process and setting reporting requirements. Ms. Vargas-Ramirez also shared that contractors have been notified and there is ongoing monitoring from leads and managers. CLEAR strengthens safety and transparency and ensures a consistent process is followed across County and contracted sites.
  7. **Information Item:** House Resolution 1 (H.R. 1) CalFresh Impacts: Claudia Gurrola, Chief, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSa). Ms. Gurrola expanded on the H.R. 1 updates introduced two CalFresh provisions. Starting April 1, 2026 Ms. Gurrola reviewed who would and would no longer be eligible for CalFresh benefits. It would be a staggered implantation that would take approximately 12 months to complete. Ms. Gurrola went on to discuss how in June ABAWD waivers may be approved in areas with unemployment rates above 10%. Requirements were discussed and staff will be trained within the next month. In July the Board of Supervisors sent a memo giving directions to develop the notification plan to notify CalFresh recipients. Ms. Gurrola mentioned we have been developing outreach material, text campaigns will be going out, updating websites, google campaigns are being sent out. We will continue to get the word out and share the information.

A public comment was made by Jack Dailey from Legal Aid Society of San Diego, expressing that he appreciates the presentation and discussion. He wanted to urge the county to think through operationally how the county can comply with the requirement to use all available internal resources to evaluate whether or not requested certifications is required. He is very interested in working with the county in the future with these efforts.

**ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on April 08, 2026 at 5055 Ruffin Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, San Diego, CA 92123.