

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, November 27, 2023

2:30 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair  
Supervisor Lena Tam

Location: Board of Supervisors' Chambers – Room 512 – 5th fl  
County Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

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## Summary/Action Minutes

### I. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: CalFresh Update [Attachment](#)

Andrea Ford, Agency Director, Social Services Agency, Amada Robles, Assistant Agency Director, Social Services Agency and Andree Reyes, Program Specialist, Social Services Agency, presented an update on the CalFresh Employment and Training Program.

CalFresh is a federal nutrition program, known nationwide as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), formerly known as Food Stamps. It provides low-income households with monthly benefits on an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card to purchase food.

The Cal Fresh Employment and Training Program is a voluntary employment services program that assists participants to obtain gainful employment to achieve self-sufficiency without public assistance. Eligible populations include active CalFresh recipients who are not required to participate in CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work, including timed-out CalWORKs parents and also recipients of General Assistance (GA) who also receive CalFresh benefits.

Cal Fresh Employment and Training activities using 3<sup>rd</sup> party partners include:

- Work Experience/Work-Based Learning (paid and unpaid), e.g. internships, on-the-job training, pre-apprenticeship programs
- Job Retention
- Case management and supportive services for participants who obtain employment up to 90 days
- Self-Employment Training
- Supports participants to develop and launch their own businesses

Third Party partners are approved by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to work with multiple counties across the state and invoice the state directly for reimbursement for multiple counties, instead of billing individual counties for their services.

Between FFY 2022 and FFY 2023, Chabot College expanded its participation in CalFresh E&T from approximately five (5) participants each month to approximately 191 participants each month.

#### **Purpose:**

- Report progress  
 Advocacy or Education  
 Request Social Services Committee Recommendation or Position  
 Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

**II. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title I Program Update**  
[Attachment](#)

Rhonda Boykin, Director, Workforce Development Board and Latoya Reed-Adjei, Interim Assistant Director, Workforce Development Board presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title I Program.

Updates on workforce development include:

*Alameda County Layoffs:* Data on layoffs and unemployment rates, highlighting sectors like healthcare and manufacturing experiencing declines.

*Workforce Development Programs:* Enrollment numbers, credential attainment rates, and job placement statistics for participants in adult, dislocated worker, and youth programs.

*Special Projects:* Workforce Development provides initiatives like entrepreneurship training, early childhood education support, vocational English programs, and community navigation services in specific areas.

*Dislocated Worker Outreach Campaign:* WDB entered into a partnership with Uptown Studios to increase digital presence and enrollment in career services for dislocated workers.

*Employee Ownership Promotion:* WDB introduced a campaign to promote employee ownership as an alternative for retiring business owners, aiming to support workers and sustain local businesses.

*Marine Trades Training Partnership:* WDB offers developed a project to train individuals for careers in marine trades, targeting underserved communities and offering supportive services and apprenticeship opportunities.

*Metrics Online Learning Platform:* WDB highlighted the expansion of an online learning platform to help businesses upskill their workforce in various areas.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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