

**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
April 08, 2026**

Members Present

Robin Maxson
Vino Pajanor
Jan Spencley
Greg Anglea
Rachel Morineau
Andrea Gonzalez

Members Absent

Phil Thalheimer
Lori Brown
Daniela Murphy

Staff Present

Adriana Ramirez, HHSA
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA
Jeannie Jones, HHSA
Brenda Vargas-Ramirez
Alberto Garcia, HHSA
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA
Eric Rubio, HHSA
Darlene Beltran, HHSA
Michelle McGeary, HHSA
Bianca Graciano, HHSA
Ismael Lopez, HHSA
Ricardo Hernandez, HHSA
Gabriela Damian, HHSA
Nina Olivas, HHSA
Ghina Perez-Hall, HHSA
Justine Kozo, HHSA
Karina Flores, HHSA
Casey Staub, HHSA
Jadira Tello, HHSA

Guests

Lindsey Wade, Hospital Assoc. of SD & Imperial Counties
Adrian Carstens, 2-1-1 San Diego
Yasmin Rasoulzadeh, LUEG\OSEJ
Rebeca Appel, LUEG\OSEJ
Sam Duke, Feeding San Diego
Lauren Abrams, Health Care Partners of Southern California
Jack Dailey, LASSD/ HCA
Virginia Casey, HHSA Staff
Heather Summers, HHSA Staff
Denise Degree, Neighborhood House Association
Oluwatosin (Tosin) Oyadiran, HHSA Staff

1. Meeting called to order at 9:32 by Chair, Vino Pajanor
2. The March 11, 2026 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. Vice Chair Jan Spencly discussed the Feds are meeting soon to discuss the budget to pay attention to public program updates.
5. **Presentation Item:** Food Justice Community Action Plan : Rebeca Appel, Program Manager, and Yasamin Rasoulzadeh, CAO Group Analyst, Land Use and Environment Group (LUEG). Ms. Rasoulzadeh shared an overview of the Food Justice outreach activities, action plans and how the County will continue to advocate for access to nutritious food and other essential resources. Ms. Appel mentioned their team is working with multiple county departments to support systemic change & to assist with food recovery, food storage, food hubs and other related opportunities.
6. **Action Item:** Employment Services Board Letter: Jeannie Jones, Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services (HHSA). Ms. Jones shared a draft letter with the Board Members. The letter requests authority to conduct a competitive re-procurement of the employment services program as well as a procurement to seek a consultant to provide an assessment and evaluation of current employment services program. Since 2019 services have been provided through contractors that will expire December 31, 2026. To continue to provide these integrated services as well as identifying opportunities for operational efficiencies a procurement and assessment is being requested. All Members present voted yes to support the letter.
7. **Information Item:** House Resolution 1 (H.R. 1) CalFresh Impacts: Claudia Gurrola, Chief, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Gurrola provided a recap of the impact that H.R. 1 will have on CalFresh and Medi-Cal. On April 1st some impacts started with citizenship changes. All the updates take effect at an individual level with new applications starting at application time and current customers will take effect at recertification. Ms. Gurrola went over the County Action Step ensuring there is minimal impact on services and customers. It is critical that customers maintain their contact information & visit web pages to find updated information. Working with community-based organizations and partners to educate customers of updates & resources available.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on May 13, 2026 at 5055 Ruffin Road, 2nd Floor Conference Room, San Diego, CA 92123.