

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

**Held In Person  
North Central Live Well Center  
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**SSAB Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2024**

**Members Present**

Vino Pajanor  
Jan Spencley  
Robin Maxson  
Phil Thalheimer  
Daniela Murphy

**Members Absent**

Rachel Morineau  
Greg Anglea  
Carol Lewis  
Andrea Gonzalez

**Staff Present**

Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services  
Alberto Banuelos, HHSA  
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA  
Adriana Ramirez, HHSA  
Allison Boyer, HHSA  
Jeannie Hufford, HHSA  
Yenissa Salgado, HHSA  
Alberto Garcia, HHSA  
Eric Rubio, HHSA  
Claudia Gurrola, HHSA  
Bianca Graciano, HHSA  
Patty Baker, HHSA  
Ricardo Hernandez, HHSA  
Waleed Polus, HHSA  
Nanette Hartley, HHSA  
Alexandra Talaro, HHSA

**Guests**

Jack Dailey, Legal Aid Society of San Diego  
Adrian Carstens, 2-1-1 San Diego  
Jessica Peter, 2-1-1 San Diego  
Anae Evangelista, San Diego Hunger Coalition  
Cierra Williams, SEIU  
Dan Castillo, SEIU  
Gerrell Howard, HHSA Staff  
Leticia Diazdeleon, HHSA Staff  
Kimberly Smith, HHSA Staff

1. Meeting called to order at 9:31 by Chair, Vino Pajanor.
2. The September 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved, with all Board 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 Vino Pajanor recognized Rick Wanne, Director of Self-Sufficiency Services for an award he received at the California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) Conference in October 2024.
5. **Action Item:** CalWORKs System Improvement Plan Board of Supervisors Letter: Patty Baker, Human Services Program Manager, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Baker shared a brief overview on the CalWORKs Outcomes and Accountability Review (Cal-OAR) and its components. The Board Letter will be presented at the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting, for the approval of the CalWORKs System Improvement Plan (Cal-SIP) and authorize the Clerk of the Board to execute any amendments thereto that do not materially impact or alter its substance. All SSAB Members present voted yes in support of this letter.
6. **Action Item:** Contract with San Diego Workforce Partnership Board of Supervisors Letter: Jeannie Hufford, Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Hufford presented a brief overview of CalWORKs Expanded Subsidized Employment, CalFresh Employment & Training and San Diego Workforce Partnership. The Board Letter will be presented at the December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting, for the approval and authorization for the Director of the Department of Purchasing and Contracting to enter negotiations with San Diego Workforce Partnership and subject to successful negotiations and a determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Expanded Subsidized Employment and CalFresh Employment and Training programs. All SSAB Members present voted yes in support of this letter.
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 shared with the Members that the Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities will be restructuring, and their Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) will be joining the Self-Sufficiency Services team resulting from this change. She also mentioned an update regarding the new administration coming in January 2025, in which we will keep a close eye on any executive orders or regulatory changes that can impact our County programs. Ms. Elayyat also shared various data points from the department's monthly reports.

**ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on January 8, 2025.