

**MINUTES**  
**CMSP GOVERNING BOARD**  
Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Via Zoom

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Patrick Blacklock, County Administrator, Yolo County  
Sanja Bugay, Health and Human Services Director, Kings County  
Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator, Solano County  
Richard Egan, County Administrator, Lassen County  
Richard Forster, County Supervisor, Amador County  
Brendan McCarthy, Assistant Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency  
Leonard Moty, County Supervisor, Shasta County  
Jennifer Vasquez, Human Services Director, Yuba County  
Christine Zoppi, Health Director, Glenn County

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Elizabeth Kelly, Director, Colusa County Human Services  
Brad Wagenknecht, County Supervisor, Napa County

**Welcoming Remarks and Request for Public Comments**

Birgitta Corsello, Vice Chair, opened the meeting and introduced herself. She asked Kari Brownstein, Administrative Officer, to conduct a roll call of Board members attending the meeting, which Ms. Brownstein conducted. The members listed above announced their participation at the meeting.

Ms. Corsello asked if the Board had received any public comments via email submissions. Meegan Forrest, Accounting Manager, reported on and read to the Governing Board a joint letter from Health Access California and the Western Center on Law and Poverty, titled Support To Expand Services to Respond to the COVID-19 Crisis, Including for the Remaining Uninsured and the Undocumented” (see attached).

**Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar**

ACTION MSC: Approve the May 27, 2020 Board Agenda and the Consent Calendar. Ms. Brownstein took a roll call of votes.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye	8
		Nay	0

**Report from Legislative Representative**

Paul Yoder and Karen Lange of Shaw Yoder Antwih Shmelzer & Lange, reported on the



CMSP counties have submitted CERG applications.

The time frame originally approved for submission of CERG grant applications by counties was April 10, 2020 through June 10, 2020. To provide counties with additional time to make determinations of need for CERG funding, it is proposed that the submission timeframe be extended to August 31, 2020.

**ACTION MSC:** Governing Board approve extension of the time frame to apply for a CERG grant to August 31, 2020.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye	8
		Nay	0

### COVID-19 Community Health Center Bridge Loans

Ms. Brownstein reported at its April 2, 2020 Governing Board meeting the Board also approved establishment of a short-term bridge loan program for contracting community health centers (FQHC, RHC and Tribal Health Providers) to assist in addressing cash flow dynamics associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Loan amounts may be between \$10,000 and \$300,000 and the term may not exceed 24 months. No interest is charged for the first 12 months.

The time frame originally approved for submission of loan applications by contracting health centers was April 20, 2020 through June 20, 2020. To give these providers more time to make determinations of their need for a Bridge Loan, it is proposed that the submission time frame for these loans be extended to August 31, 2020.

**ACTION MSC:** Governing Board approve extension of time frame to apply for the Bridge Loan program to August 31, 2020.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye	8
		Nay	0

### Telehealth Services and Billing Update

Alison Kellen, Program Manager, referred the Governing Board to the Path to Health provider bulletin entitled "Delivery and Billing of Path to Health Services" included in their meeting materials. During the COVID-19 State of Emergency in California, Path to Health covered services were expanded to include telehealth services. Similar to the Medi-Cal program, Path to Health adopted a broad definition of telehealth to include both two-way, real-time communication over the telephone and/or video and allow a Path to Health contracted clinic to be reimbursed based on clinic's contracted encounter rate.

While the Path to Health April 30, 2020 Provider Bulletin was included in the agenda materials, the Governing Board was asked to confirm approval of the following items for both the Path to Health and CMSP programs:

- Telehealth shall include both two-way, real-time communication over the telephone and/or video;
- Services via telehealth may be provided at a normal place of business (e.g. a contracted community health center) or from another location (e.g. provider's home) while also maintaining the Path to Health or CMSP member's privacy; and,
- Contracted providers shall be reimbursed at their contracted rate for covered services, whether a service is provided in-person, real-time over the telephone, or via real-time video, if the covered service is the same regardless of the modality of delivery, as determined by the provider's description of the service on the claim.

ACTION MSC:       Governing Board affirm and approve the telehealth policy implemented by staff, as outlined above.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye	8
		Nay	0

#### CMSP Eligibility Manual Update

Ms. Kellen reported that the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides various new unemployment benefits. Under direction of the Governing Board Chair, CMSP staff has taken steps to address how these new benefits will be treated for CMSP eligibility. The policy approach taken with respect to these new Federal unemployment benefits for CMSP eligibility was to align CMSP requirements with Medi-Cal's requirements for MAGI and non-MAGI Medi-Cal eligibility. Toward that end, changes to the CMSP Eligibility Manual reflect treatment of the following new benefits:

- **Section 2102 – Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA).** For CMSP eligibility, the regular portion (taxable portion) of unemployment benefits received under Pandemic Unemployment Assistance will be counted as income in the eligibility determination.
- **Section 2107 – Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation.** For CMSP eligibility, the regular portion (taxable portion) of unemployment benefits received under Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation will be counted as income in the eligibility determination.
- **Section 2104 – Emergency Increase in Unemployment Assistance.** For CMSP eligibility, this \$600 weekly payment is disregarded and will not be counted in the eligibility determination.



## **Proposed Services Agreements**

### Advanced Medical Management, Inc.

Ms. Brownstein reported that the Services Agreement between AMM and the Governing Board ended March 31, 2020 and was extended for a three (3) month term from April 1 through June 30, 2020. Under the terms of the Agreement, the Board may renew the Agreement for three (3) additional terms of three (3) months each. In light of the uncertainties surrounding COVID-19 and the needs of the Governing Board for flexibility to ensure health care services are available to its beneficiaries, the Governing Board was asked to approve a second additional term of three months commencing July 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2020. Discussion among Board members ensued.

ACTION MSC:           Governing Board approve extension of the Services Agreement with AMM for three months to September 30, 2020.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye	8
		Nay	0

### Healthcare Analytical Solutions, Inc.

Ms. Brownstein reported that the Governing Board utilizes Healthcare Analytical Solutions, Inc. (HCAS) to carry out a wide range of data collection, analysis and reporting activities on behalf of the Board, including projections of Incurred But Not Paid (IBNP) claims, certified public expenditures, and other data matters. Ms. Brownstein asked the Board to consider a proposed Amendment to the Services Agreement with HCAS to extend the term to June 30, 2022 and to update the Compensation for Services (Exhibit B).

ACTION MSC:           Governing Board approve the proposed amendment to extend the Services Agreement with Healthcare Analytical Solutions, Inc. for two years to June 30, 2022, with an increase in certain rates in the second year.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye	8
		Nay	0

Board Member Richard Egan left the meeting.

### Sonoma County Treasurer / Tax Collector

Ms. Brownstein reported that the Governing Board needs to extend two current Services Agreements with the Sonoma County Treasurer for fiscal intermediary services, which include, but are not limited to, making payments to the Governing Board's contracted

service providers, AMM and MedImpact Health Systems, Inc. (MedImpact), for payment of medical benefit claims, pharmacy claims and associated administrative services.

Ms. Brownstein stated that the Sonoma County Treasurer maintains CMSP funds within the County's pooled investment fund, and all interest earned on the CMSP funds in the pooled investment fund are retained by CMSP, less the apportioned costs of fund administration by the Treasurer.

Ms. Brownstein asked the Governing Board to consider Amendments to extend the two Services Agreements with the Sonoma County Treasurer for five (5) years to June 30, 2025.

ACTION MSC:           Governing Board approve the proposed amendments to extend the two Services Agreements with the Sonoma County Treasurer/Tax Collector for five years to June 30, 2025.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye	7
		Nay	0

## **New Extended Primary Care Benefit**

### Alluma Proposal

Ms. Brownstein stated that the Governing Board, in April 2019, approved development and implementation of a new extended primary care benefit for eligible resident adults with incomes over 138% of FPL and up to 300% FPL that are not otherwise enrolled in CMSP. The new program is intended to extend primary care services to residents of CMSP counties who are uninsured and otherwise eligible for CMSP but have not applied for CMSP. The scope of benefit coverage and terms of enrollment are the same as for the Path to Health primary care benefit program. An important component of the new benefit program is that eligibility for the program would be conducted through a new, on-line eligibility/enrollment system at contracted community health clinics.

Ms. Brownstein reported that Alluma, the Board's Path to Health enrollment system vendor, has prepared a systems design and development proposal for the on-line eligibility/enrollment system for the new primary care benefit. The proposal calls for a 29-week development process that culminates creation of an on-line eligibility/enrollment system, through which applicants would be guided on-line and/or with the assistance of an application assister, to complete the primary care benefit application.

Ms. Brownstein stated the projected completion date is December 2020 and the project development cost is \$379,491 with an annual maintenance fee starting at \$85,000 for the first year. Ms. Brownstein asked for the Governing Board's consideration and approval of the Alluma proposal.





FY 2019-20 Program Budget Expenditures Year-to-Date

Ms. Brownstein presented a report on year-to-date actual versus budgeted Program expenditures. As of January 31, 2020 there were expenditures of \$8,964,258 (accrual basis). As of April 30, 2020 there were expenditures of \$12,929,602 (accrual basis). The approved Program Budget for FY 2019-20 is \$34,323,000.

FY 2019-20 Administrative Office Budget Expenditures Year-to-Date

Ms. Brownstein presented a report on year-to-date actual versus budgeted Administrative Office expenditures. As of January 31, 2020 there were expenditures of \$1,367,384 (accrual basis). As of April 30, 2020 there were expenditures of \$2,239,065 (accrual basis). The approved Administrative Office Budget for FY 2019-20 is \$3,844,559.

Report on Incurred But Not Paid Claims

Ms. Brownstein presented the Healthcare Analytical Solutions report of Incurred But Not Paid (IBNP) Claims as of June 30, 2019.

ACTION MSC:       Governing Board approve the IBNP Claims report from Healthcare Analytical Solutions.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye	7
		Nay	0

Proposed FY 2020-21 CMSP Budget

Ms. Brownstein cautioned that the Governor's May Revision of the FY 2020-21 Budget proposes to shift \$50 million of CMSP reserves in each of the next four (4) fiscal years and a restore the Board's annual realignment allocation beginning in 2021-22. If this is fund shift or a comparable alternative is passed that changes the proposed CMSP FY 2020-21 Program Budget, the Budget will be brought back to the July 2020 Board meeting for consideration.

Administrative Office Budget

Major changes from the FY 2019-20 Administrative Office Budget include the following:

- Budget proposes an increase to various IT line items for the implementation of the new Extended Primary Care Benefit
- Budget proposes an increase to Marketing to continue Path to Health marketing and implement CMSP and new Extended Primary Care Benefit marketing campaigns
- Budget proposes decrease to Path to Health Evaluation
- Budget proposes \$1,200,000 for the LICN Technical Assistance Vendor

Program Budget

Major issues for Governing Board consideration in the Program Budget include:

- Budget projects a Beginning Fund Balance of \$390,000,000
- Budget assumes \$0 realignment revenue in FY 2020-21
- Budget assumes \$0 sales tax or VLF growth in FY 2020-21
- Budget proposes to waive the county participation fees of \$5,991,905
- AMM and Pharmacy line items are calculated using projected enrollment and cost trend growth
- Path to Health Provider and Pharmacy payments are budgeted at \$6,000,000
- The new Extended Primary Care Benefit is budgeted at \$2,000,000
- The Local Indigent Care Needs (LICN) Grants are budgeted at \$12,000,000
- The COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant is budgeted at \$7,000,000
- Budget proposes an ending Fund Balance of \$348,303,000 as of June 30, 2021.

Discussion among Board members ensued.

ACTION MSC:       Governing Board approve the proposed FY 2020-21 CMSP Budget.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye	7
		Nay	0

**Public Comments**

Ms. Forrest reported that the Governing Board received correspondence from Community Clinic Consortium of Contra Costa and Solano Counties thanking the Governing Board for establishing the COVID-19 Clinic Bridge Loan Program and requesting that the Board consider providing clinics with loan forgiveness under the program.

Next meeting is July 23, 2020. Ms. Corsello asked for feedback from CMSP staff on the two letters at the July meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm.