

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

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**SSAB Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2021**

Members Present

Jan Spencley
Anahid Brakke
Buck Martin
James Floros
Rachel Morineau
Vino Pajanor
Keara Pina
Greg Anglea
Carol Lewis

Members Absent

Gary Knight

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, Director Self-Sufficiency Services
Albert Banuelos, HHSA
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA
Allison Boyer, HHSA
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA
Ida Bell, HHSA
Jeannie Hufford, HHSA
Albert Garcia, HHSA
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA
David Hopkins, HHSA
Nanette Hartley, HHSA
Eric Rubio, HHSA
Michael Schmidt, HHSA
Nina Olivas, HHSA
Ardee Apostol, HHSA
Kyle Sand, San Diego County Counsel

Guests

Devin Ton, Feeding San Diego
Ivonne Velazquez, Hospital Association of San Diego
Lindsey Wade, Hospital Association of San Diego
Amanda Schultz Brochu, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Mauricio Medina, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Barbara Orozco-Valdivia, Blue Shield of California
Luis Monteagudo, 2-1-1 San Diego
Paul Downey, Serving Seniors
Philip Thalheimer, San Diego Flight Training International
Omar Calleros, San Ysidro School District

1. Meeting called to order via WebEx at 9:33 by Chair, Anahid Brakke.
2. The April 14, 2021 meeting minutes were not approved. Revised meeting minutes will be presented during June 9, 2021 meeting.
3. Public Comments:
 - No Public Comment
4. Recognition of Service, Prior SSAB Members: Anahid Brakke, Chair, Social Services Advisory Board. Ms. Brakke commended prior SSAB Members Omar Calleros, Paul Downey and Philip Thalheimer for their years of service on the Social Services Advisory Board. Mr. Wanne presented service awards for each.

5. Information Item: 21/22 County of San Diego Budget/Operational Plan: Ardee Apostol, Assistant Finance Director, Financial & Support Services Division, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Mr. Apostol presented economic updates, the CAO Recommended Budget for FY 21/22 and upcoming budget events, as it relates to all departments of HHSA, including additional staff positions.
6. 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 a review of program flexibilities and waiver updates for CalFresh, Medi-Cal, and CalWORKs, as well as CalFresh Awareness Month's outreach events and the Self-Sufficiency Newsletter.
7. Information Item: Community Based Enrollment Assistance: Amanda Shultz Brochu, Vice President of Programs & Chief Programs Officer, San Diego Hunger Coalition. Ms. Schultz Brochu presented an overview of San Diego Hunger Coalition, the role of community based CalFresh application assistants, contracted partner expansion and the CalFresh Task Force.
8. Discussion Item: SSAB Enrollment Ad Hoc Subcommittee: Anahid Brakke, Chair, Social Services Advisory Board. Ms. Brakke updated the SSAB on the timeline in which a consultant's contract will be signed to assist the SSAB Ad Hoc Subcommittee, along with the SSAB report of findings to be submitted.
9. Action Item: Draft 2021 Strategic Goals for Discussion: Social Services Advisory Board Members. Assmaa Elayyat presented the Draft Strategic Goals and Objectives, including legislative advocacy ideas and outreach suggestions for 2021. Following SSAB Board Member discussion, a motion was made to adopt the Outreach items with additional goals. A vote was taken to confirm adoption of the Outreach items, with all members present voting yes.
10. Discussion Item: Agenda Topics for the SSAB June 2021 meeting: Social Services Advisory Board Members. Mr. Pajanor requested information on the healthcare realm of San Diego. Ms. Brakke requested additional topics to be e-mailed to her and Mr. Wanne.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on June 9, 2021 Via WebEx.