

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

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**SSAB Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2021**

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Gary Knight

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, Director Self-Sufficiency Services
Albert Banuelos, HHSA
Allison Boyer, HHSA
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA
Jeannie Hufford, HHSA
Darlene Beltran, HHSA
Albert Garcia, HHSA
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA
Nanette Hartley, HHSA
Patty Baker, HHSA
Eric Rubio, HHSA
David Hopkins, HHSA
Michael Schmidt, HHSA
Terri Foster, HHSA
Paola Martinez-Montes, Board/Supervisors District 4
Amanda Berry, Board/Supervisors District 3
Kyle Sand, San Diego County

Guests

Lindsey Wade, Hospital Association of San Diego
Amanda Schultz Brochu, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Mauricio Medina, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Devin Ton, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Erin Shaner, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Jack Dailey, Legal Aid Society of San Diego
Luis Monteagudo, 2-1-1 San Diego
Karla Samoyoa, 2-1-1 San Diego
Jen Keyes, National University

1. Meeting called to order via WebEx at 9:31 by Chair, Anahid Brakke.
2. The September 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes were approved, with all Board Members present voting yes.
3. Authorization of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), with all Board Members present voting yes.
4. Public Comments:
 - No Public Comment

5. 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 updates on CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs and General Relief flexibilities and waivers. An informational flyer in relation to the end of Pandemic Unemployment Compensation was also presented for customer outreach purposes.
6. Information Item: Board of Supervisors Letter: Approval of Actions Related to the Spending Plan for the American Rescue Plan Act Program Funds Food Assistance Component: Jeannie Hufford, Chief of Finance & Contracts, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Hufford presented a letter requesting the Board to approve the expansion of the ¡Más Fresco! and SNAP Nutrition Programs, the expansion of Food Banks food distribution programs and services as well as amending existing County of San Diego Senior Nutrition Program contracts. The SSAB took the action to support the Letter, with all Board Members present voting yes.
7. Information Item: Update on SSAB Ad Hoc Public Charge Subcommittee: Vino Pajanor, Vice Chair, Social Services Advisory Board. Mr. Pajanor presented examples of neighboring County websites' methods of displaying Public Charge information to customers. The subcommittee agreed to meet with Mr. Wanne and Ms. Elayyat to discuss the role of the new Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs in terms of improvements for the San Diego County website to simplify language, provide easier navigation, create positive messages and images to invite community residents to services with accurately translated information. A request was made to meet with County staff for follow up on making website changes.
8. Information Item: Update on SSAB Ad Hoc Enrollment Task Force Subcommittee: Anahid Brakke, Chair, Social Services Advisory Board. Ms. Brakke provided an update on the timeline of the submittal of Kone Consulting's survey findings presentation and a final discussion during November's SSAB meeting in relation to the Board of Supervisors Letter to be submitted for December 7, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on November 10, 2021.