

**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
September 10, 2025**

Members Present

Robin Maxson
Lori Brown
Andrea Gonzalez
Daniela Murphy
Greg Anglea
Rachel Morineau

Members Absent

Vino Pajanor
Jan Spencley
Phil Thalheimer
Rachel Morineau

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, HHSA
Alberto Banuelos, HHSA
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA
Jeannie Hufford, HHSA
Brenda Vargas-Ramirez
Janelle Jones-Phillips, HHSA
Alberto Garcia, HHSA
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA
Eric Rubio, HHSA
Darlene Beltran, HHSA
Bianca Graciano, HHSA
Ismael Lopez, HHSA
Patty Baker, HHSA
David Sagaz, HHSA
Ricardo Hernandez, HHSA
Emmanuel Molina, HHSA
Mirna Lopez, HHSA
Rebecca Jauregui-Vargas, HHSA
Matthew Parr, EDGA

Guests

Lindsey Wade, Hospital Assoc. of SD & Imperial Counties
Bill York, 2-1-1 San Diego
Adrian Carstens, 2-1-1 San Diego
Jessica Peter, 2-1-1 San Diego
Peter Battistel, 2-1-1 San Diego
Amanda Berry, Health Care Partners of Southern California
Lauren Abrams, Health Care Partners of Southern California
Andrew Chousal, SD Hunger Coalition
Anae Evangelista, SD Hunger Coalition
Richard Rushton, Vista Hill
Dan Castillo, SEIU 221
Kimberly Smith, HHSA Staff
Dawn Schultheis-Musselman, HHSA Staff
Eduardo Gaeta, HHSA Staff
Iris Trammel, HHSA Staff
Jenny Doig

1. Meeting called to order at 9:37 by Social Services Advisory Board Member, Robin Maxson
2. The May 12, 2025 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:** Overview of the Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs (EDGA) and HR 1: Matthew Parr, Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs. Mr. Parr provided an overview of the EDGA department and outlined the three Legislative Program components: Sponsorship, Priority Issues, and Policy Guidelines. He presented data from their 2025 advocacy and legislative efforts, along with their top priority issues, which include Medicaid & SNAP, the Tijuana River, homelessness, and affordable housing. He also shared key federal and state updates, including the timeline for the H.R. 1 bill and its potential impacts on the CalFresh and Medi-Cal programs and their recipients.
 6. **Information Item:** Review of Forecast of Federal Legislation and Proposed Rule Changes: Assmaa Elayyat, Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). Ms. Elayyat expanded on the Trailer Bill Language referenced in Matthew Parr's presentation, particularly as it relates to budget measures. She also shared details from the latest memo issued to all states by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), which provides additional guidance on several H.R. 1 provisions, including the re-evaluation of the Thrifty Food Plan, changes to SNAP work requirements for able-bodied adults, etc. Additionally, Ms. Elayyat provided information on a potential federal shutdown and noted that our programs have a safety net that could sustain them for one to two months.
 7. **Information Item:** Update on Medi-Cal Renewals, PHE Lift for Public Assistance Programs, Waivers, Enrollment, Service Delivery, Data: Claudia Gurrola, Chief, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS). Ms. Gurrola provided a Medi-Cal update, noting that the asset limit test will be reinstated and that, beginning January 1, 2026, there will be an enrollment freeze for undocumented members ages 19 and older. She also shared that, starting July 2026, dental benefits will no longer be available to members without satisfactory immigration status, and beginning July 2027, these members will be required to pay \$30 per month to maintain full-scope Medi-Cal coverage. Ms. Gurrola also shared a letter that will be issued by the California Department of Health Care Services, as well as the efforts being made by Self-Sufficiency Services to help explain these changes to customers.
 8. **Action Item:** Cancellation of the October 8, 2025 Social Services Advisory Board Meeting: All Social Services Advisory Board Members. Mr. Rick Wanne informed the Members that Self-Sufficiency Services leadership team will be attending the 2025 County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA) Annual Conference, October 8th to October 10th. All Board Members present voted to cancel the October 8, 2025 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on November 12, 2025 at 5055 Ruffin Road, 2nd Floor Conference Room, San Diego, CA 92123.