

CMSP PLANNING & BENEFITS COMMITTEE
May 9, 2019
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sara Bosse, Madera County Public Health Department
Donnell Ewert, Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency
Jerry Huber, Solano County Health and Social Services Department
Amber Kemp, California Hospital Association
Homer Rice, Yuba County Health and Social Services Department
Christine Zoppi, Glenn County Health and Human Services

MEMBERS ABSENT

Vacancy – Provider/ Beneficiary Representative

INTRODUCTIONS

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

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the April 19, 2018 meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Ms. Alison Kellen, Program Manager, reported that two nominations were received for the vacant Provider/ Beneficiary Representative on the Committee: Ms. Laura Sheckler, Community Affairs Manager, with the Community Clinic Consortium and Mr. Michael Helmick, Senior Policy Analyst, with the California Primary Care Association. The Committee members received voting ballots. Mr. Helmick received the most votes and his name will be forwarded to the Governing Board for their consideration.

CURRENT PILOT PROJECTS AND ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS

Ms. Kellen provided an update on the Path to Health Pilot Project. She advised that the Governing Board received a request from Madera Community Hospital to join the Pilot Project. Discussion ensued about the State's proposed plan to add full-scope benefits to undocumented adults 21-25. Ms. Kellen reported that, if approved, the impact would be negligible to the Path to Health enrollment as, to date, that age group only represents about 3% of enrollment.

Ms. Laura Moyer, Program Analyst, provided an update on the Health Systems Development Request for Proposal. A total of 33 applications were received and 32 applications moved to scoring. At the April Governing Board meeting, 18 applicants were approved, 7 applicants

were not selected, and 7 applicants were provided the opportunity to address deficiencies in their proposals with a final review at the May Governing Board meeting.

Additionally, Ms. Moyer provided updates on the Wellness & Prevention Grants as well as the Healthcare Workforce Development efforts. Committee members requested that a report be brought to the next Committee meeting which shows the loan repayment awards by type and county.

CMSP STATE BUDGET AD HOC COMMITTEE

Ms. Kari Brownstein, Administrative Officer, discussed the Governor's proposal to adjust Health Realignment Funding for the 60/40 counties to 75/25. The proposal included a clause that CMSP would have to exhaust its funding reserves to three-months of expenses before revenue would flow to CMSP. The CMSP Governing Board took the action to oppose unless amended. The May revise included language changes which treated Yolo County as a CMSP county and withheld realignment revenue unless the fund was depleted to a two-year revenue, then a 75/25 formula would apply. However, the formula would result in zero revenue to CMSP. Ms. Brownstein advised that the Ad Hoc Committee would be meeting again tomorrow and that the Department of Finance had requested information about the Board's reserve policy as well as expansion concepts. Discussion ensued about the relative value of discussing expansion concepts if there is no more potential revenue for CMSP. Ms. Brownstein advised that the final State budget won't be known until the end of June and the CMSP Governing Board is likely to approve its FY 19-20 budget at its July meeting.

Mr. Lee Kemper, Policy & Planning Consultant, reviewed the 10-Year CMSP projected expenditures from a handout provided to the Committee. Additionally, Mr. Kemper walked the Committee through the proposed concepts of expanding primary care to those otherwise eligible who don't apply through the traditional route via their social services department, expanding Path to Health to adults 65+, looking more expansively at local care needs for the homeless and behavioral health populations, and specialty care access. Ms. Zoppi expressed a desire for technical assistance to be provided to counties for grant writing. Mr. Donnell Ewert, Shasta County, shared concepts he could imagine bringing to his county under a local indigent care needs granting effort. Discussion ensued amongst the Committee and attendees. The Committee members shared their opinions about the relative value of each of the expansion concepts and their level of support for each proposed item. In general, there was strong support for the benefit and coverage expansion concepts. Additional thought and work needs to be done on the local indigent care needs concept.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING

The Committee decided to look for an early August meeting date following the Governing Board's July 25th meeting. The date will be announced in the future.