

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, San Diego CA 92123  
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**SSAB Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2023**

**Members Present**

Vino Pajanor  
Jan Spencley  
Robin Maxson  
Daniela Murphy  
Rachel Morineau  
Carol Lewis  
Phil Thalheimer  
Buck Martin  
Greg Anglea

**Members Absent**

Keara O'Laughlin

**Staff Present**

Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services  
Albert Banuelos, HHSA  
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA  
Allison Boyer, HHSA  
Jeannie Hufford, HHSA  
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA  
Eric Rubio, HHSA  
Albert Garcia, HHSA  
Yenissa Salgado, HHSA  
Darlene Beltran, HHSA  
Patty Baker, HHSA  
David Hopkins, HHSA  
Ismael Lopez, HHSA  
Ardee Apostol, HHSA  
Charissa Japlit, HHSA  
Caroline Smith, EDGA

**Guests**

Lindsey Wade, HASDIC  
Stephanie Phann, HASDIC  
Karla Samoyoa, 211 San Diego  
Jessica Peter, 211 San Diego  
Jack Dailey, Legal Aid Society of San Diego  
Daniel Benson, Legal Aid Society of San Diego  
Mauricio Medina, San Diego Hunger Coalition  
Cierra Gant, SEIU  
Isiah Beemen, SEIU  
Alexondria Harris, HHSA Staff  
Kimberly Smith, HHSA Staff

1. Meeting called to order at 9:32 by Chair, Vino Pajanor.
2. The April 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved, with all Board Members present voting yes.
3. Public Comments:
  - No public comment
4. **Presentation Item:** Overview on the County's Legislative Program, Policies and Process: Caroline

Smith, Director, Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs. Ms. Wade provided an overview of the Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs (EDGA) department including the Authority to Advocate, the Legislative Referral Process, Department Legislative Analysis, and the Advocacy Process.

5. **Presentation Item:** 23/24 Proposed Operational Plan Budget Presentation: Ardee Apostol, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, Financial & Support Services Division, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Mr. Apostol presented economic updates, the CAO Recommended Budget for FY 23/24 and upcoming budget events, as it relates to all departments of HHSA, including additional staff positions.
6. **Action Item:** Review Legislative Advocacy Bills and Letters of Support that Align with SSAB Strategic Priorities: Assmaa Elayyat, Acting Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Elayyat shared an updated tracking sheet of all active legislative bills, with suggestions provided by the SSAB members from the April 12, 2023 meeting.

Ms. Elayyat shared the final Letter of Support from the SSAB to Chairwoman Vargas, in support of Senate Bill 600 and Assembly Bill 274. She also shared a Letter of Support from the SSAB to the Board of Supervisors, in support of Assembly Bill 991. The Letter of Support for AB 991 was approved for signature, with all SSAB Board Members present voting yes.

A public comment was made by Mauricio Medina, Public Affairs Manager of San Diego Hunger Coalition, requesting Assembly Bill 311 to be included in the list of legislative bills as well as Assembly Bill 712 on CalFresh: Hot and Prepared Food, to be elevated and supported.

7. **Information Item:** Update on PHE Lift for Public Assistance Programs, Waivers, Enrollment, Service Delivery, Data: Assmaa Elayyat, Acting Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Elayyat provided a brief update on the on PHE Lift for Public Assistance Programs. The rest of the agenda item was tabled due to the time constraint.

**ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on June 14, 2023.