

CMSP PLANNING & BENEFITS COMMITTEE
April 19, 2018
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amerjit Bhattal, Sutter County Health and Human Services
Jerry Huber, Solano County Health and Social Services Department
Amber Kemp, California Hospital Association
Shirley Sanematsu, Western Center on Law and Poverty
Christine Zoppi, Glenn County Health and Human Services

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sara Bosse, Madera County Public Health Department

INTRODUCTIONS

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

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the January 26, 2017, January 31, 2018, and March 8, 2018 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Ms. Alison Kellen, Program Manager, reported that the Board approved the nomination of Christine Zoppi as the Planning and Benefits Committee Chairperson. Additionally, the Board approved the nominations of Sara Bosse (Madera County), Amber Kemp (California Hospital Association) and Shirley Sanematsu (Western Center on Law and Poverty) to the Planning and Benefits Committee. Ms. Kellen reported that there is one current county representative vacancy on the Committee as Ms. Mimi Hall has accepted another position in a non-CMSP county. Additionally, Ms. Amerjit Bhattal announced that she will be retiring this summer, creating another county representative vacancy. Staff sent out a request for nominations and received four nominations. Mr. Homer Rice (Yuba County) was in attendance and provided the Committee with information on his background and interest in joining the Committee. Mr. Donnell Ewart (Shasta County) was also in attendance and shared his background and interest in participating on the Committee. Ms. Jill Blake (Nevada County) and Mr. Zach Revene (Plumas County) were not in attendance but were also interested in serving on the Committee. Ms. Kellen distributed voting ballots to the Committee members. At the conclusion of the meeting, Ms. Zoppi announced that Mr. Ewart and Mr. Rice received the most votes and their names will be brought forward to the Governing Board for consideration to serve on the Committee.

CURRENT PILOT PROJECTS AND ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS

Ms. Kari Brownstein, Administrative Officer, reported that the Governing Board approved the Committee's recommendation to incorporate the Primary Care Benefit into the Standard CMSP benefit. Staff have started work to make the administrative changes to effectuate this change. She is hopeful that the change will be implemented by fall 2018.

Ms. Kellen advised the Committee that the Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development (OSHPD) had a 38% increase in the number of applications for the CMSP Loan Repayment Program. CMSP anticipates receiving OSHPD's funding recommendations by early next week.

STAKEHOLDER CONCEPTS

Ms. Brownstein reviewed the Governing Board's action regarding the framework to implement the Path2Health Pilot Project. The intent of the pilot is to expand access to primary care benefit coverage for undocumented adults in CMSP counties with incomes of 0-138% FPL, who are otherwise eligible for pregnancy and emergency-only Medi-Cal. CMSP would repurpose the Path2Health name, which was originally used for the Low Income Health Program. Ms. Brownstein advised that the Governing Board is exploring alternate eligibility processing/recording systems for Path2Health besides CalWIN and C-IV. Ms. Brownstein added that scope of services would be limited to primary care benefits and pharmacy services.

Mr. Lee Kemper, Health & Policy Consultant, contextualized the Path2Health Pilot Project as its development is based on the following principals:

- Does not require expensive and time consuming changes to the ISAWS automated welfare eligibility systems (C-IV and CalWIN).
- Provides a streamlined application process for Pilot Project applicants
- Provides a structure for new CMSP member enrollment and data collection that is uniform across all Pilot Project grantees
- Provides a structure that builds upon the existing administrative structure and can be implemented with relative efficiency
- Provides uniform enrollment and claims data that is needed to conduct an effective Pilot Project evaluation
- Provides a structure that allows for program expansion at a future time

Mr. Kemper added that County Social Services Departments will serve a partnering role with the projects. Additionally, any cost savings/cost avoidance experienced by the partnering health centers will need to be reinvested in their system. Finally, Mr. Kemper expressed that evaluation of the Pilot Project will be critical.

Committee members and attendees discussed the framework and provided suggestions to staff regarding outreach by trusted organizations, partnerships with hospital emergency departments and in-reach by counties to individuals already enrolled in restricted scope Medi-Cal. The Committee took action to recommend approving Path2Health to the CMSP Governing Board.

Ms. Brownstein reported that CMSP staff performed additional work on the twenty-two concepts received by stakeholders. Staff grouped the concepts and provided a staff recommendation. The Committee walked through the “Stakeholder Pilot Project Concepts” document.

Mr. Donnell Ewart recommended that the Governing Board consider adding eye glasses back into the CMSP benefit package. Staff will do additional work on vision and dental coverage.

Discussion ensued about provider signing & retention bonuses, capital outlay projects, and equipment support projects. Mr. Ewart recommended that the CMSP Mini Grants be increased to \$3 million per year over 3 years, with individual awards up to \$75,000 per year instead of the proposed \$50,000. Ms. Bhattal felt that a higher annual dollar amount of \$100,000 per year would be more effective.

The Committee took action to recommend expanding the Mini Grants program to the CMSP Governing Board with grants up to \$100,000 per year, for up to 3 years, with a total allocation of \$9,000,000 with a local match.

The Committee agreed with the staff recommendation that the Healthcare Workforce Loan Repayment efforts be expanded with additional funding and extended through FY 2020-21.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING

The CMSP Planning & Benefits Committee’s next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2018 from 10 AM – 12 PM.