

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, February 22, 2021

12:30 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair
Supervisor Richard Valle

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

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Food Recovery Program and SB 1383 and Emergency Food Distribution

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Hilary Bass, Crime Prevention Senior Program Specialist, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Andrea Ford, Assistant Agency Director, Workforce and Benefits Administration, Social Services Agency, Alisa Loveman, Supervising Program Specialist, WBA, Social Services Agency and Tamara Dehnert, Management Analyst, WBA, Social Services Agency presented PowerPoint presentations on the Food Recovery Program and SB 1383 and Emergency Food Distribution.

Due to the growing food needs associated with COVID-19, ACSSA partnered with organizations to expand emergency food distribution and meal delivery services. Target populations include individuals and families facing food insecurity, home-bound seniors, youth, medically vulnerable individuals and immigrant populations.

The Social Services Agency has contracted with twenty-two (22) community partners to provide nutritious food and meal delivery services to vulnerable Alameda County residents. Delivery of food includes: no contact grocery delivery, prepared meals to homes and homeless encampments, prepared/grab- and-go/brown bag meals for pick up. There are also mobile and pop-up food distribution sites across the county.

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. General Assistance and SSI Advocacy Update

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Andrea Ford, Assistant Agency Director, Workforce and Benefits Administration, Social Services Agency, Juan Ventanilla, Associate Program Specialist, WBA, Social Services Agency and John Engstrom, Senior Management Analyst, Behavioral Health Care Services, Health Care Services Agency presented a PowerPoint presentation on General Assistance and SSI Advocacy Update.

The presentation included data on General Assistance enrollment, remote services for enrollment due to the pandemic.

The SSI Advocacy Project has served over 8,000 clients since 2012, with over 5,000 clients approved for SSI and another 1800 pending cases. Over \$16 million in General Fund money has been recovered as a result of the project.

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III. CalWORKs Internship Program

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Andrea Ford, Assistant Agency Director, Workforce and Benefits Administration, Social Services Agency
Teri Donnelly, Division Director, WBA, Social Services Agency and Aishah Bashir, Program Coordinator,
WBA, Social Services Agency presented a PowerPoint presentation on the CalWORKs Internship Program.

The CALWORKs Public Service Trainee Program (CPSTP_ is a highly competitive one-year job program, which uses both classroom skill building and on-the-job training to prepare CalWORKs participants for careers in the public and private sectors. Selected participants earn \$22 an hour as temporary Alameda County Social Services Agency employees.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Currently receiving CalWORKs cash aid in Alameda County
- If the parent/caretaker is no longer receiving cash aid, 1 or more of the children must still be receiving cash aid
- No current or open sanctions by the selection period
- Must possess, at a minimum, a high school diploma or GED

Placements within multiple Alameda County departments and agencies builds confidence, access to amazing supervisors & mentors, and opportunities to develop new skills. Supervisors receive short stigma/stereotype orientation before participation.

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None.

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