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Senate Select Committee on the Social Determinants of Health –
Informational Hearing: How Social Determinants of Health
Shape Children’s Health, Wellbeing, and Education
SDSU Alumni Center
Wednesday, October 1st, 2025,
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. **9:00 AM: Welcome** Senator Dr. Akilah Weber Pierson, Chair
- II. **9:05 AM: What Are the Social Determinants of Health?**
Dr. Rodney Hood, Past President of the National Medical Association and President & Chair of the Multicultural Health Foundation
- III. **9:25 AM: Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Their Effects on Health and Behavior**
Dr. Nadine Burke Harris, Former Surgeon General of California
- Questions from Committee Members
- IV. **10:00 AM: Panel — How Social Determinants Affect Children’s Mental and Overall Health**
 - A. Dr. Vickie Mays, Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Health Policy & Management, UC Presidential Chair in Health Equity and Mental Health Director of UCLA BRITE Center for Science, Research & Policy
 - B. Dr. Sohil Sud, Director of The Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative
Katie Kersnick, Soluna Young Adult Ambassador and SDSU Senior
 - C. Maritza Garcia, Program Manager for Environmental Health Coalition (EHC)
 - D. Dominique Donnette, Director of Government Affairs for EdVoice
 - Questions from Committee Members
- V. **11:15 AM: Public Comment**
- VI. **11:30 PM: Closing Comments/Hearing Adjourned**