

**CMSP PLANNING & BENEFITS COMMITTEE**  
**March 8, 2018**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amerjit Bhattal, Sutter County Health and Human Services  
Jerry Huber, Solano County Health and Social Services Department  
Christine Zoppi, Glenn County Health and Human Services

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Darcie Antle, Ukiah Valley Rural Health Center  
Mimi Hall, Yolo County Health and Human Services

**INTRODUCTIONS**

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes from the January 26, 2017 and January 31, 2018 meetings were tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Ms. Alison Kellen, Program Manager, reported that staff sent out a solicitation for nominations for a Provider/Beneficiary Advocate Representative and a County Representative. Nominations were received for Sara Bosse, Madera County and Amber Kemp, California Hospital Association. Mary June Flores, Health Access California, advised that their organization would like to add a late nomination of Shirley Sanematsu, Western Center on Law & Poverty. Cathy Deubel Salenko, CMSP Legal Counsel, advised that staff will bring forward the nominations to the Governing Board.

**CURRENT PILOT PROJECTS AND ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS**

Kari Brownstein, CMSP Administrative Officer, advised that staff followed up on the request made at the last Committee meeting to provide the CMSP enrollment data broken up by CMSP aid code. Charts were distributed to the meeting participants.

Ms. Brownstein reported that staff completed additional analytical work on the fourth option of incorporating the Primary Care Benefit (PCB) into the standard CMSP benefit, following the direction of the Committee during the January meeting. There was a lack of quorum but a consensus of the members present to bring forward Option 4 to the CMSP Governing Board for their consideration.

Ms. Kellen reported that the Health Professions Education Foundation completed the second funding round of the CMSP AHLRP. Thirty applicants received loan repayment awards totaling \$364,233. A listing of awards was included in the Committee's meeting materials. Ms. Kellen reminded attendees that applications for the CMSP Loan Repayment Program are due on March 30, 2018.

### **STAKEHOLDER CONCEPTS**

Ms. Brownstein provided a report on the staff work to explore options regarding expanding access to CMSP's Primary Care Benefit for undocumented adults otherwise eligible for pregnancy and emergency only Medi-Cal. Ms. Kellen walked the Committee through Medi-Cal enrollment data and potential numbers of undocumented adults within the CMSP counties and how these figures were calculated.

Representatives from Health Access California disputed the estimated "Potential Medi-Cal Undocumented 19-64" counts that CMSP derived from the data posted by UC Berkeley Labor Center's Preliminary CalSIM v 2.0 Regional Remaining Uninsured Projections. CMSP staff had arrived at a figure of up to 196,000 undocumented adults that could qualify for Medi-Cal emergency services only. Health Access California will email CMSP staff information they received from UC Berkeley Labor Center which estimates the number closer to 83,000 individuals within the 35 CMSP counties.

Ms. Brownstein reviewed each of the three options identified:

OPTON 1: Establish a new CMSP eligibility category with a specified CMSP aid code and process eligibility through the established ISAWS (CalWIN and C-IV) systems.

OPTION 2: Establish a CMSP Pilot Project grant program for CMSP counties and community health care partners to expand access to PCB covered services to the designated population.

OPTION 3: Make no changes to CMSP and defer to the Medi-Cal program to expand the scope of health care benefits provided to the undocumented adult population currently eligible for pregnancy and emergency services under Medi-Cal.

Discussion ensued amongst Committee members and meeting attendees about the various options. Ms. Amerjit Bhattal expressed concerns about the implementation costs of Option 1 and potential uncertainty for Healthcare Reform over the next two years. She requested that if Option 2 is pursued, the grant application process be streamlined to reduce administrative burden to applicants. Mr. Jerry Huber suggested an "opt in" option based upon readiness standards. He also advocated for an evaluation metric and uniformity amongst any type of granting effort. He shared that Solano County had recently experienced a decrease in Medi-Cal re-enrollments for the undocumented population and the difficulties to engage this population due to fears about government services. Ms. Zoppi suggested that a grant program could be approached with planning and implementation phases. Mr. Lee Kemper, Policy Consultant, suggested that making the services available through known and trusted health care providers could help mitigate fears.

Mr. Anthony Wright, Health Access California, advocated for Option 1. Ms. Shirley Sanematsu, Western Center on Law and Poverty, encouraged the Committee to think about what CMSP can do for providing care for all of the uninsured. Ms. Melinda Rivera, Redwood Community Health Coalition, expressed her preference for Option 1 but, if Option 2 is selected, she requested to make the county funding match low or zero.

There was a lack of quorum but a consensus of the members present to look further at Option 2 with no county match. Staff will bring forward the concept to the Governing Board to see if it is a concept they would like to consider. Staff will then perform additional staff work on Option 2.

Ms. Kellen advised that twenty-two funding concepts were received following the request for concepts that was sent out to counties and stakeholders. Staff organized the materials based upon the Governing Board's funding priorities. A brief discussion occurred about the variety of concepts. Staff will analyze the concepts for further discussion at the next Committee meeting.

**ADVANCED MEDICAL MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Rivera thanked staff for the data provided.

**NEXT MEETING**

The CMSP Planning & Benefits Committee's next meeting will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 1:30 – 3:30 PM in Sacramento. Additionally, the Committee will hold May 10, 2018 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM if an additional meeting is needed.