

**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
Phone (619) 338-2932 * * Fax (619) 338-2972**

Public Video Viewing/Comment Option:
<https://zoom.us/j/95317218755>

**SSAB Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2023**

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Daniela Murphy
Carol Lewis
Keara O'Laughlin

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services
Alberto Banuelos, HHSA
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA
Albert Garcia, HHSA
Yenissa Salgado, HHSA
Janelle Jones-Phillips, HHSA
Eric Rubio, HHSA
Michael Schmidt, HHSA
Ismael Lopez, HHSA
Bianca Sosa-Graciano, HHSA
David Sagaz, HHSA
Patty Baker, HHSA
Laura Krzywicki, HHSA

Guests

Stephanie Phann, HASDIC
Lindsey Wade, HASDIC
Jack Dailey, Legal Aid Society of San Diego
Daniel Benson, Legal Aid Society of San Diego
Karla Samayoa, 2-1-1 San Diego
Anaé Evangelista, San Diego Hunger Coalition
Ruth Bruland, Father Joe's Villages
Alexondria Harris, HHSA Staff
Kimberly Smith, HHSA Staff
Anna Silva, HHSA Staff
Walter Olivas, HHSA Staff
Angel Wright, HHSA Staff
Dawn Schultheis-Musselman, HHSA Staff
Gerrell Howard, HHSA Staff
Mamie C Alston-McCall, HHSA Staff

1. Meeting called to order at 9:31 by Chair, Vino Pajanor.
2. The February 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved, with all Board Members present voting yes.
3. Public Comments:
 - No public comment

4. **Presentation Item:** Disaster CalFresh: Claudia Gurrola, Chief, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Assmaa Elayyat provided an overview on the Federally funded Disaster CalFresh waiver, to offer one month of benefits or a supplement to existing households impacted by the January 22nd storm in San Diego County. She shared the application process for customers, application data, and flyers for both the Disaster CalFresh benefit as well as the Hot Food Waiver.
5. **Presentation Item:** Child and Family Well-Being Department: Laura Krzywicki, Deputy Director, Child and Family Well-Being, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Krzywicki provided an overview on the Child and Family Well-Being (CFWB) department, that was formerly Child Welfare Services. She shared that the vision of Child and Family Well-Being Department is to increase protective factors to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect and improve child and family well-being through strengths-based, family-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive services.
6. **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 Senate Bill (SB) 1355 for an advocacy opportunity, as the bill is in line with the Enrollment Task Force's (ETF) goals to reduce customer enrollment barriers, to increase and maintain program retention and to ensure the vulnerable population is getting the assistance they need. The bill targets a specific subgroup of the Medi-Cal population, In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) for the elderly and disabled. The SSAB members voted to move forward to advocate for this bill, with all members present voting yes.
7. **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 quick updates for CalFresh and CalWORKs programs, focusing mainly on Medi-Cal Renewal data and provided updates on a variety of monthly reports.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on April 10, 2024.