

**MINUTES**  
**CMSP GOVERNING BOARD**  
Thursday, December 19, 2019

Governing Board Conference Room  
1545 River Park Drive, Suite 435-A  
Sacramento, CA 95815

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Patrick Blacklock, County Administrator, Yolo County  
Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator, Solano County  
Richard Egan, County Administrator, Lassen County  
Elizabeth Kelly, Director, Colusa County Human Services  
Brendan McCarthy, Assistant Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency  
Tammy Moss-Chandler, Health and Human Services Director, Mendocino County  
Leonard Moty, County Supervisor, Shasta County  
Brad Wagenknecht, County Supervisor, Napa County

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Sanja Bugay, Health and Human Services Director, Kings County  
Richard Forster, County Supervisor, Amador County  
Christine Zoppi, Health Director, Glenn County

**Opening of Meetings**

**Request for Public Comments**

There were no public comments and the Board convened in Closed Session.

**Welcoming Remarks**

Brad Wagenknecht, Board Chair, opened the Open Session meeting and invited Board members and members of the public to introduce themselves. Mr. Wagenknecht invited public comment and there was no public comment.

Mr. Wagenknecht presented a plaque of appreciation to Tammy Moss-Chandler for her service to the Governing Board from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. Ms. Moss-Chandler expressed her appreciation to the Board for the Board's work on behalf of CMSP counties and the progress being made at CMSP.

**Correspondence and Consent Calendar**

Mr. Wagenknecht requested a motion on the Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

ACTION MSC: Approve the Correspondence and Consent Calendar for December 19, 2019.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye	7
		Nay	0

### **Report on Closed Session**

Cathy Salenko, CMSP General Counsel, reported that the Governing Board met in Closed Session and provided direction to the Administrative Officer concerning contract terms pertaining to negotiations with specified health care providers, and gave direction to the Administrative Officer. The Board also discussed one potential Governing Board litigation matter and provided direction to the Administrative Officer. Finally, the Board discussed the Administrative Officer's performance evaluation, but took no action. A decision was made to continue Closed Session to the end of the day's meeting.

### **Report from Legislative Representative**

Karen Lange of Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange (SYASL) greeted the Governing Board. Ms. Lange reported that the Legislature comes back the first full week of January and will work on the two-year bills, which must move or die by January 31, 2020. A couple of big measures to watch included SB 50 (Weiner) regarding local land use controls, which will be taken up in the new session. There will likely be legislation concerning losses due to PG&E power shut-offs and legislation to make various changes to PG&E, ranging from selling off parts of the company to elimination of the company.

Assembly member Chad Mayes, a former Assembly Republican Leader, announced that he has left the Republican Party and re-registered as No Party Preference. How this will affect dynamics in the Legislature is unknown.

Paul Yoder reported that the FY 2020-21 State Budget will be released January 10, 2020 and SYASL representatives will be prepared to give a full report on the Budget at the Board's January meeting. Presently, there is a projected \$7 billion surplus, but the Legislative Analyst suggests that only \$1 billion should be dedicated to ongoing expenditures. There is a lot of conjecture about whether the Governor will propose more funding for homeless services. Potentially, he could choose to provide a third tranche of funding as one-time funding, or alternatively, as an ongoing annual funding source. SYASL representatives don't anticipate any proposed program realignments or similar proposals in the upcoming Budget.

Ms. Lange reported that conversations around Proposition 63 are heating up, with a focus on who is being served, how the money is being used, and how the homeless are served with the resources. Reportedly, former Senator, now Sacramento Mayor Darrell

Steinberg will be proposing changes to Proposition 63. CSAC is engaged in the discussion but counties need to be closely monitoring the dynamics and work to develop a unified county position on this matter.

### **Affordable Care Act (ACA)**

Kari Brownstein, Administrative Officer, reported that US Court of Appeals for 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit found that the ACA's individual mandate requirement is not constitutional and sent the case back to the state court with a direction to make a determination of what other aspects of the ACA are unconstitutional.

### **Board Member Terms and Elections**

Ms. Brownstein reported that the terms of three Governing Board members end December 31, 2019 and elections were held for the open positions. The Board members with terms ending are:

- Leonard Moty, Supervisor, Shasta County
- Birgitta Corsello, Administrative Officer, Solano County
- Tammy Moss Chandler, Health & Human Services Director, Mendocino County

Following the elections conducted by SYASL, Supervisor Leonard Moty and County Administrator Birgitta Corsello were both reelected. Separately, Ms. Brownstein reported that Jennifer Vasquez, Yuba County, was elected to serve as a County Health Official.

### **Report on CMSP Regional Administration of Medi-Cal Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services**

Lee Kemper, Policy and Planning Consultant, reported that several requests had been made by CMSP representatives to set a meeting with DHCS representatives to define the key contractual requirements contained in the State's contract for the Standard SUD Benefit program; define the financing structure, including the use of federal block grant and Medicaid matching funds, and all non-federal funds; define how costs will be allocated to participating counties; and define the claiming structure for receipt of federal and non-federal funds. Mr. Kemper stated that no responses were given to these requests, due likely to a variety of changes underway at DHCS, including the recent departure of the Department's Director and the announced departure of the Medi-Cal Deputy. Mr. Kemper suggested that it may be appropriate for the Governing Board to await the appointment of a new Director and follow up on the matter at that time.

Board Member Brendan McCarthy, Assistant Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency, offered to work with the DCHS representatives to help get this meeting scheduled.

## **Proposed Office Lease Expansion Amendment**

Ms. Brownstein reported that the Governing Board approved a revised CMSP organization chart with five (5) new staff positions and a potential for three (3) additional positions, along with a plan for expanding the current CMSP office space from 2,546 square feet to over 4,700 square feet. Ms. Brownstein stated that following discussions with building management and determining the additional three positions would not be required in the near term, an alternative plan was developed. This plan calls for an increase to 3,785 square feet to provide space for the additional five staff persons. Discussion among Board Members ensued.

**ACTION MSC:** Governing Board approve the proposed office lease expansion and authorize the Administrative Officer to execute the proposed office lease contract.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye	7
		Nay	0

## **Wellness and Prevention Grants**

### New Grants Manager

Anna Allard, Grant Manager, introduced herself to the Board. Ms. Allard has spent the last several years working as a grant writer and program manager for multiple nonprofits in Northern California. She has assumed responsibility for overseeing the Board's grant making programs, including Wellness and Prevention, Health Systems Development Grants, the CMSP/OSHPD Health Professional Loan Repayment program, and the Local Indigent Care Needs Pilot Project.

### Grant Agreement Extensions

Laura Moyer, Program Analyst, reported on the 31 active Wellness and Prevention Pilot Projects. Fourteen projects previously notified the Board that they would conclude their activities by December 31, 2019 and provide final grant reports by March 31, 2020 (as required in contract). Recently, a 15<sup>th</sup> county, Mariposa County, notified the Board that their project would also conclude December 31, 2019. Additionally, the Governing Board approved early termination for 2 Pilot Projects.

Previously, the Governing Board approved a one-year no-cost extension for 14 Pilot Projects and deferred taking action on the same request for El Dorado County, pending follow up by the County. Ms. Moyer reported that the necessary follow up has been completed and requested Board approval for a one-year no-cost extension for El Dorado County. Discussion among Board members ensued.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the one-year extension request for El Dorado County.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye	7
		Nay	0

#### Wellness and Prevention Grant Survey

Ms. Moyer reported that CMSP staff, in follow up to direction provided by the Governing Board at the October Board meeting, have created a draft survey to solicit feedback from Wellness and Prevention grantees regarding CMSP granting efforts. The draft survey was shared with the Board. Board Chair Wagenknecht suggested that the Administrative Officer form a workgroup to affirm the questions would be useful. Ms. Brownstein agreed to set up a workgroup to finalize the survey.

ACTION MSC: Board authorizes Administrative Officer to form a workgroup to review and refine a Wellness and Prevention Grant Survey.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye	7
		Nay	0

#### **Path to Health Pilot Project Update**

##### Path to Health Request for Applications

Alison Kellen, Program Manager, reported that El Dorado County Community Health Center resubmitted its Path to Health application with necessary corrections, which has resulted in five new sites were being added to participate in Path to Health. There are now 16 clinic systems operating in 15 CMSP counties serving Path to Health program grantees.

##### Path to Health Enrollment

Ms. Kellen stated that at the end of November the cumulative number of Path to Health members was 5,549 and presented a chart showing enrollment in the Pilot since it started. Ms. Kellen reported that UCLA, the Pilot Project evaluator, participated in the quarterly webinar for the clinic sites on November 21, 2019 and two high-performing clinics were highlighted. CMSP staff is reaching out to clinics with enrollments below their projections to provide support and best practices.

Ms. Brownstein reported on efforts to reach out to clinic providers in Kings County and Imperial County, where participation in Path to Health has not occurred. The Governing Board asked to provide a proposal on when the next Path to Health request for applications should take place

### Path to Health Evaluation

Ms. Brownstein reported on the UCLA Evaluation Team presentation at the quarterly Path to Health webinar. The team has met with eight (8) of the eleven (11) clinics, met with forty-five (45) clinic staff and collected information on awareness of Path to Health, patient characteristics, delays in care prior to Path to Health, and hospital and office visits in the past six months.

### Path to Health Marketing

Mr. Joshua Ders of JP Marketing addressed the Board and presented findings from the Phase 2 marketing campaign that kicked off July 1 and ended October 1. Mr. Ders reported various findings on website views, both the Spanish and English versions.

## **CMSP Program Expansions**

### Extended Primary Care Benefit

Ms. Brownstein stated development and analysis needed for creation of a new Primary Care Benefit Program for CMSP eligible persons continues. Based on the work to date, it has become clear that creation of the new benefit program will require creating a new enrollment system for CMSP eligible persons, in lieu of their seeking enrollment in CMSP through county welfare departments. In light of this, meetings have been initiated with Alluma, the Board's Path to Health enrollment system vendor, and these meetings have focused on eligibility requirements, income reporting and individual tax reporting.

Ms. Brownstein stated that the staff's next efforts would focus on three counties (San Mateo, LA, and Alameda) to learn more about their program structures for eligibility under their county indigent health care programs.

## **Local Indigent Care Needs (LICN) Grant Program**

Ms. Kellen stated that the LICN grant program has two components: a LICN Technical Assistance program to support counties and non-profit organizations with development and implementation of their LICN programs and LICN program grants to fund planning and implementation efforts by counties and non-profit organizations.

### 1. Technical Assistance Vendor

Ms. Kellen stated that the Technical Assistance RFP for the Local Indigent Care Needs Program was released on October 15, 2019. TA services are to include the following: survey of LICN grantee TA needs; a Planning Toolkit; web-based training for all grantees; quarterly TA conference calls/webinars with grantees; Implementation Project

grantee conferences; site visits to all grantees; one-on-one communication with grantees; ad hoc TA support; and, periodic reporting to the Governing Board. Seven (7) proposals were received and the two highest scoring firms were selected for interviews: the Institute for High Quality Care (IHQC) and Pacific Health Consulting Group (PHCG). Following the interview process, the Institute for High Quality Care was selected as the preferred Vendor. Additionally a draft Services Agreement was presented. Discussion among Board members ensued.

**ACTION MSC:** Governing Board approve the Institute for High Quality Care to serve as the LICN Technical Assistance Vendor, the Administrative Officer and General Counsel to finalize terms of the Agreement with the Vendor and execute the Agreement, and modify the CMSP Budget for FY 2019-20 to reflect the costs of the Services Agreement.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye	7
		Nay	0

## 2. LICN Program Grant Scoring Criteria

Ms. Brownstein presented the LICN Program RFP and briefly described the grant program, which is designed to provide funding to CMSP counties and community based organizations in CMSP counties to address locally defined indigent care needs with approaches that supplement current state programs and address gaps in existing local service delivery systems. Ms. Brownstein stated that letters of intent to submit applications have been received from 20 organizations for Planning Grants and 20 additional organizations for Implementation Program Grants.

Ms. Brownstein outlined the proposed rubric for scoring the proposals and proposed minimum point count required for Planning Project proposals and Implementation Program proposals, which call for the following:

- *Planning Project* proposals that meet a score of 75 or higher shall be presented to the Board with a recommendation of funding consideration.
- *Implementation Program* proposals that meet a score of 75-84 shall be presented to the Board with a recommendation of either of the following: 1) project should be offered a Planning Project grant to address proposal's shortcomings; or, 2) project should be offered opportunity to resubmit the proposal in the next funding round after proposal shortcomings have been independently addressed by the project.
- *Implementation Program* proposals that meet a score of 85 or higher shall be presented to the Board with a recommendation of funding consideration.

**ACTION MSC:** Governing Board approve the proposed LICN Program Grant scoring criteria proposed by CMSP staff, with a modification that CMSP staff may also bring a recommendation for a Planning Grant for proposals scoring under 75.

<b>APPROVED</b>	<b>Votes:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>7</b>
		<b>Nay</b>	<b>0</b>

### **Specialty Care Access Pool**

Ms. Brownstein briefly outline the Board's prior discussion concerning development of a Specialty Care Access Pool to assist uninsured and underinsured CMSP county residents to access specialty care services. Ms. Brownstein stated that CMSP staff and consultants had worked with Operation Access, an existing grantee under the CMSP Health Systems Development Grant Program, on development of a proposal by Operation Access to expand access to specialty care services in CMSP counties beyond the eight (8) CMSP counties already being served. Ms. Brownstein introduced Jason Beers, Executive Director of Operation Access, who presented the organization's proposal.

**ACTION MSC:** Governing Board approve the proposed Operation Access proposal, the proposed Grant Agreement with Operation Access for \$5.7 million, and the proposed termination of the existing Operation Access Health Systems Development Grant Agreement.

<b>APPROVED</b>	<b>Votes:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>7</b>
		<b>Nay</b>	<b>0</b>

Lee Kemper, Policy and Planning Consultant, briefed the Board on efforts by Champions for Health, a project of the San Diego Medical Society, to research and assess opportunities for the organization to establish a specialty care access program in Imperial County. Mr. Kemper outlined a proposal from Champions for Health for funding in the amount of \$29,574.50 to undertake various planning, analysis and development efforts. Discussion among Board members ensued.

**ACTION MSC:** Governing Board approve the proposed Champions for Health proposal and proposed six-month Grant Agreement with Champions for Health for \$29,574.50 for planning, analysis and development.



## **Program Administration**

### County Medical Services Program

Ms. Kellen reported that the next round of the CMSP/OSHPD health care professional loan repayment program would begin January 2, 2020. Ms. Kellen also reported that Path to Health claims have grown exponentially over the past several months, and discussed a handout providing an update on CMSP Granting efforts.

### Advanced Medical Management (AMM)

Ms. Brownstein reported that staff continues to be departing at AMM, including the current Account Manager.

### MedImpact

Ms. Brownstein stated there is no new information to report on MedImpact.

## **Low Income Health Program (LIHP) Transition**

Ms. Brownstein reported that there continues to be a LIHP receivable of over \$3 million and reconciliation for that is expected to start sometime in early 2020.

## **Approval of 2020 Governing Board Meeting Dates**

Ms. Brownstein asked for approval of the proposed Governing Board meeting dates for 2020:

- January 30
- March 26
- May 28
- July 23
- September 24
- December 17

ACTION MSC:                      Governing Board approve the proposed 2020 meeting dates for the Governing Board.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye	7
		Nay	0

**Public Comments**

Mr. Wagenknecht asked for public comments and there were no public comments. The next Board meeting is January 30, 2020.