

**CMSP PLANNING & BENEFITS COMMITTEE**  
**January 31, 2018**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amerjit Bhattal, Sutter County Health and Human Services  
Mimi Hall, Yolo County Health and Human Services  
Christine Zoppi, Glenn County Health and Human Services

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Darcie Antle, Ukiah Valley Rural Health Center  
Alison Clayton, Marin County Health and Human Services  
Jerry Huber, Solano County Health and Social Services Department  
Meaghan McCamman, California Primary Care Association

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Ms. Christine Zoppi called the meeting to order and the attendees introduced themselves.

**MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes from the January 26, 2017 meeting were tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.

**COMMITTEE ROSTER & NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

Ms. Alison Kellen, Program Manager, reported that the Committee needs a new chairperson as Ms. Van Do-Reynoso took a new position in a non-CMSP county. Ms. Zoppi is willing to serve as the Committee's chairperson. Ms. Zoppi's nomination will be brought to the Governing Board's next meeting for their consideration.

**AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA) AND OTHER FEDERAL UPDATES**

Ms. Kari Brownstein, CMSP Administrative Officer, provided an update on the status of the Affordable Care Act based on information provided by the California State Association of Counties' (CSAC) federal lobbyist. The tax bill eliminates the tax penalty beginning in 2019 for not having health insurance. The elimination of the tax penalty is likely to impact CMSP if individuals do not pursue private or subsidized health insurance. The temporary spending bill extended the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for six years. Additionally, an ACA "Repeal and Replace" bill is not likely this year.

**PILOT PROJECTS AND ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS**

Ms. Brownstein provided history on the Governing Board's 2015 Strategic Planning efforts. The Primary Care Benefit (PCB) was a concept vetted through the Planning & Benefits Committee and brought to the Governing Board. To date, the Primary Care Benefit has not

been utilized as much as anticipated. Ms. Brownstein reviewed data charts with the Committee that contained CMSP and PCB utilization as well as county-by-county unduplicated PCB members. Ms. Kellen noted that prescription services were the most utilized service under the PCB. Ms. Brownstein summarized the major hindrances to PCB utilization as 1) lack of awareness by member and provider, 2) separate PCB identification number and card, and 3) reservation system. Advance Medical Management (AMM), CMSP Third Party Administrator, calls each PCB member as well as mails them information about the benefit. Additionally, AMM has conducted provider training. Ms. Brownstein outlined a series of options for the Committee to consider including A) terminate the pilot, B) expand outreach, C) streamline the reservation system, and/or D) incorporate the PCB under the standard CMSP benefit. Discussion ensued amongst the Committee members and meeting attendees about provider feedback, member engagement, and the duration of the benefit.

The Committee discussed eligibility processing by the counties. Ms. Brownstein advised that CMSP staff are bringing forward a concept from Napa County's Mini Grant to increase the CMSP knowledge base within counties and provide linkages to healthcare. Mr. Lee Kemper, Policy and Planning Consultant, educated the Committee that the current CMSP eligibility allocation is based on a comprehensive study of the time required to process CSMP applications and reapplications; the number of CMSP applications and reapplications received by each county; and, the cost a full-time equivalent eligibility worker in each CMSP county. Many counties have low CMSP caseloads and there has been a loss of local-level expertise with retirements and staff turnover. The Committee would like for CMSP staff to obtain feedback from counties about barriers on enrollment as well as best practices.

A general consensus was reached to cost-out option D and follow up with CMSP's vendors and bring the item back to the Committee, before bringing the item to the CMSP Governing Board for its review. With option D, Ms. Kellen noted that there would need to be Medi-Cal eligibility verification message changes as well as system changes at both AMM and MedImpact, CMSP's pharmacy benefit manager.

Ms. Kellen, provided an update on the Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment Program (AHLRP) and California State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP). Under the 2017 CMSP Loan Repayment Program (CMSP LRP), 27 applicants were awarded loan repayments. The next CMSP LRP funding cycle opened yesterday (January 30, 2018) and will close March 30, 2018. Dentists have been added to the list of eligible practitioners. Ms. Kellen advised that twenty applications were approved in the first cycle of the CMSP AHLRP. The Health Professions Education Foundation staff is currently working to finalize the funding recommendations for the second CMSP AHLRP cycle. Notifications of awards for the second CMSP AHLRP cycle are expected to go out mid-February 2018. Ms. Kellen will follow up on Mr. Donnell Ewart's request for a listing of provider locations receiving awards.

Ms. Kellen provided brief updates on the Health Systems Mini Grants and Wellness and Prevention Projects.

## **CMSP 2016 ELIGIBILITY CHANGES & ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

Ms. Browstein reviewed a chart outlining the eligibility changes effective May 2016. Additionally, she reviewed charts displaying the unduplicated enrollment by calendar year, month-to-month enrollment for January 2016 through September 2017 and county-level enrollment. Staff will follow up on the request to display the enrollment data by CMSP aid code. Staff will also working on post the CMSP data on CMSP's website within the next few months.

### **STAKEHOLDER CONCEPTS**

The Committee discussed letters received from Santa Rosa Community Health, Health Access California, and a co-authored letter from Community Clinic Consortium and Redwood Health Community Coalition. Mr. Alvaro Fuentes, Community Clinic Consortium, shared information about Contra Costa's program for primary care service for adults covered under emergency services only Medi-Cal. Ms. MJ Flores, Health Access California, advised that Medi-Cal was extended to provide comprehensive coverage to undocumented children up to age 21 years old. Ms. Mona Tawatao, Western Center on Law and Poverty, advised that she concurs with Health Access's letter and wants to move towards a state solution for coverage but it is likely a ways away. Ms. Cathy Frey, WellSpace Health in Amador County, voiced concerns over challenges implementing Contra Costa's capitated model in rural areas. Mr. Lee Kemper, CMSP consultant, advised that any type of eligibility change takes time and money. Mr. Vlad Perebikovskiy, CalWIN, advised the Committee that the State's three eligibility systems are merging into a single system. CMSP staff will follow up with Ms. Flores and Mr. Fuentes to obtain additional information about other county efforts to serve undocumented adults.

Ms. Melinda Rivera, Redwood Community Health Coalition (RCHC), advised that Santa Rosa Community Health Center's concept for clinic capital funding was derived before the fire impacted Sonoma County. RCHC's health centers in four counties are supportive of the proposal to request that CMSP launch a clinic capital funding project.

Mr. Ewart suggested that the Committee could brainstorm additional concepts. Ms. Amerjit Bhattal expressed interest in the Governing Board waiving the county participation fee for FY 2018-19.

### **ADVANCED MEDICAL MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Ms. Kellen supplied a brief report on AMM's current efforts.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Fuentes and Ms. Flores thanked the staff for listening to their concepts and for providing the updated enrollment data.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The CMSP Planning & Benefits Committee's next meeting will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 1:30 – 3:30 PM in Sacramento.