

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD (SSAB)  
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**SSAB Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2013**

**Members Present**

Philip Thalheimer  
Bob Brandenburg  
Bruce M. Abrams  
Georgeann Grotey  
Linda Blair Forth  
Paul Downey  
James Floros

**Members Absent**

Jennifer Tinsley  
Sandy Pugliese  
John Hughes

**Staff Present**

Rick Wanne, Deputy Director Eligibility Operations  
Charline Khoury, HHSA  
Ida Bell, HHSA  
Suzette St. Pierre, HHSA  
Laura Hernandez, HHSA  
Petros Alemeselassie, HHSA  
Anita Rodgers, HHSA  
Kim Forrester, HHSA  
Carmen Lopez, HHSA  
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA  
Suzette St. Pierre, HHSA  
Deanna Zotalis-Ferreira, HHSA  
Katherine Trinh, HHSA  
Anabel Poole, HHSA  
Albert Garcia, HHSA  
Roxanne Hernandez, HHSA  
Deanna Helenihi, HHSA

**Guests**

Joyce Abrams, Daniel Benson, Mary Alcook, Mark Drillon, Claire Oksayan, Traci Del Pulgatorio, Jennifer Tracy, Daniela Solano, Sean Karafin, Angela Diaz de Leon, Marjorie Larson, Julianna Lord, Jennifer Seneor, Hilda Chan, Derek Staats, Amanda Schultz, Lindsey Wade

1. Chairman Philip Thalheimer called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.
2. Chairman Thalheimer made a motion to approve the August 8, 2013 minutes. Bob Brandenburg seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all Board members present.

New SSAB Board member were introduced: Paul Downey, representing District 2 and James Floros, representing District 3.

3. **Public Comments on Items not listed on the Agenda:**
  - Mark Dillon, San Diego Human Relation Commission commented on the Fox's news Food Stamp story.
  - Sean Karafin, San Diego Taxpayer's Association commented on the "Live Well" Metrics.

**ACTION/INFORMATION ITEMS:**

4. **Action Item:** Health Care Reform Staffing Letter, Anabel Poole, Chief Agency Operations, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Poole reviewed the letter requesting the Board of Supervisor to approve 351 positions to the Health and Human Services Agency to implement the Affordable Care Act and expanded Medi-Cal. Chairman Thalheimer made a motion approve the letter and it was seconded by Linda Blair. The minutes were approved by all Board members present.

5. **Information Item:** CalFresh Status Update, Deanna Zotalis-Ferreira, CalFresh Program Manager, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Zotalis gave an overview on the changes; Semi-Annual Reporting, Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) reductions.
6. **Information Item:** General Relief Status Update, Suzette St. Pierre, General Relief Program Manager, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. St. Pierre presented an update on the General Relief Program.
7. **Information Item:** Eligibility Operations Updates, Rick Wanne, Deputy Director, Eligibility Operations, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Mr. Wanne gave an update on the Eligibility Stakeholders Community Forum, the Qmatic Lobby Management System implementation at Lemon Grove Family Resource Center, and the Affordable Care Act implementation plans for October 1, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on **October 10, 2013, Health Services Complex, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego Room, San Diego, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

***The SSAB Minutes were written and submitted by Maggie Sandoval.***