

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, May 24, 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

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## Summary/Action Minutes

### I. Workforce Development Board Update

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Anissa B.-Villarreal, Assistant Agency Director, Government & Community Relations, Rhonda Boykin, Interim Workforce Development Director and Latoya Reed, Management Analyst, Workforce Development Board, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Workforce Development Board Update.

Highlights of the presentation included:

Starting July 1, 2021, the Alameda County Workforce Development Board will make the following changes to better adapt to the needs of job seekers, workers, youth and young adults, and businesses:

Staff are exploring trainings to offer service providers in line with the State's vision in the following areas:

- 1) Digital Fluency - surveying service providers to learn what they already know and then filling in the training gap.
- 2) Trauma Informed Care and Cultural Humility - scanning County agencies and departments to learn about their resources and offerings related to trauma-informed care and cultural humility.
- 3) Access & Equity - Engaged the Oakland Workforce Development Board to explore equity indicators.

Adult and Dislocated Workers – to establish a new model that will position community colleges and community-based organizations to gear services toward job seekers with barriers to employment, including COVID19-impacted workers.

In School/Out-of-school youth - focus more intentionally on 21st century skills and competencies, work-based learning, and employer partnerships.

Businesses - Continue to provide services through ACWDB's Business Engagement Model, increase communication with employers, and COVID-19 related projects (i.e. no-cost Human Resource hotline).

#### **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. Annual Commissions Update

[Commission on the Status of Women](#)  
[Human Relations Commission](#) -  
[Advisory Commission on Aging](#) -  
[Veterans Commission](#) -

María Domínguez, Chair, Commission on the Status of Women, presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on the Commission's activities.

### *2020/2021 Initiatives*

- January 2020 Women's March - Oakland
- Virtual Women's Hall of Fame
- #DonatePeriod
- COVID-19 Pandemic Impact on Women, Girls, and Non-Binary Persons

The Commission on the Status of Women meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, via zoom. Currently there are vacancies in District 3 and District 4.

RocQuel Johnson, Chair, Human Relations Commission, presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on the Commission's activities.

### *Policy Priorities*

- Engage in listening sessions with each member of the Board of Supervisors to understand and incorporate their policy platforms into commission initiatives, when possible.  
Engage in legislative and policy discussions within the County.
- Serve as an advocate on social justice and human rights issues.

### *2021 Accomplishments*

- Planned and prioritized goals for coming year in two-day virtual retreat in April 2021.
- Met with Board President, Keith Carson during retreat to identify opportunities for the HRC to contribute to the County's Vision 2026 process.
- Sponsored virtual Tri-Cities Interfaith 'Day of Harmony' Event (February 6, 2021).
- Collaborated with Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless to provide COVID-19 vaccines and other services at a Walk-up Community Care Site at Raimondi Park, Oakland (May 17, 2021).  
Presented first virtual Excellence in Human Relations Award (March 18, 2021).

Howard Kirsch, Chair, Advisory Commission on Aging, presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on the Commission's activities.

### *2020 Key Accomplishments*

- Coordinated and distributed holiday food basket to vulnerable seniors.
- Disseminated COVID-19 Resources.
- Assisted with implementation of ADRC.
- Tripled the number of respondents for CWAP Survey compared to the previous Plan.
- Helped finalized the 2020-2024 Area Plan for Older Adults.
- Successfully moved to a virtual meeting format in response to the pandemic.
- Creation of the ADRC Advisory Council, created Ad hoc committee
- Reinvigorated committees with new chairs and created Recruitment Committee.

Dianne Williamson, Vice Chair, Veteran’s Commission, presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on the Commission’s activities.

For 2021 the Veteran’s Commission has identified 3 priority areas affecting veterans and their dependents in Alameda County, housing, mental health services and outreach.

Additionally, the Commission will continue to focus its efforts on observance and participation in events for veterans across the county in 2021.

*HUD VASH Housing Voucher*

- The Livermore Housing Authority has issued 5 vouchers totaling \$72,368.00.
- The Alameda County Housing Authority was issued 70 vouchers totaling \$1,124,768.00
- The City of Oakland Housing Authority was issued 130 vouchers totaling \$2,006,768.00

There are currently 10 open seats on the Veteran’s Commission from the following organizations or offices:

District 5

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

At Large (2)

Widows and Dependents

District 1

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)

American Legion (AL)

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

The commissioners and staff will be utilizing a robust awareness campaign to recruit additional volunteers with the expectation to fill all remaining seats by years end 2021.

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**III. California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS) Overview**

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Anissa B.-Villarreal, Assistant Agency Director, Government & Community Relations, Glenn Wallace, Division Director, Program Integrity Division/Information Systems and Jerome Graham, Senior Program Systems Coordinator, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the California Statewide Automate Welfare System (CalSAWS).

CalSAWS is the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) project is the automation of county welfare business processes in California. The approach currently includes three county-level consortia welfare systems and a state-level database to track Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)/California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) time on aid. SAWS supports six core programs: CalWORKs, SNAP (known as CalFresh in California), Medi-Cal, Foster Care, Refugee Assistance, and County Medical Services.

It encompasses the following functions: eligibility determination, benefit computation, benefit delivery, case management and information management. Based on individual consortium business requirements, other programs or functions may be included in a consortium system.

The conversion will be a phased in approach with Alameda County going live in December of 2022.

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None.

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