

**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
September 11, 2024**

Members Present

Jan Spencley
Greg Anglea
Robin Maxson
Andrea Gonzalez
Phil Thalheimer
Carol Lewis
Daniela Murphy

Members Absent

Vino Pajanor
Rachel Morineau

Staff Present

Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services
Alberto Banuelos, HHSA
Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA
Jeannie Hufford, HHSA
Ray Flores, HHSA
Janelle Jones-Phillips, HHSA
Bianca Graciano, HHSA
Patty Baker, HHSA
Mathew Brown, HHSA
Gary Johnston, HHSA
Chrisy Selder, BOS Dist 3

Guests

Jack Dailey, Legal Aid Society of San Diego
Adrian Carstens, 2-1-1 San Diego
Jessica Peter, 2-1-1 San Diego
Michaela Jackson, Access to Independence
Cierra Williams, SEIU
Dan Castillo, SEIU
Gerrell Howard, HHSA Staff
Leticia Diazdeleon, HHSA Staff
Kimberly Smith, HHSA Staff

1. Meeting called to order at 9:35 by Vice Chair, Jan Spencley.
2. The August 1, 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. The Members did not have any comments or discussion at this time.

5. **Presentation Item:** Update on the Leave No Veterans Homeless Initiative: Mathew Brown, Chief, Agency Operations; Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Mr. Brown and Mr. Gary Johnston provided updates on the Leave No Veterans Homeless Initiative, sharing a report that 1,022 Veterans were housed since July 2023 through July 2024. They also mentioned that landlords have been their focus and priority, educating them and trying to incentivize them to rent to Veterans to continue to reduce the number and achieve Functional Zero.
6. **Presentation Item:** CalWORKs System Improvement Plan: Patty Baker, Human Services Program Manager, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Baker presented the background of the CalWORKs Program and Employment Services. She then explained Cal-OAR, which is a local, data-driven program management system that facilitates continuous improvement of county CalWORKs programs by collecting, analyzing, and disseminating outcomes and best practices. As required by Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 11523, Cal-OAR consists of three core components: performance indicators, a county CalWORKs self-assessment (Cal-CSA), and a CalWORKs system improvement plan (Cal-SIP). San Diego County will seek approval on 12/10/24 from the County Board of Supervisors for the Cal-SIP Report. Following Board of Supervisor approval, San Diego County will implement the Cal-SIP strategies identified.
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 program updates such as the annual open enrollment for Covered California beginning on November 1st through January 31st. She explained that the County receives a higher volume of Medi-Cal applications during this time, therefore at staffing will be reviewed to ensure preparedness. Ms. Elayyat also shared that the Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) California waiver has been extended through October 2025. She also presented an updated CalFresh flyer and various Self-Sufficiency Services reports.
8. **Action Item:** Cancellation of the October 9, 2024 Social Services Advisory Board Meeting: All Social Services Advisory Board Members. Mr. Rick Wanne let the Members know that the County of San Diego will be hosting the statewide 2024 County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA) Annual Conference here in San Diego, on October 9th to October 11th. All Board Members present voted to cancel the October 9, 2024 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m. Next regular meeting will be held on November 13, 2024.