COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING NOTICE: WebEx ONLY

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Meeting number (access code): 177 405 5480

Meeting password: fG5HXxp72YX

December 9, 2020 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA

9:30 - 9:31 1. Call to Order

9:32 - 9:33 2. Approval of October 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 9:34 9:45 3. Guidelines for Public Comment on Items not listed on the agenda:
 - Public input will be heard within the Board's purview at the beginning of the agenda.
 - > Persons requesting to provide public comments must state their request.
 - ➤ Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes for items not appearing on the agenda.
 - ➤ The Ralph M. Brown Act prohibits discussion or action on matters that are not part of the posted agenda.
 - > Public input may not relate to pending litigation or personnel matters involving the County of San Diego, its officers, or employees.

PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 9:45-10:00 4. **Action Item:** General Relief Program Changes, Board of Supervisors Letter: David Hopkins, GR and Medi-Cal Program Manager, Eligibility Operations, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
- 10:00-10:30

 5. Information Item: Update on Local Response to COVID19 Emergency for all Public Assistance Programs, Waivers, Enrollment, Service Delivery, Data: Assmaa Elayyat, Chief, Eligibility Operations, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
- 10:30-11:30 6. **Information Item:** Updates on Eligibility/Public Assistance Programs and Planning: Rick Wanne, Director, Eligibility Operations, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)

ADJOURNMENT/ NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting will be held on January 13, 2021 at Via WebEx

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

Held Via WebEx (415) 655-0001 US Toll Meeting number (access code): 133 856 1579 Meeting password: M2SscpNhX54

SSAB Meeting Minutes October 14, 2020

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Philip L. Thalheimer Jan Spencley Anahid Brakke Omar Calleros Buck Martin Carol Lewis Paul Downey James Floros Gary Knight

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, Director Eligibility Operations Albert Banuelos, HHSA Adriana Ramirez, HHSA

Ida Bell, HHSA
Assma Elayyat, HHSA
Albert Garcia, HHSA
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA
Patty Baker, HHSA
Darlene Beltran, HHSA

Guests

Members Absent Dr. Kristi Koenig, HHSA

- 1. Meeting called to order via conference call at 9:32 by Chair, James Floros.
- 2. The August 12, 2020 meeting minutes were approved, with all Board Members present voting yes.
- 3. Public Comments on Items not listed on the Agenda:
 - No public comment

ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS: Presentation Item: Overview of COVID 19 Local Status: Dr. Kristi Koenig, MD, Chief Medical 4. Officer, Health and Human Services Agency. Dr. Koenig presented an update on COVID 19 and answered related questions. Information Item: Live Well Mobile Office, Local Assistance Center: Albert Garcia, Chief, Eligibility Operations, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Mr. Garcia provided an overview of the Live Well Mobile Offices and how it was used as part of the Valley Fire Local Assistance Center. Information Item: Update on Local Response to COVID 19 Emergency for all Public Assistance Programs: Assmaa Elayyat, Chief, Eligibility Operations, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Elayyat provided a program update impact from COVID 19. 7. Information Item: Updates on Eligibility/Public Assistance Programs: Planning for Future Under COVID19: Rick Wanne, Director, Eligibility Operations, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Mr. Wanne presented COVID19 updates related to Eligibility/Public Assistance Programs and the change to the service delivery model. 3

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on November 11, 2020 Via WebEx.





GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM CHANGES, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LETTER

David Hopkins, GR & Medi-Cal Program Manager, Eligibility Operations







COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

GREG COX First District

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DIANNE JACOB Second District

KRISTIN GASPAR Third District

NATHAN FLETCHER Fourth District

JIM DESMOND

DATE: January 26, 2021 and February 9, 2021

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM (1/26/2021-FIRST READING; 2/9/2021-SECOND READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

General Relief is a State-mandated, County funded public assistance program providing cash assistance to eligible low-income county residents who are not supported by other State or federal programs, or other resources. Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 17109 allows counties to execute a lien against property that a customer may own as security for General Relief aid that has been paid. San Diego County Administrative Code, Article XV-C, Section 263 requires General Relief applicants to execute a lien. Today's action seeks Board of Supervisors (Board) approval to revise provisions in San Diego County Administrative Code, Article XV-C, relating to General Relief, to allow virtual applications for General Relief and to allow the lien to be obtained within 30 days from the date of approval, instead of before aid being approved as is currently required.

Today's request requires two steps: on January 26, 2021, it is requested that the Board consider an Ordinance amending the San Diego County Administrative Code relating to the General Relief program. If the Board takes the action recommended, then on February 9, 2021, the proposed Ordinance will be brought back to the Board for consideration and adoption.

This action supports the Thriving component of the *Live Well San Diego* vision by improving the access to services for low-income county residents.

RECOMMENDATION(S) CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

On January 26, 2021:

1. Approve the introduction of the Ordinance (First Reading), read the title, and waive further reading of the Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE GENERAL RELIEF

PROGRAM (1/26/2021-FIRST READING; 2/9/2021-SECOND

READING) (DISTRICTS: ALL)

If on January 26, 2021, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors takes action as recommended then, on February 9, 2021, consider and adopt:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with these recommendations.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

On December 9, 2020, this proposal will be reviewed by the Social Services Advisory Board for input and recommendation.

BACKGROUND

California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 17000, et seq., requires counties to aid indigent individuals through the General Relief program who lack an adequate means of support. In general, these individuals are single adults who are not eligible for cash assistance under the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program or the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payments (SSI/SSP) program. Counties pay all General Relief program costs and expenditures are not reimbursed by the State.

On November 6, 1997, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance adding the General Relief Program to the Administrative Code. San Diego County provides critical General Relief benefits to approximately 3,800 individuals, roughly two-thirds of whom are men, and approximately 50% are unable to work due to mental or physical barriers. This population is extremely vulnerable, faces several challenges and barriers, and General Relief is a program of last resort to help provide temporary relief to eligible individuals.

Board approval is requested to amend the following sections in Article XV-C, relating to General Relief:

- Sec. 258 (a) to allow virtual applications for General Relief
- Sec. 263 (a) to allow 30 days from the date of approval to obtain the lien

Allowing virtual applications for General Relief greatly reduces the need for individuals to make frequent office visits which better helps promote the health and safety of our community and staff during extenuating circumstances such as those experienced during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

Allowing the lien to be executed within 30 days of approval of General Relief will also reduce the need for individuals to make frequent office visits which helps promote the health and safety of

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our community and staff during extenuating circumstances such as those experienced during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

If approved, today's action will allow the Health and Human Services Agency to accept virtual applications for General Relief and provide the flexibility to allow 30 days from the date of approval of General Relief to have a lien executed.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today's proposed actions support the Healthy Families and Safe Communities Strategic Initiatives of the County of San Diego's 2016-2021 Strategic Plan by putting into place Administrative Code Articles that support a healthy, safe, and thriving San Diego County. Allowing virtual applications for General Relief greatly reduces the need for individuals to make frequent office visits which better helps promote the health and safety of our community and staff during extenuating circumstances such as those experienced during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,

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HELEN N. ROBBINS-MEYER Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

Attachment A – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM

Attachment B – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE GENERAL RELIEF PROGRAM (Informational copy)

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE GENERAL RELIEF

PROGRAM (1/26/2021-FIRST READING; 2/9/2021-SECOND

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

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WRITTEN DISCLOSUE ☐ Yes ⊠ No	RE PER COUNTY (CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
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the restriction for individ- affected by the Maximum	uals who exceed the maily Grant rule	s to Administrative Code, Article XV-C to update 48-month time limit in CalWORKs, add children e in CalWORKs to the General Relief program, tens, and delete the Board and Care Payment
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BOARD POLICY STAT	TEMENTS:	
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ORIGINATING DEPA	RTMENT: Health an	nd Human Services Agency
OTHER CONCURREN	NCE(S): N/A	
CONTACT PERSON(S)	:	
Rick Wanne		Click here to enter text.
Name		Name
619-338-2869		Click here to enter text.
Phone		Phone

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATING TO THE GENERAL RELIEF

PROGRAM (1/26/2021-FIRST READING; 2/9/2021-SECOND

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UPDATE ON LOCAL RESPONSE TO COVID19 FOR ALL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, WAIVERS, ENROLLMENT, AND SERVICE DELIVERY

Assmaa Elayyat, Chief, Eligibility Operations



CALFRESH OVERVIEW



PROGRAM FLEXIBILITIES & WAIVERS

Current Flexibilities & Options

- House Resolution (HR) 8337 signed on October 1st extends the following flexibilities through
 June 30, 2021:
 - Initial application and recertification interview waivers
 - Telephonic and verbal signatures/attestation
 - Pandemic EBT provisions
 - Renewal provisions
- P-EBT CDSS has rolled out a limited second round for August & September benefit months
- Emergency Allotment Approved for December, to be issued January 10th
- Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents CA waiver extended through June 30, 2021
- . CDSS continuing to move forward with CalFresh Quality Control (QC) efforts

CALWORKS OVERVIEW



PROGRAM FLEXIBILITIES & WAIVERS

- Executive Order N-71-20 signed on June 30, 2020 extends the following provisions until the EO is rescinded or the state of emergency ends:
 - Initial application interview waiver
 - Telephonic/verbal signature on application
 - Flexibilities on identity and pregnancy verifications
- Time on Aid exemption for expiring time-clocks through June 30, 2021

MEDI-CAL OVERVIEW



PROGRAM FLEXIBILITIES & WAIVERS

Executive Order N-71-20 signed on June 30, 2020 extends the following flexibilities until the EO is rescinded, or when the state of emergency ends:

- Annual renewal suspension
- Negative action suspension

Additional program flexibilities that remain in place:

- Telephonic and verbal attestation and signature
- Flexible verification requirements

Public Health Emergency extended through January 21, 2021 by DHCS

Medi-Cal Quality Control (MEQC) reviews resumed effective **December 1, 2020**

GENERAL RELIEF



PROGRAM FLEXIBILITIES

- Quarterly reports waived for unemployable population effective July
 2020
- Monthly reports waived for employable population
- Intake interviews scheduled via phone
- Online applications via My Benefits CalWIN
- GR program revisions underway board letter for January



SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM DATA UPDATES







ELIGIBILITY SERVICES BY THE NUMBERS...

December 2020 (Data Month: November 2020)

PARTICIPANTS

- CalFresh: 321,868 recipients, up 20.75% from last year.
 - o 118,899 child recipients (0-18), up 11.95% from last year.
 - o 60,194 senior recipients (60+), up 32.01% from last year.
- CalWORKs: 38,762 recipients, down 7.05% from last year.
 - o 30,909 child recipients (0-18), down 9.39% from last year.
 - Welfare-to-Work: 7,288 participants, up 37.41% from last year.
- CMS: 24 CMS recipients, down 52.94% from last year.
- **General Relief:** 2,457 recipients, down 30.50% from last year.
- Medi-Cal: 822,732 recipients, up 13.81% from last year.
 - o 299,779 child recipients (0-18), up 14.29% from last year.

			% Change in Recipients		
Program	Cases	Recipients	Previous	Previous	Unduplicated Number of Recipients
Program Cases N	Recipients	Month	Year	(November 2019- November 2020)	
CalFresh	180,182	321,868	-2.47%	20.75%	451,041
CalWORKs	14,974	38,762	-3.89%	-7.05%	57,337
CMS	24	24	0.00%	-52.94%	119
General Relief	2,452	2,457	-7.11%	-30.50%	9,431
Medi-Cal	444,948	822,732	0.99%	13.81%	911,288
Total	642,580	1,185,843	-0.15%	14.60%	1,000,783

^{*}Recipients include 280,948 under ACA Medicaid Coverage Expansion.

^{**}The number of *unduplicated* recipients for *all* programs.

PROCESSING

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Applications Registered				
Program November 2020 FY				
CalFresh	13,048	68,510		
CalWORKs	2,090	9,244		
CMS	64	482		
General Relief	1,532	7,800		
Medi-Cal	14,838	63,457		
Total	31,572	149,493		

Renewals Generated				
Program November 2020 FYTD				
CalFresh	11,608	47,605		
CalWORKs	2,423	10,259		
CMS	9	31		
General Relief	179	935		
Medi-Cal	34,436	168,382		
Total	48,655	227,212		

Periodic Reports Generated			
Program November 2020 FYTD			
CalFresh	8,781	74,207	
CalWORKs	189	2,561	
General Relief	1,590	13,289	
Medi-Cal	21	99	
Total 10,581 90,156			

Documents Imaged		
November 2020 FYTD		
343,104 1,907,529		

Tasks Created		
November 2020 FYTD		
318,581	1,857,320	

ACCESS CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER

Customer Service				
Month November 2019 November 2020 Change FYTD				
Total Calls	97,442	155,642	58,200	829,576
Abandoned	3,158	6,152	2,994	26,920
Average Wait Time	4:47	3:53	-0:54	2:51

Community Based Organization (CBO)				
Month November 2019 November 2020 Change FYTD				FYTD
Total Calls	5,964	4,120	-1,844	24,377
Abandoned	319	56	-263	390
Average Wait Time	4:34	1:16	-3:18	8:24

Emails Received		
November 2020 FYTD		
4,413	24,360	

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER VISITS

Month	November 2019	November 2020	Change	FYTD
Total Tickets Issued	76,631	27,498	-179%	160,490
Average Wait Time (min.)	18.12	(*-)	N/A	

 $^{^{}st}$ Due to COVID-19 Waivers, Avg time is not available for November 2020

Processing Timeliness Applications, Periodic Reports, and Renewals

CalFresh

- Regular Applications: State required days to disposition = 30 Days
 - San Diego = 14 Days
- Expedited Applications: State required days to disposition = 3 Days
 - San Diego = 2 Days
- Semi-Annual Reporting Timeliness = 88.66%
- Annual Renewal Timeliness = 99.92%

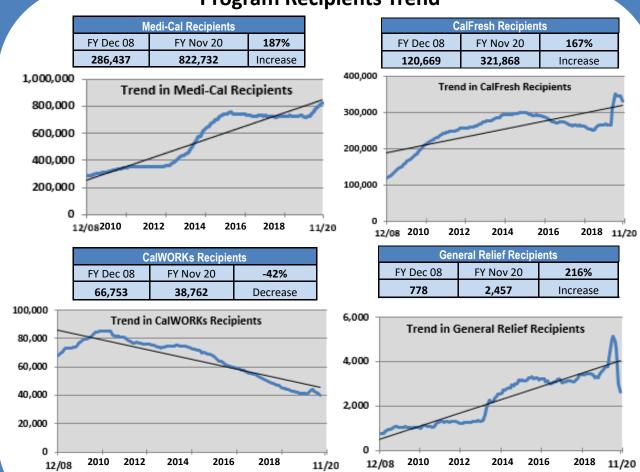
CalWORKs

- Regular Applications: State required days to disposition = 45 Days
 - San Diego = 19 Days
- Immediate Need: State required days to disposition = 1 Day
 - San Diego = 1 Days
- Semi-Annual Reporting Timeliness = 79.56%
- Annual Renewal Timeliness = 99.19%

Medi-Cal

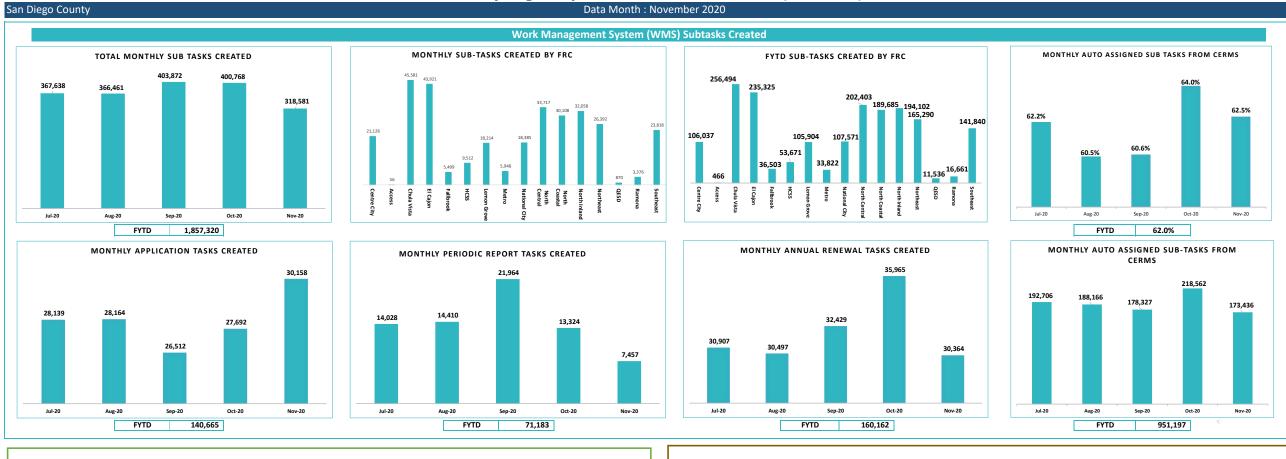
- Regular Applications: State required days to disposition = 45 Days
 - San Diego = 18 Days
- Annual Renewal Timeliness = 99.36%

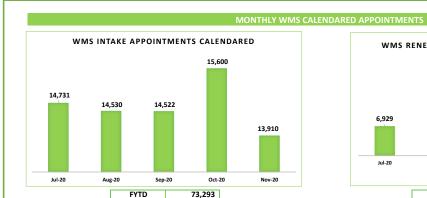
Program Recipients Trend

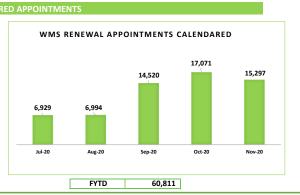


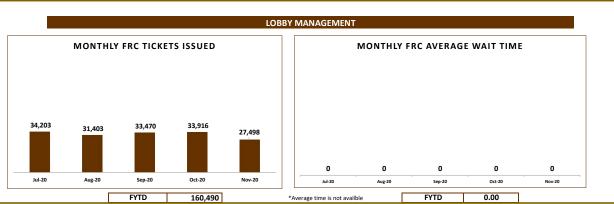


Monthly Eligibility Performance Dashboard (FY 20/21)

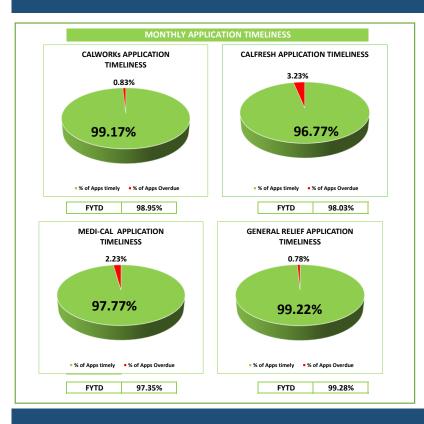


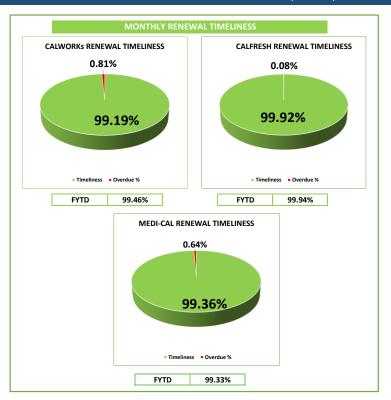


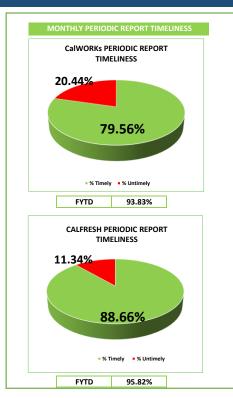


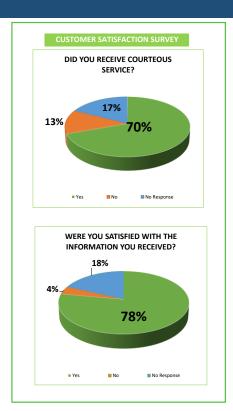


CASE PROCESSING PERFORMANCE (CALWIN)

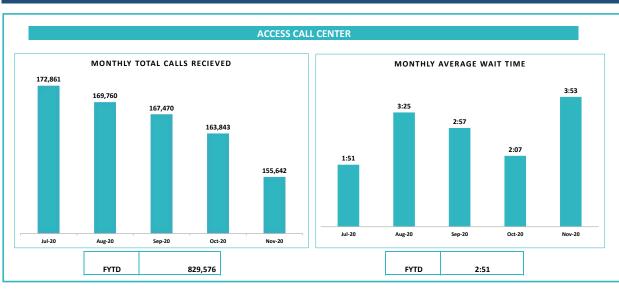


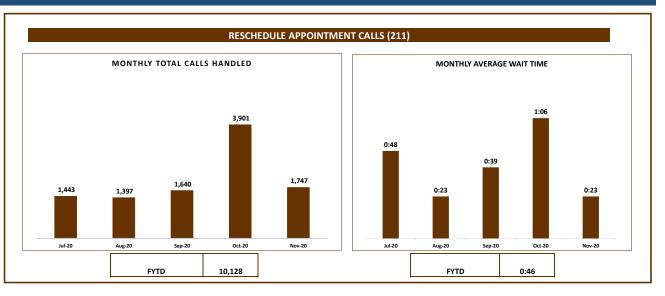






ACCESS CALL CENTER







CalFresh Applications for SSI Recipients Received and Approved FY 20/21

COSD	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20
CF Apps Received	1,255	1,234	1,156	1,146	954
CF Apps Approved	810	723	686	701	516
Total CF SSI Cases	30,935	31,966	32,977	33,768	33,977

Report Date 12/04/2020

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS



CURRENT MODIFIED OPERATIONS

Family Resource Center lobbies remain physically closed to promote social distancing and ensure the health and safety of our community and staff

Services are still available at Family Resource Center locations – we continue to serve over 30,000 customers monthly







LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO

MOBILE OFFICE



WELCOME TO SAN DIEGO!

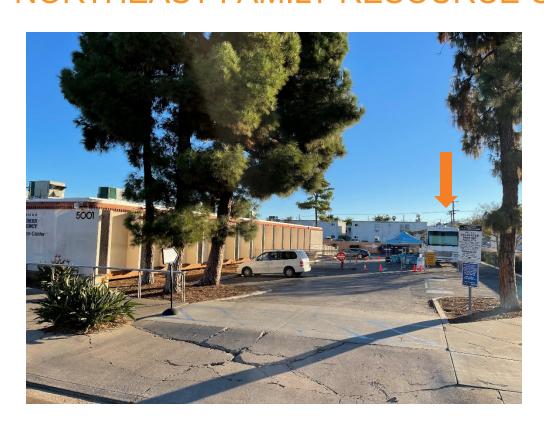




DISASTER RESPONSE 2020



NORTHEAST FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER PILOT





LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO



MOBILE OFFICE

The new Live Well Mobile Office has been deployed across the community to assist with various efforts including:

- COVID-19 Public Health Response
- Valley Fire Local Assistance Center
- CalFresh Outreach
- Northeast Family Resource Center Pilot



UPDATES ON ELIGIBILITY & PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS: PLANNING FOR FUTURE UNDER COVID-19

Rick Wanne, Director, Eligibility Operations



ELIGIBILITY OPERATIONS



TELEWORK PERFORMANCE SUMMARY NOVEMBER 2020

Staff Telework

- Feb 2020 30
- Nov 2020 1,502
 - Permanent Telework 1,087

Daily Attendance

- Feb 2020 85% of Staff Attendance
- Nov 2020 89% of Staff Attendance
- 4% Improvement in attendance

Access Call Center

- Feb 2020 140,000
- Nov 2020 159,762
- 14% increase in calls received

Access Average Speed of Answer

- Feb 2020 8 Minutes
- Nov 2020 4 Minutes
- 50% improvement in Average Speed of Answer

Access Calls Abandoned

- Feb 2020 13,430
- Nov 2020 6,208
- 43% Decrease in Abandoned Calls

Applications Received

- Feb 2020 30,310
- Nov 2020 31,572
- Total Apps Feb Nov: 338,625

Applications Processed

- Feb 2020 43,000
- Nov 2020 38,571
- All applications processed timely

Increase in Total Recipients

- Feb 2020 Nov 2020 : 152,818
- 15% increase in total recipients

- Benefits Issued Feb 2020 Nov 2020:
 - All Programs: \$668,880,753
 - CalFresh: \$536,350,888
- Performance
 - CalFresh Accuracy Rate 94%
- Customer Service Satisfaction Rate: 87%



UPDATES ON NEW BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEMBERS





