

**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  
May 8, 2024**

**Members Present**

Vino Pajanor  
Jan Spencley  
Robin Maxson  
Andrea Gonzalez  
Phil Thalheimer  
Greg Anglea  
Rachel Morineau  
Carol Lewis

**Members Absent**

Daniela Murphy  
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  
Nina Olivas, HHSA  
Rissa Japlit, HHSA  
Chrisy Selder, Board/Supervisors Dist 3

**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  
Mauricio Medina, San Diego Hunger Coalition  
Cheryl Schaumburg

1. Meeting called to order at 9:31 by Chair, Vino Pajanor.
2. The April 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved, with all Board Members present voting yes.
3. Public Comments:
  - No public comment
4. **Presentation Item:** 24/25 Proposed Operational Plan Budget Presentation: Rissa Japlit, Assistant Group Finance Director, Financial & Support Services Division, Health and Human Services Agency

(HHSA). Ms. Japlit presented an outlook on the State budget, highlighting that the State faces a serious budget problem in 2024-25, including the reductions in various CalWORKs programs. She also shared a breakdown of the HHSA Budget of \$3.4 Billion by Department, the significant budget adjustments, and shared a QR code for the community to engage and attend upcoming budget events.

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 2141. Vice Chair Jan Spencley suggested an edit to strengthen the emphasis on the reduction of administrative costs for the County. Ms. Elayyat also brought forward AB 2241 to present to the Members. All Members present voted yes to move forward with advocacy.

A public comment was made by Mauricio Medina of the San Diego Hunger Coalition, thanking Assmaa for bringing forward the opportunity to weigh in on a critical bill, AB 2241 as the San Diego Hunger Coalition also supports this bill. He also expressed that he is thankful to the Board for the vote to join in on the advocacy.

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, stating that Two-way messaging, Click to chat and Call me are still being reviewed for technical feasibility by CalSAWS. She also shared updates on Medi-Cal and CalWORKs programs, focusing mainly on CalFresh awareness month. Ms. Elayyat also provided updates on a variety of monthly reports.

**ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on June 12, 2024.