

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL MEETING
JOINT SOCIAL SERVICES & HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING**

**Monday, January 12, 2026
2:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Lena Tam , Chair, Social Services Committee	Location: Susan S. Muranishi County Administration Building
Supervisor Nate Miley , Chair Health Committee	Board Chambers
Supervisor Nikki Fortunato Bas , member Social Services Committee	1221 Oak Street, 5th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

The Special Joint Social Services & Health Committee convened at 2:08 p.m. with Supervisor Tam presiding as Chair.

Supervisors Fortunato Bas, Miley and Tam were present.

Supervisor Fortunato Bas was noted excused at 4:00 p.m.

I. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Alameda County Safety Net Planning Backbone Agencies Update
[Attachment](#)

Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health, and Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency, presented an update on the Alameda County Backbone Agencies Safety Net Planning.

County staff reported that the purpose of the presentation is to understand and prepare for the impacts of H.R. 1 and the Governor's January Budget on Alameda County's health, social services, Medi-Cal, CalFresh, and safety net systems, particularly for non-citizen and immigrant populations. There are significant Medicaid (Medi-Cal) policy changes under H.R. 1 with anticipated coverage losses, increased administrative burden, and revenue shortfalls.

The Social Services Agency and Alameda County Health Agency are designated as backbone agencies to coordinate countywide responses to H.R. 1. The agencies regularly coordinate with Alameda Alliance for Health, Alameda Health System (AHS), Community Health Center Network/ Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the Community Provider Advisory Group (CPAG) for Medi-Cal outreach, enrollment retention, and shared messaging with the use of Measure W funds.

The agencies have developed the HealthyAC.org website as a centralized information hub with extensive multilingual outreach.

Speakers

One (1) speaker spoke on this item.

Action

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Governor’s January State Budget Proposal, Health & Social Services Preliminary Update

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Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency, Hanna Hamilton, Polic Director, Social Services Agency, Jessica Blakemore, Policy Director, Alameda County Health and Amy Costa, Full Moon Strategies provided a preliminary update on the Governor’s January State Budget Proposal.

State Budget Information

The total proposed State budget is \$348.9 billion dollars, with a structural operating deficit projected in future years. The budget relies on volatile tech-sector revenues, with no new revenue proposals from the Governor. The budget assumes continued Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax.

Program impacts to Medi-Cal, CalFresh, In-Home Support Services, CalWORKs/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Behavioral Health (Prop 1) and Homelessness programs.

Speakers

Three (3) speakers spoke on this item.

Action

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Federal and State Policy Changes Affecting Medi-Cal for Non-Citizens

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Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency, Juan Ventanilla, Program Specialist, Workforce and Benefits Administration, Social Services Agency and Dr. Kathleen Clanon, Medical Director, Alameda County Health presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Federal and State Policy Changes Affecting Medi-Cal for Non-Citizens.

Major policy changes that will affect Medi-Cal for non-citizens include:

January 2026 – An enrollment freeze went into effect for adults 19 years and older with an unsatisfactory immigration status (UIS)

July 2026 - elimination of routine dental benefits for many UIS enrollees

October 2026 – redefined “Qualified Non-Citizen” excludes refugees, asylees, TPS holders

July 2027 - \$30 per month premiums for some UIS adults ages 19 to 59

The estimated impacts in Alameda County include between 50,000 and 74,000 immigrants will lose benefits.

Indigent Care & HealthPAC - Provider of Last Resort

The County of Alameda is obligated under the Welfare & Institutions Code §17000 to provide care for medically indigent residents. HealthPAC currently covers more than 2,600 people. If Medi-Cal coverage declines significantly HealthPAC cannot sustain Medi-Cal–level care and policy and operational changes may be required.

Action

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

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Supervisor's Remarks

Supervisor Fortunato-Bas thanked staff for their proactive planning and asked about planning for work requirements for CalFresh & Medi-Cal, impacts on indigent care and CalAIM Outreach to Asian and API communities.

Supervisor Miley asked for metrics, evaluations, and worst-case scenarios regarding impacts. The Supervisor relayed to staff to focus on effectiveness of unsatisfactory immigration status (UIS) enrollment outreach. Supervisor Miley stated that there would be County exposure if the state passes costs to counties. The Supervisor asked about potential incentives/disincentives between Medi-Cal vs. HealthPAC and expressed concerns about migration between counties and unintended consequences.

Supervisor Tam, Chair, expressed the need for coordination without meeting overload and alignment with Measure W funds to fill anticipated gaps. The Supervisor asked about backbone structure, frequency of meetings, and outreach strategies and expressed concerns about worst-case scenarios and planning gaps, Requested clarity on impacts to dental services, clinics, and Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax.

PUBLIC COMMENT

One (1) speaker spoke on this item.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.