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

#### **MEETING NOTICE: In Person**

Southeastern Live Well Center
Tubman Chavez Conference Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
5101 Market St. San Diego CA 92114
Phone (619) 338-2932

#### **Public Video Viewing/Comment Option:**

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August 9, 2023 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

#### **AGENDA**

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

9:31 - 9:33 2. **Action Item:** Approval of July 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- 9:33 9:40 3. Guidelines for Public Comment on Items not listed on the agenda:
  - Members of the public may request to speak about any issue within the purview of the Board
  - ➤ Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes
  - ➤ Board members may not discuss or take action on issues raised during public comment unless the issue is listed in this Agenda

#### PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

9:40 – 11:30 4. **Information Item:** Tour of the Southeastern Live Well Center: Brenda Vargas-Ramirez, Chief, Self-Sufficiency Services, County of San Diego, Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA)

#### **ADJOURNMENT/ NEXT MEETING**

Next regular meeting will be held on September 13, 2023 at 5055 Ruffin Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, San Diego, CA 92123.

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## Held In Person North Central Live Well Center 5055 Ruffin Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, San Diego CA 92123 Phone (619) 338-2932 \* \* Fax (619) 338-2972

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#### SSAB Meeting Minutes July 12, 2023

Members Present	Staff Present
Vino Pajanor	Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services
Jan Spencley	Albert Banuelos, HHSA
Robin Maxson	Assmaa Elayyat, HHSA
Daniela Murphy	Adriana Ramirez, HHSA
Phil Thalheimer	Allison Boyer, HHSA
Keara O'Laughlin	Jeannie Hufford, HHSA
Buck Martin	Eric Rubio, HHSA
Greg Anglea	Albert Garcia, HHSA
	Yenissa Salgado, HHSA
	Brenda Vargas-Ramirez, HHSA
Members Absent	David Hopkins, HHSA
Carol Lewis	Karina Gallardo, HHSA
Rachel Morineau	Patty Baker, HHSA
	Ismael Lopez, HHSA
	Christopher Kaeg, HHSA
	Lucero Chavez-Basilio, HHSA
	<u>Guests</u>
· ·	Stephanie Phann, HASDIC
	Karla Samoyoa, 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
	Shelly Dieu, San Diego Hunger Coalition
	Amanda Mascia, San Diego Hunger Coalition
	Cierra Gant, SEIU
	Alexondria Harris, HHSA Staff
	Gerrell Howard, HHSA Staff
	Iris Trammel, HHSA Staff
	Carlyn Obringer, Blue Shield of California
	Stephanie Gioia-Beckman, Rady's Children
	Samantha Brown
	Mark London
	Deanna Troncoso

- 1. Meeting called to order at 9:32 by Chair, Vino Pajanor.
- 2. The June 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved, with 7 Board Members present voting yes, and 1 member abstaining.
- 3. Public Comments:
  - No public comment

- 4. **Information Item:** Departmental Overview of Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs: Lucero Chavez Basilio, Director, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, Department of Homeless Solutions & Equitable Communities, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Lucero provided an overview of the HSEC-OIRA department and their role in providing State-funded refugee support services and welcome centers, Public Charge concerns and resources, and their support for asylum seekers.
- 5. Information Item: Update on the HHSA Outreach Activities, Public Charge Resources, Call Center Wait Time for Language Line, and BenefitsCal Follow Up: Dr. Alberto Banuelos, Assistant Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Dr. Banuelos provided an update on the HHSA Outreach Activities and Self-Sufficiency Services' presence during the summer months, as well as encouraged referrals from the SSAB and community members for any future events. He also shared that we cannot share the metrics at this time regarding the wait times for the language line at our call center but mentioned that we will work on getting this data to share. Dr. Banuelos also shared an update on the successful transition into the CalSAWS system alongside the BenefitsCal portal, in which staff are actively assisting customers as well as CBOs with navigating the new platform.

A public comment was made by Shelly Dieu, CalFresh Program Manager of San Diego Hunger Coalition, regarding the HHSA CalFresh Program Guide 63-113: Authorized Representatives, requesting the adoption of additional language from California Department of Social Services into the existing Program Guide to reduce administrative burden and assist clients better.

6. **Information Item:** Review Legislative Advocacy Bills that Support SSAB Strategic Priorities: Assmaa Elayyat, Deputy Director, Self-Sufficiency Services, Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA). Ms. Elayyat shared the signed advocacy letter in support of Assembly Bill (AB) 843, submitted to Chairwoman Nora Vargas by the SSAB and an advocacy letter sent from the County's legislative office to our federal lobbyists, in support of House of Representatives Bills 3183, 3474 and 205. She also mentioned that as the State legislative cycle is coming to an end, the focus in September/October will be on monitoring and tracking along with updates and advocacy will resume in December/January.

A public comment was made by Mauricio Medina, Public Affairs Manager of San Diego Hunger Coalition, requesting for AB 712 CalFresh: hot and prepared foods to be placed in the support column and offered an alternative take to advocacy on the tail end of the State legislative cycle, stating that there is more work to be done.

7. **Information Item:** Update on 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 updates on program flexibilities and PHE unwinding waivers for CalFresh, Medi-Cal and CalWORKs programs. She also shared that the Monthly Medi-Cal Renewal Report's metrics will be an ongoing process, every month for the next 12 months, until July 2024.

#### ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:



# ITEM #4 TOUR OF THE SOUTHEASTERN LIVE WELL CENTER

Brenda Vargas-Ramirez, Chief Self-Sufficiency Services





### MONTHLY UPDATES



Legend
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Advocacy Support
Support if Amended or Watch

#### **Self-Sufficiency Services Legislative Tracking Log**

Revised: 8/8/2023

Bill Number and Name	Date Introduced	Description	Affected Programs	Support/Oppose/Watch /Concerns	Status	
SB 462 - General Assistance	2/13/2023	Currently the County of San Diego provides General Relief to indigent customers not supported by other means. These records are to be confidential and not be open to examination or inspection, except as specified. This bill would provide that those provisions do not prohibit sharing of confidential information for purposes directly connected with the administration of relief or with the administration of public social services, as defined.	GR	Support	7/21/2023: Approved by Governor - Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 110, Statutes of 2023.	
AB 712 - CalFresh: hot and prepared foods	2/13/2023	CalFresh and California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) households that are experiencing homelessness or contain an elderly or disabled individual may purchase hot and ready to consume meals. The bill would extend the option to all CalFresh and CFAP households	CalFresh	Support	7/27/2023: Approved by Governor - Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 121, Statutes of 2023.	
AB 843 - Electronic Benefits Transfer System	2/17/2023	This bill would prohibit a recipient from incurring any loss of electronic benefits stolen in that manner, thereby codifying the existing regulation described above. To the extent this bill would expand county duties relating to the administration of food benefits, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill would expand county duties relating to the administration of food benefits, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	CalWORKs/CAPI/GR/CalFres h/Medi-Cal	Support	7/3/2023: Active Bill - In committee: Referred to APPR suspense file.	
AB 274 - CalWORKs: CalFresh: eligibility: income exclusions	1/23/2023	This bill would exempt as income any grant, award, scholarship, loan, or fellowship benefit provided to any CalWORKs assistance unit member and/or CalFresh household for educational purposes. The bill will eliminate the verification requirement of financial aid, expediting the availability of benefits, and may increase student eligibility for CalFresh.	CalFresh	Support	7/10/2023: Active Bill - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.	
SB 600 - California CalFresh Minimum Benefit Adequacy Act of 2023	2/15/2023	This bill would, by January 1, 2025, require the department to establish the CalFresh Minimum Nutrition Benefit (MNB) Program to provide a household with a monthly CalFresh allotment of less than a minimum monthly benefit, established by the bill to be \$50, with an additional state-funded monthly MNB that is equal to the difference between their monthly CalFresh allotment and \$50. The bill would require the department to annually adjust the minimum monthly benefit amount, as prescribed, and would require these benefits to be delivered through the EBT system. By imposing additional duties on counties administering the program, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program	CalFresh	Support	7/11/2023: Active Bill - July 11 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.	
AB 991 - Public Social Services: Reporting and Verifications	2/15/2023	This bill has no impact onf current policy and procedure as it would, to the extent permitted under federal law, require state and county agencies to accept the reporting by an applicant or recipient of public social services of any lawfully required information, changes, and verification required by law that affect eligibility and benefit amounts, by any means available to the applicant or recipient, including, but not limited to, in person, by telephone, through fax, by email, or by any other electronic means.	CalWORKs/CAPI/GR/CalFres h/Medi-Cal	Active Support	5/18/2023: Active Bill - In committee: Held under submission.	
AB 46 - Personal Income Taxes: Exclusion: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act.	12/5/2022	This bill excludes from gross income, under the Personal Income Tax (PIT) Law, uniformed services retirement pay and annuity payments from a United States Department of Defense Survivor Benefit Plan received by qualified taxpayers, as specified. California compared to other states: A significant number of states exclude military retirement pay from being taxed in the state, and California appears to be an outlier. Twenty-seven states do not tax military retirement pay and fourteen states tax military retirement income partially through income exemptions and exclusions.	OMVA	Support	7/13/2023: Active Bill - Measure version as amended on July 12 corrected.	
AB 311 - An act to amend Section 18930 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.	1/26/2023	This bill would remove the age limitation of 55 years of age or older for the program if the individual's immigration status is the sole basis for their ineligibility for CalFresh benefits and make any individual eligible for the program if the individual's immigration status is the sole basis for their ineligibility for CalFresh benefits. By extending eligibility for CFAP, which is administered by the counties, this bill would impose a statemandated local program.	CalFresh	Support	6/15/2023: Active Bill - In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.	
SB 245 - California Food Assistance Program: Eligibility and Benefits	1/26/2023	This bill would remove the age limitation of 55 years of age or older and make any individual eligible for the program if the individual's immigration status is the sole basis for their ineligibility for CalFresh benefits. By extending eligibility for CFAP, which is administered by the counties, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.	CalFresh	Support	6/20/2023: Active Bill - June 20 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.	
SB 260 - CalWORKs: Supportive Services	1/30/2023	This bill would include menstrual product costs as a necessary supportive service, and, on and after April 1, 2025, would make a member of an authorized assistance unit who is between 10 and 55 years of age, inclusive, eligible for an unspecified allocation per month to assist with menstrual product costs if they are documented in the case file as female or the county has received verification that a nonfemale member of the household is menstruating.	CalWORKs	Active Support	7/12/2023: Active Bill - July 12 set for first hearing. Placed on APPR. suspense file.	

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SB 262 - California Farmworkers Drought Resilience Pilot Project	1/30/2023	This bill would require the California Drought Resilience Pilot project to provide monthly supplemental cash payments to households (HH's) in which one member of the HH is a farmworker. This payment would be exempt for CalFresh and CalWORKs. The bill would benefit customers, as the provisions would allow for less income to be counted when determining CalWORKs and CalFresh eligibility.	CalWORKs/CalFresh	Support	5/18/2023: Active Bill - May 18 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.
AB 325 - Human Services: Noncitizen Victims	1/30/2023	This bill would prohibit the discontinuance of benefits due to a denial of a T or U Visa if the customer is eligible for these benefits on another basis. This bill expands services to noncitizen victims of parental maltreatment, noncitizen children who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned and noncitizens who fear persecution. The bill would add to the categories of eligible customers for the benefits to include individuals who have filed a formal application or petition with the appropriate federal agency for status or relief under the federal Violence Against Women Act.This bill will increase participation for CalFresh and remove barriers to eligibility for noncitizen population.	CalWORKs/CAPI/CalFresh/M edi-Cal	Support	7/6/2023: Active Bill - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (July 6). Re- referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 372 - CalWORKs: Eligibility: Income Exclusions	2/1/2023	This bill would exempt income received by an apprentice or pre-apprentice for performing work as part of a specified apprentice program or pre-apprenticeship program from consideration as income for purposes of determining eligibility or calculating grant amount under the CalWORKs program. As a result, customers who would otherwise be ineligible, receive a lower benefit amount or less beneficial program, would become and/or remain eligible to the above programs and associated supportive programs, or would not have a reduction in their benefits.	CalWORKs	Support	7/3/2023: Active Bill - In committee: Referred to APPR suspense file.
AB 605 - CalFresh Fruit and Vegetable Supplemental Benefits Expansion Program	2/9/2023	This bill requires to include within the EBT system a supplemental benefits mechanism that allows an authorized retailer to deliver and redeem supplemental benefits, additional funds delivered to a CalFresh recipient's EBT card upon purchase of California-grown fresh fruits and vegetables using CalFresh benefits. This bill would provide a minimum of 3 grants to nonprofit organizations or governmental agencies for pilot projects to implement and test the supplemental benefits mechanism	CalFresh	Support	5/18/2023: Active Bill - In committee: Held under submission.
AB 847 - Medi-Cal: Pediatric Palliative Care Services	2/14/2023	This bill does not impact county operations. Currently customers under age 21 can receive palliative care or hospice services through the Medi-Cal Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment benefit. This bill would extend those benefits for children who turn 21 while receiving palliative care or hospice services.	Medi-Cal	Support	7/10/2023: Active Bill - Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 870 - Public Social Services: Benefits for Students	2/14/2023	This bill will have the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) create a workgroup comprised of CDSS staff and relevant stakeholders that meets quarterly to share best practices, updates, challenges, or other topics related to programs and services offered to students. The workgroup must submit a report to the legislature with findings and recommendations relating to increasing enrollment in programs and services offered by the department that may be available to students, as specified, on or before June 30, 2024, and every 3 years thereafter.	CalWORKs/CalFresh	Support	5/18/2023: Active Bill - In committee: Held under submission.
SB 521 - CalWORKs: Pregnancy and Parenting	2/14/2023	This bill will add denial of reasonable pregnancy or parenting related accommodations, in violation of Title IX, to the list of conditions that may be considered good cause for excuse from participation in WTW activities. This additional consideration will allow these customers to seek appropriate and reasonable accommodations without the concern of the noncompliance process being initiated and a potential sanction being applied for not meeting mandatory participation requirements due to the lack of needed accommodations.	CalWORKs	Support	7/12/2023: Active Bill - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (July 11). Re- referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 866 - Food Assistance for Nonminor Dependents	2/14/2023	The bill would establish a state-funded program to provide food assistance to nonminor dependents who receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care (AFDC-FC) and reside in a supervised independent living placement or a transitional living setting.		Support	7/3/2023: Active Bill - In committee: Referred to APPR suspense file.
AB 928 - CalFresh Data Dashboard: Students	2/14/2023	This bill would require on annual basis to publish certain data specific to students' receipt of CalFresh benefits on the department's existing CalFresh Data Dashboard, in order to assist in monitoring information about access to CalFresh by students enrolled in an institution of higher education, as defined.	CalFresh	Support	7/5/2023: Active Bill - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 5. Noes 0.) (July 3). Re-
SB 628 - State Healthy Food Access Policy	2/16/2023	The bill would require all state agencies to consider the state policy regarding the human right to access affordable and healthy food when revising, adopting, establishing policies and regulations when they are relevant to the distribution of affordable and nutritious food. This bill will not expand any obligation of the state to provide food or nutrition assistance or to require the expenditure of additional resources to develop food infrastructure.		Support	7/5/2023: Active Bill - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 5. Noes 0.) (July 3). Re- referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 1239 - Incarcerated persons: Family Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment Program.	2/16/2023	This bill does not impact county operations. This bill requires DHCS to provide a list of family planning providers to jails to share with inmates upon release, no later than 9/1/2025. For purposes of a list of Family PACT Program providers and clinics to assist county jail inmates, with the list being issued to an entity designated by county jails. Under the bill, any assistance provided to inmates would be provided only to the extent that the inmate elects to apply for the program and receive assistance, as specified.	Medi-Cal	Support	7/12/2023: Active Bill - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 4. Noes 0.) (July 11). Re- referred to Com. on APPR.

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AB 1393 - Student Aid Commission: California Dream Act applicants: Food Support Pilot Program	2/17/2023	The Student Aid Commission establishing the Food Support Program to issue grants to students who meet the eligibility criteria for the California Dream Act.  These are students who are non-immigrants, such as DACA, TPS, or U Visa holders who normally would not be eligible to CF to receive a quarterly grant for food, while attending school.	CalFresh	Support	7/13/2023: Active Bill - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 0.) (July 12). Re- referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 1536 - Cash Assistance Program for Aged, Blind, and Disabled Immigrants	2/17/2023	This bill would expand eligibility to aged, blind, and disabled customers regardless of immigration status if the customer meets the eligibility criteria for the CAPI program and is not eligible solely due to their immigration status. This bill would exempt customers who are not qualified immigrants, as specified, from having to apply for SSI to receive benefits. This bill will impact the amount of CAPI reimbursements that are made to the State from retroactive SSI payments.	САРІ	Support	7/5/2023: Active Bill - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 0.) (July 3). Re- referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 1457 - Medi-Cal: Serious Mental Illness	2/17/2023	This bill would add CFAP, CAPI, IHSS, and APS to the list of programs for which any decisions governing eligibility that are made by a county would be made exclusively by a merit or civil service employee of the county.	CF/CAPI	Support	6/21/2023: Active Bill - Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
AB 1470 - Medi-Cal: Behavioral Health Services: Documentation Standards	2/17/2023	This bill does not impact county operations. This bill requires DHCS to standardize forms including intake and assessment forms, relating to medical necessity criteria, mandatory screening and transition of care tools, and documentation requirements pursuant to CalAIM Terms and Conditions. The bill would require the department to consult with representatives of specified associations and programs for purposes of implementing these provisions. The bill would authorize the department to develop and maintain a list of department-approved nonstandard forms.	Medi-Cal	Support	7/10/2023: Active Bill - In committee: Referred to APPR. suspense file.
AB 1644 - Medi-Cal: medically supportive food and nutrition services.	2/17/2023	This bill does not impact county operations. This bill is regarding establishing a medically supportive food benefit for Medi-Cal customers.	Medi-Cal	Support	5/18/2023: Active Bill - In committee: Held under submission.
SB 819 - Medi-Cal: Certification	2/17/2023	This bill does not impact county operations. This bill would additionally exempt from the Medi-Cal enrollment procedures an intermittent site or mobile health care unit that is operated by the above-described government-run license-exempt clinic if that clinic has notified the department of its separate locations, premises, sites, or units.	Medi-Cal	Support	From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (July 11). Re referred to Com. on
SB 870 - Medi-Cal: Managed Care Organization Provider Tax	2/17/2023	This bill does not impact county operations. This bill extends the tax on managed care organizations which is used to fund the non-federal share of provider reimbursement.	Medi-Cal	Support	5/18/2023: Active Bill - May 18 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.
SB 770 - Health Care: Unified Health Care Financing	2/17/2023	This bill requires the Secretary of the California HHSA to enter discussions with the federal government to obtain a Medicaid waiver to establish single payer health care coverage in CA. The bill also requires the secretary to create a workgroup of stakeholders to advise on the transition to single payer and provide a report to the legislature with recommendations no later than 6/1/2024. While establishing single payer health care would have a profound effect on Medi-Cal operations, the bill requiring a workgroup and recommendations does not impact county operations.	Medi-Cal	Support	7/12/2023: Active Bill - July 12 set for first hearing. Placed on APPR. suspense file.
AB 1481 - Medi-Cal: Presumptive Eligibility	2/17/2023	This bill would change the language in law for the presumptive eligibility for women program to include all pregnant people and the name of the program from Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women to Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant People (PE4PP). The bill would also allow children under the age of 26 who are pregnant and can consent to medical care to be determined eligible to presumptive eligibility through a qualified hospital. The changes require federal approval prior to implementation.	Medi-Cal	Support	7/13/2023: Active Bill - Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 1514: Public Social Services: Student Eligibility	2/17/2023	This bill would require that a workgroup is created to provide recommendations for data usage from Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by county welfare departments. The data will then be used to prepopulate applications for students to receive public social services. The workgroup would be comprised of members of County Welfare Directors Association of California. The bill would require those recommendations to be submitted to the Legislature by December 31, 2024.	CalWORKs/CAPI/GR/CalFres h/Medi-Cal	Support	5/18/2023: Active Bill - In committee: Held under submission.
H.R. 3520: The Veteran Care Improvement Act	5/18/2023	This bill will improve the provision of care and services under the Veterans Community Care Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.	OMVA	Support	7/18/2023: Active Bill - Subcommittee Consideration and Mark- up Session Held (Amended) by Voice
SB 9	12/5/2022	This bill would expand the dependency and jurisdiction of the juvenile court to the age of 22 years if the court finds that the NMD is experiencing homelessness or is at risk of homelessness (if not under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court). This bill would also expand the age limit for NMDs to be eligible for cash aid to the age of 22. The provisions of this bill would increase the number of customers who qualify for NMD CalWORKS aid.	CalWORKs	Support, if amended	6/27/2023: Active Bill - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To consent calendar. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (June 27). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
AB 94 - Administration of Public Social Services-Blocked Telephone Calls	1/9/2023	This bill would prohibit outgoing calls from displaying a blocked phone number. The bill would impose a state mandated local program.	CalFresh	Watch	5/18/2023: Active Bill - In committee: Held under submission.

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SB 85 - Immigration – Case Management and Social Services	1/13/2023	This bill would reallocate state funds in order to expand the Reception and Placement Program (commonly known as R&P in California) for refugees and asylees. The reallocated funding would allow recipients of the funding to provide an additional 90 days of state funded R&P case management services to refugees and asylees. Because San Diego is a refugee impacted county, San Diego RAs are likely to be eligible for the reallocation of funds from nonimpacted counties. There will be no additional funding allocated for this program extension and the funding will only be available subject to appropriation. As such, this bill would not impact Self-Sufficiency Services staffing or workload.	Self-Sufficiency Services HHSA	Watch	5/18/2023: Active Bill - May 18 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.
SB 242 - California HOPE for Children Trust Account Program	1/25/2023	The bill would require eligibility workers to not consider California Hope, Opportunity, Perseverance, and Empowerment (HOPE) Trust accounts as property for the purposes of determining eligibility for means tested social services programs such as Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, CalFresh, General Assistance, Medi-Cal, Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment, Adoption Assistance Program (AAP), and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI).	CalWORKs/CAPI/GR/CalFres h/Medi-Cal	Support, if amended	6/8/2023: Active Bill - Referred to Com. on HUM. S.
AB 310 - CalWORKs	1/26/2023	This bill would reduce current workload regarding CalWORKs school attendance, deprivation and immunization as it would eliminate the deprivation rule that decreases CalWORKs benefits for school attendance if a child in the AU who is age 16 or over is not attending school or participating in Welfare-to-Work or immunization penalty if the children under the age of 6 is not up to date with their immunizations.	CalWORKs	Support, if amended	6/27/2023: Active Bill - In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.
AB 435 - Public Social Services: Automated Application Process	2/6/2023	This bill would require CalSAWS to accept and process electronic applications for additional cash assistance programs including the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI), the Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Program (TCVAP) and Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA). This bill would require that customers have access to apply for these cash assistance programs online by December 1, 2024. This bill would require that automation activities to be prioritized over county initiatives.	CalWORKs/CAPI	Support, if amended	5/18/2023: Active Bill - In committee: Held under submission.
SB 311 - Medi-Cal: Part A Buy- In	2/6/2023	The bill requires the state to enter into a Medicare Part A buy-in agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Currently, the state pays Medicare part A buy-in for customers who don't qualify for free Part A and qualify for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries Program (QMB). It is not clear to what extent the State is expanding Part A buy-in payments under the proposed agreement in the bill.	Medi-Cal	Watch	From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendate. (Ayes 15. Noes 0.) (June 13). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
SB 333 - Homeless Pupils: California Success, Opportunity, and Academic Resilience (SOAR) Guaranteed Income Program	2/7/2023	This bill would exempt SOAR Guaranteed Income Program award received by a 12th grade student experiencing homelessness from being considered as income or resource for purposes of determining CalWORKs, CalFresh, Medi-Cal, CAPI, and/or General Relief eligibility. Additionally, this bill will encourage students to continue their education.  The bill would benefit customers, as the provisions would allow for less income to be counted when determining eligibility. As a result, customers who would otherwise be ineligible, receive a lower benefit amount, or less beneficial program, would become and/or remain eligible to the programs affected by this bill and associated supportive programs (or would not have a reduction in their benefits).	CalWORKs/CAPI/GR/CalFres h/Medi-Cal	Support, if amended	7/3/2023: Active Bill - From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on ED.
AB 564 - Medi-Cal Enrollmet	2/8/2023	The bill requires the Department of Health Care Services to allow applicants and providers to submit to submit electronic signatures for all enrollment forms, including, but not limited to, claims and remit forms, in the Medi-Cal program.	Medi-Cal	Watch	6/14/2023: Active Bill - Referred to Com. on HEALTH.
AB 596 - Early Learning and Care: Rate Reform	2/9/2023		CalWORKs	No Analysis Attached	7/5/2023: Active Bill - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (July 5). Re- referred to Com. on APPR.
SB 491 - Public Social Services: County Departments	2/14/2023	This bill would require counties to develop and implement a program to ensure residents without a permanent mailing address have a place to receive and pick-up all government related (includes city, county, state, federal, and contracted agencies) mail. The bill does not provide detail on how it should be implemented.	CalWORKs/CAPI/GR/CalFres h/Medi-Cal	Watch	7/12/2023: Active Bill - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (July 11). Re- referred to Com. on APPR.
SB 773 - CalWORKS: Homeless Assistance	2/17/2023	This bill would require benefit calculation for the PHA program to include benefits received from other government and nonprofit housing and homeless subsidy programs and any regularly received private support intended or designed to help the family with housing. This would not benefit customers because currently any housing subsidies received are deducted from the customer's housing obligation.	CalWORKs	Support, if amended	7/12/2023: Active Bill - From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (July 11). Re- referred to Com. on APPR.



Monthly Medi-Cal Renewal Report																			
			Data as o	of 6/30						Data as of 7/31							П		
Medi-Cal Renewals	Jun-23	%	Jun-23	%		Jul-23	%	Jul-23	%		Aug-23	%	Aug-23	%	П	Sep-23	%		
Total Medi-Cal Renewals Due	46,900	100%	46,900	100%	4	47,860	100%	47,860	100%		46,879	100%	46,879	100%	1 [	48,907	100%		
Total Medi-Cal Renewals Auto																			
Renewed	12,890	27%	12,890	27%		13,110	27%	13,110	27%		13,581	29%	13,581	29%		11,327	23%		
Total Medi-Cal Renewals Renewed															П				
via Combo Case*	7,364	16%	15,046	32%		7,081	15%	11,359	24%		7,053	15%	7,063	15%		7,440	15%		
Total Medi-Cal Renewal Packets																			
Mailed	26,646	57%	26,646	57%		27,669	58%	27,669	58%		25,601	55%	25,601	55%		28,971	59%		
Packets Received, Not Yet Processed			5,967	13%		4,691	10%	5,839	12%		10	0%	1,869	4%		326	1%		
Total Medi-Cal Renewals Completed	20,254	43%	27,936	60%		20,191	42%	24,469	51%		20,634	44%	20,644	44%		18,767	38%		
Total Medi-Cal Renewals Pending																			
Receipt	26,646	57%	12,997	28%	1	22,978	48%	17,552	37%		26,235	56%	24,366	52%		29,814	61%		

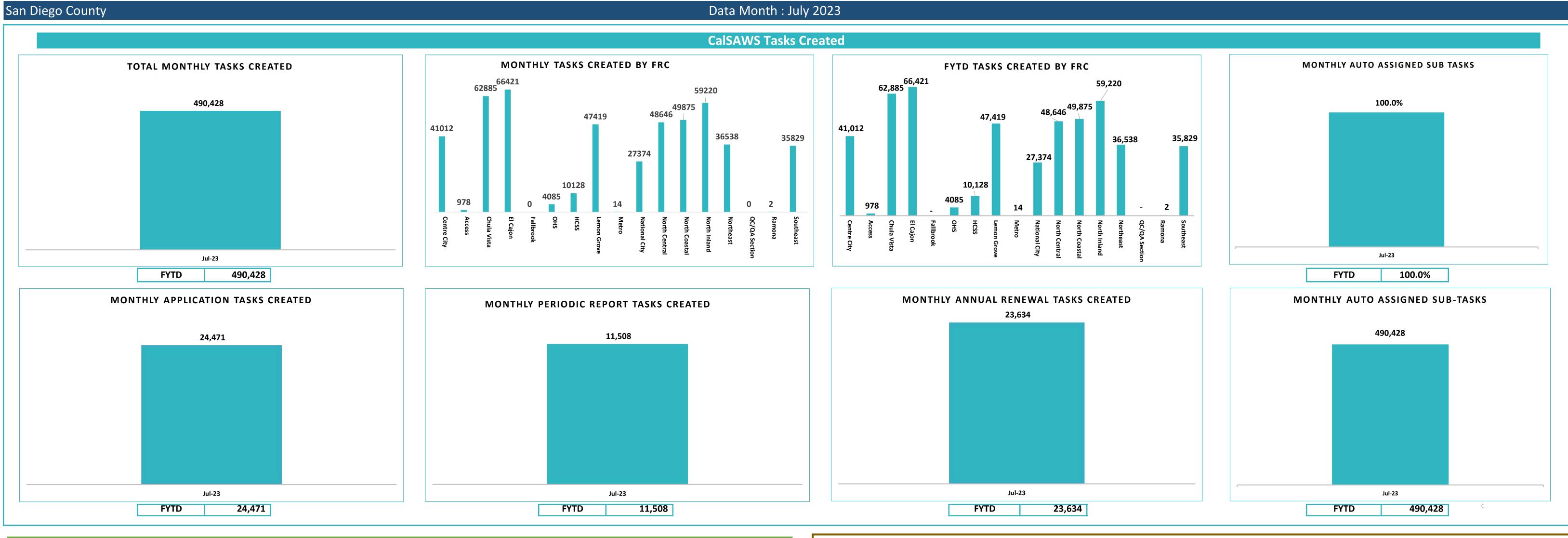
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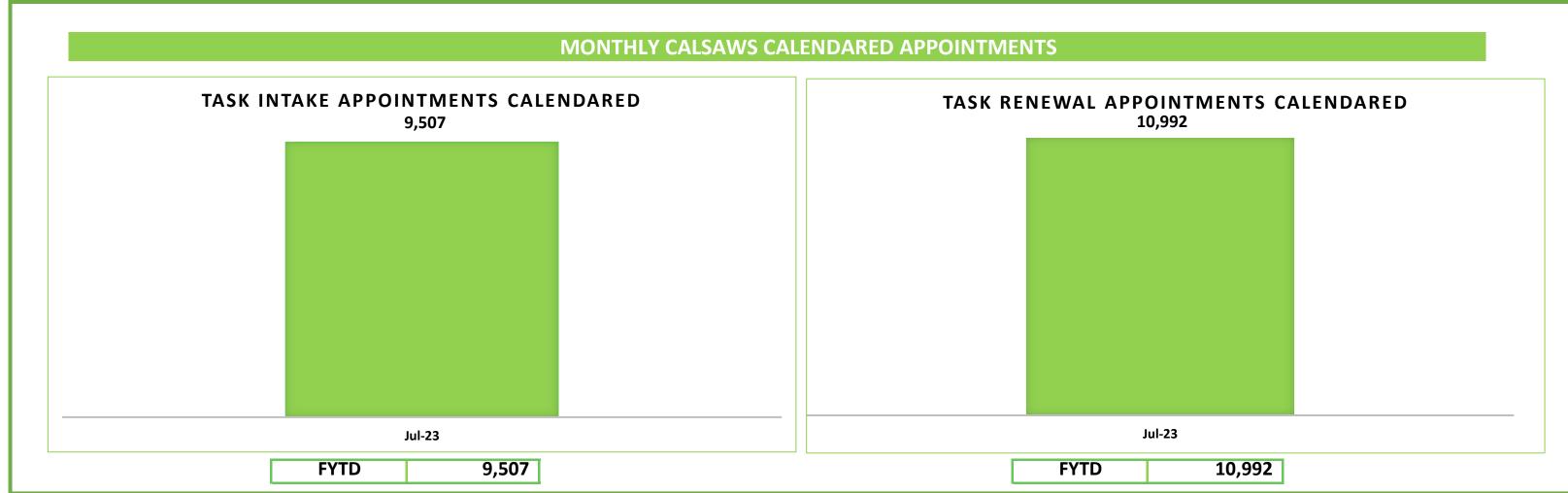
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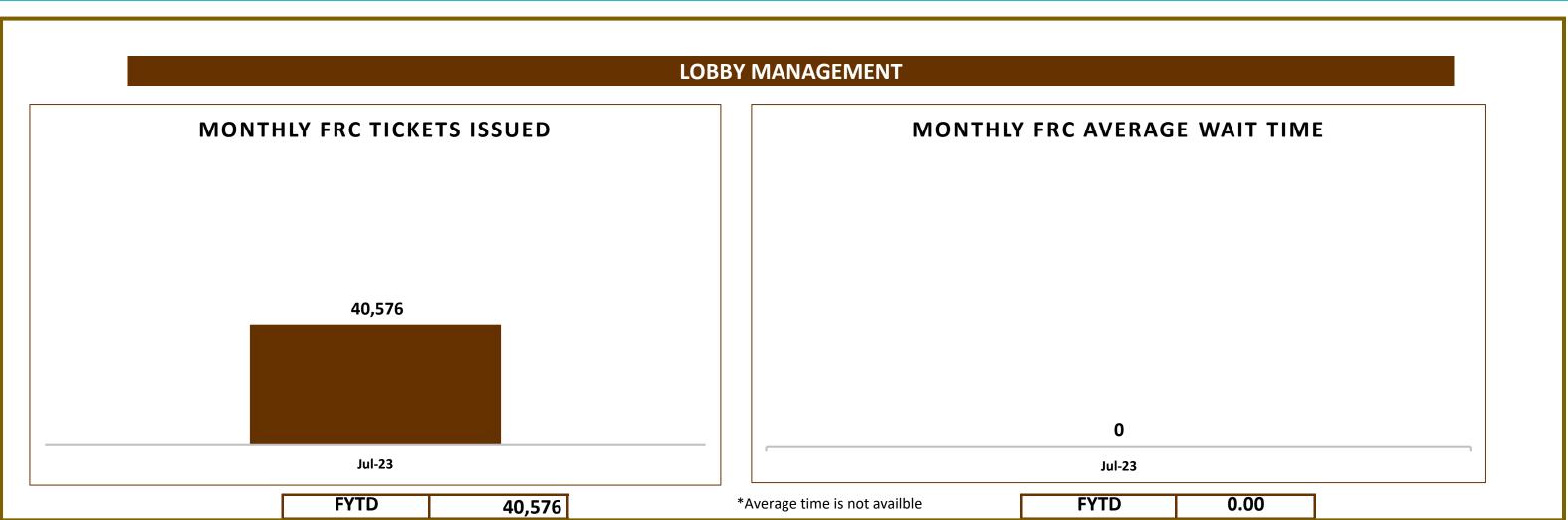
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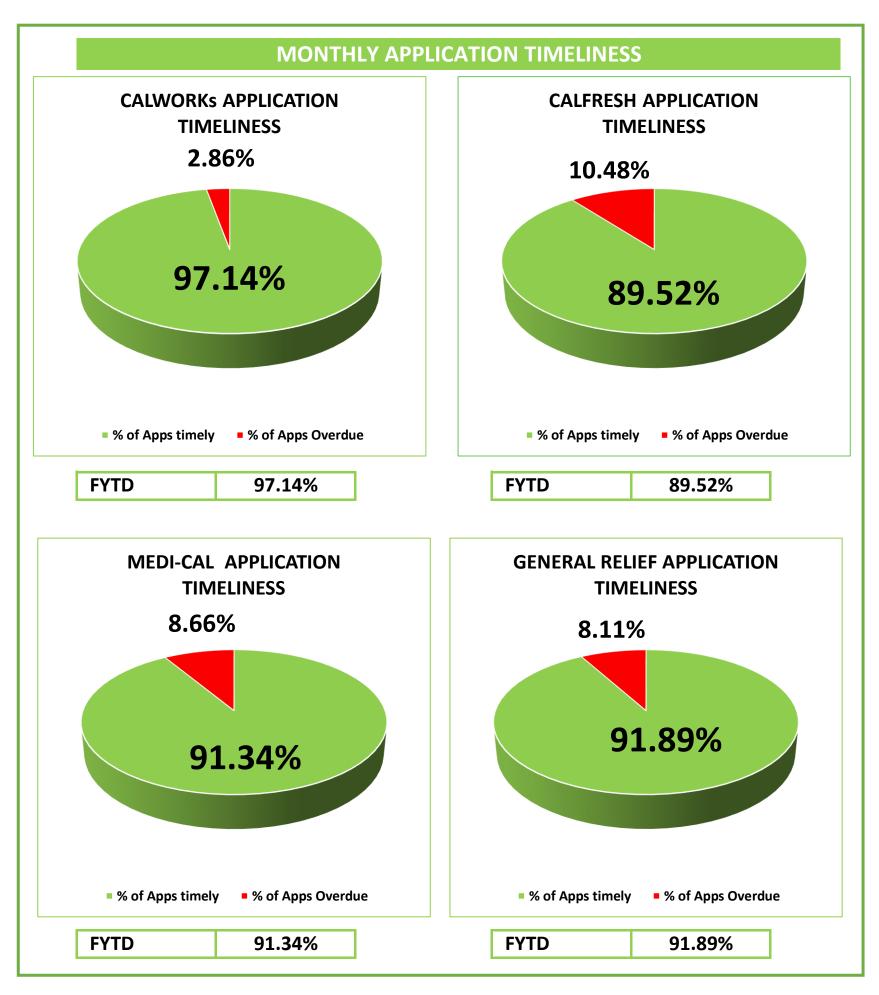


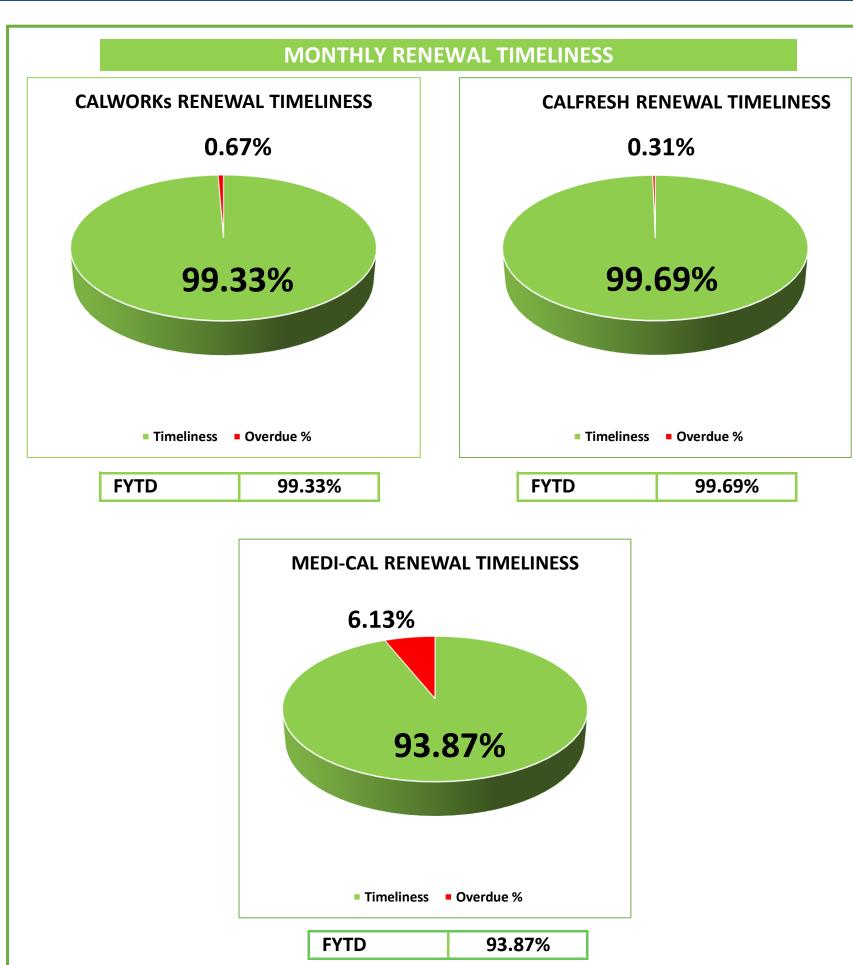


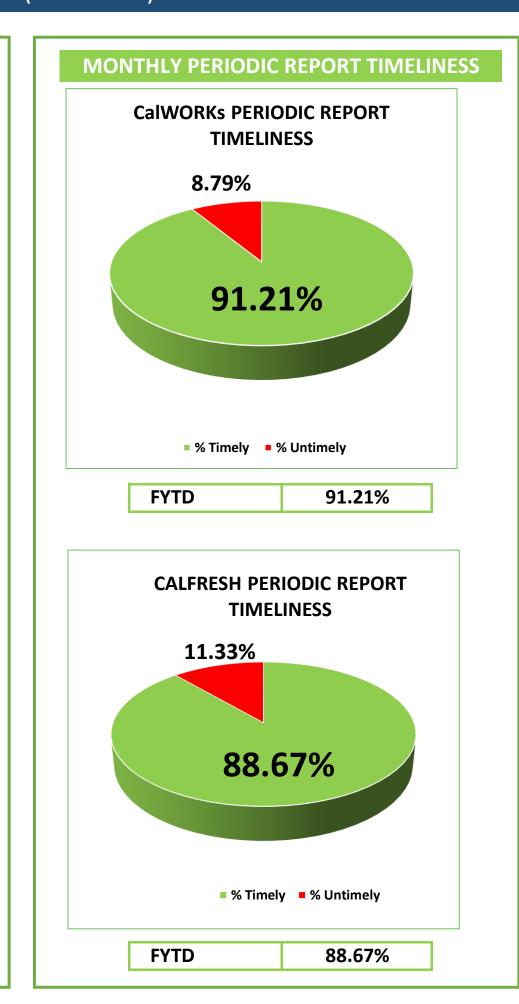


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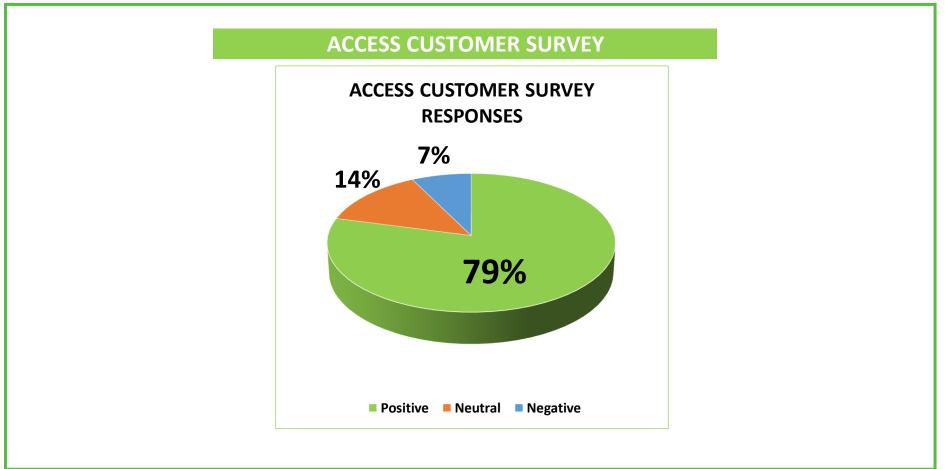
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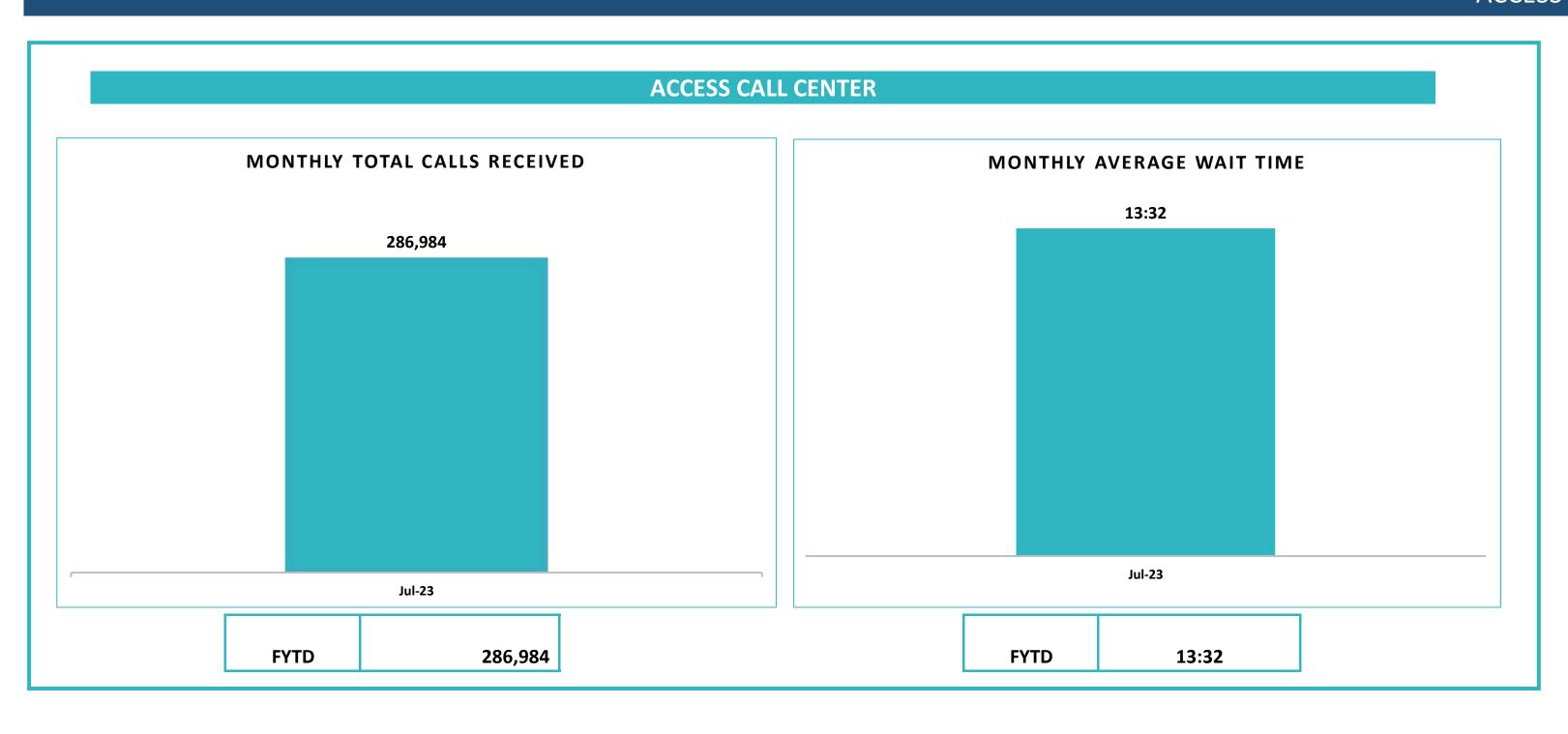


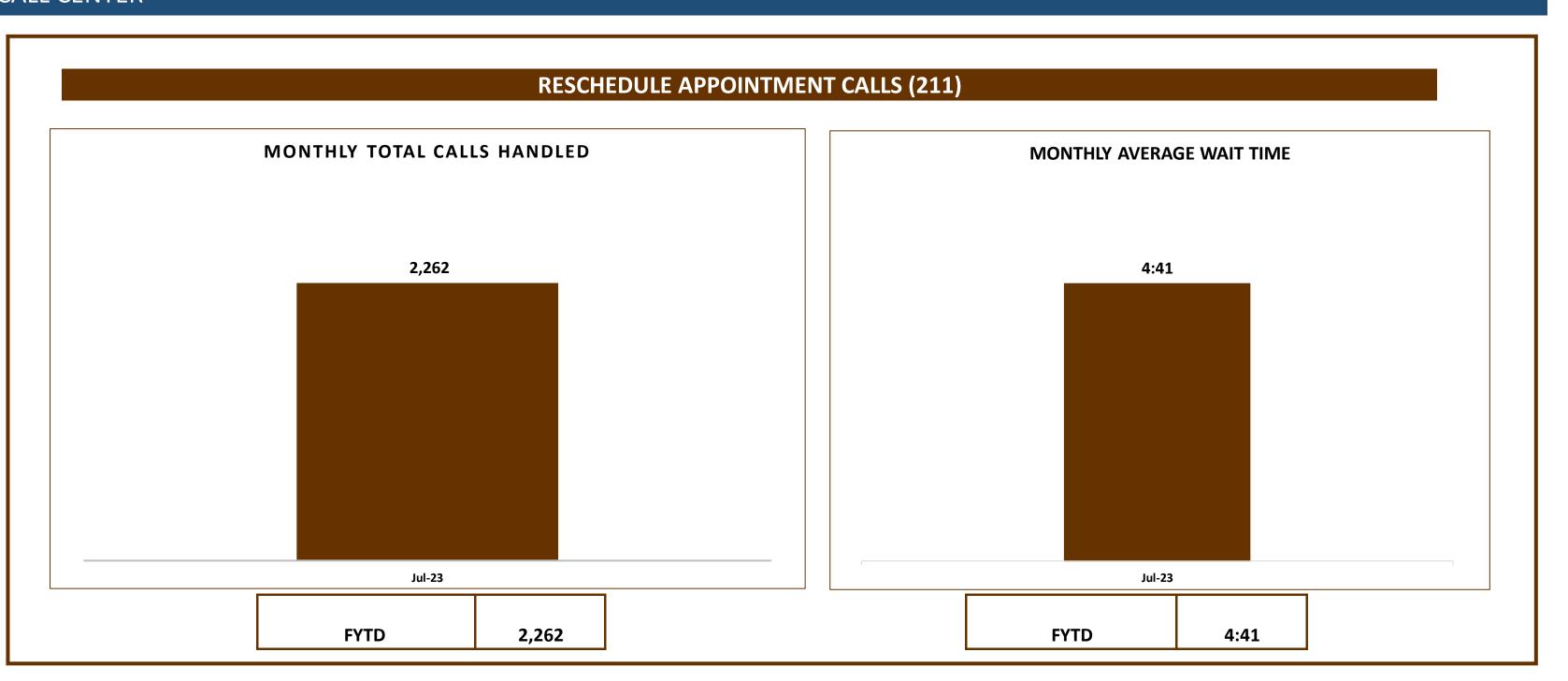






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