

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

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**SSAB Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2022**

Members Present

Jan Spencley
Anahid Brakke
Robin Maxson
Phil Thalheimer
Keara O'Laughlin
Rachel Morineau
Carol Lewis
Buck Martin
Greg Anglea
Vino Pajanor

Members Absent

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, Director Self-Sufficiency Services
Albert Banuelos, HHSA
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA
Allison Boyer, HHSA
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA
Jeannie Hufford, HHSA
Ida Bell, HHSA
Albert Garcia, HHSA
Michael Schmidt, HHSA
Eric Rubio, HHSA
Brenda Vargas, HHSA
David Hopkins, HHSA
Patty Baker, HHSA
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA
Ruth Martin, Board/Supervisors District 1
Victoria Floyd, Board/Supervisors District 2
Amanda Berry, Board/Supervisors District 3
Joshua Bohannon, Board/Supervisors District 4

Guests

Devin Ton, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Joseph Kendrick, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Jen Keyes, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Ashley Jeznach, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Amanda Mascia, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Nancy Saavedra, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Shelly Dieu, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Mauricio Medina, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Luis Monteagudo, 2-1-1 San Diego
Karla Samoyoa, 2-1-1 San Diego

1. Meeting called to order via Zoom at 9:30 by Chair, Anahid Brakke.
2. Authorization of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e), was approved with all Board Members present voting yes.
3. The June 8, 2022 and July 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved, with all Board Members present voting yes.

4. Public Comments:
 - A member of the public by the name of Penny, expressed her request for assistance and gave input on the difficulties of providing proof of documents for receiving public benefits.
5. Discussion Item: Review of Plan to Implement SSAB Eligibility Task Force (ETF) Recommendations: Dr. Alberto Banuelos, Assistant Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and Assmaa Elayyat, Chief, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Mr. Banuelos and Ms. Elayyat provided a review of the recommendations with the group.
6. Action Item: Discuss the Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee of Less Than Quorum to Review and Make Suggested Changes to the County of San Diego Administrative Code for the Social Services Advisory Board Bylaws: Anahid Brakke, Chair, Social Services Advisory Board. Ms. Brakke proposed the creation of an additional Ad Hoc Committee, but it was agreed that it will be visited in a future meeting.
7. Information Item: Update on SSAB Ad Hoc Public Charge Subcommittee: Vino Pajanor, Vice Chair, Social Services Advisory Board. This item was tabled to time constraints and will be presented in the November 9, 2022 meeting.
8. 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 briefly provided updates on CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CalWORKs and General Relief flexibilities, waiver expirations and extensions.
9. Action Item: October SSAB Meeting: Social Services Advisory Board (SSAB) Members. All Board members collectively agreed to cancel the October meeting, due to Self-Sufficiency hosting the California Welfare Directors Association 2022 Conference in San Diego.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on November 9, 2022.