

**CMSP PLANNING & BENEFITS COMMITTEE**  
**July 31, 2019**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sara Bosse, Madera County Public Health Department  
Donnell Ewert, Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency  
Michael Helmick, California Primary Care Association  
Homer Rice, Yuba County Health and Social Services Department  
Christine Zoppi, Glenn County Health and Human Services

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jerry Huber, Solano County Health and Social Services Department  
Amber Kemp, California Hospital Association

**INTRODUCTIONS**

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes from the May 9, 2019 meeting were approved.

**CURRENT PILOT PROJECTS AND ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS**

Alison Kellen, Program Manager, provided an update on the Path to Health Pilot Project which is operational in 13 CMSP counties. As of July 13, 2019, the total enrollment in Path to Health was 2,599 members. The Governing Board executed an agreement at the end of May with the UCLA School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine, for Path to Health evaluation services. UCLA staff will be conducting site visits with participating clinics. Additionally, Ms. Kellen reported that the Board approved a second phase of the Path to Health media campaigns with a budget of \$230,150.

Laura Moyer, Program Analyst, provided an update on CMSP's health care workforce development efforts. Ms. Moyer reported that 72 awards totaling \$843,804 have been awarded through the Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment Program during the first three award cycles. Additionally, Ms. Moyer reported that 92 CMSP Loan Repayment Program (CMSP LRP) awards totaling \$3,238,000 were awarded through the first cycles. The Committee would appreciate hearing some success stories from the loan repayment efforts in the future. Additionally, the Committee wished to address behavioral health benefits at a future meeting.

Ms. Moyer also reported on the Health Systems Development Grants. The Governing Board has approved twenty-four projects totaling \$7,079,261. The projects will run from May/June 2019 through April 2022.

Finally, Ms. Moyer shared highlights from the CMSP Wellness and Prevention Program as well as two quotes from Yolo County's efforts.

**LOCAL INDIGENT CARE NEEDS (LICN) GRANT PROGRAM**

Ms. Kari Brownstein, Administrative Officer, advised that CMSP Governing Board approved a Grants Manager position to support the LICN efforts. The Committee reviewed the DRAFT request for proposal (RFP) for LICN planning and implementation grants as well as the DRAFT RFP for a technical assistance (TA) contractor. Mr. Lee Kemper, Policy & Planning Consultant, advised that staff used the framework of the Local Health Connections Pilot Project, evaluated by The Lewin Group, to develop the draft LICN RFP. Mr. Kemper advised that implementation projects would require at least one component such as local-level care management, disease management, continuity of care, and/or enabling services. Planning grants would allow for time to plan, collaborate, identify target populations, and develop a framework for an implementation grant application. The proposed funding levels for a planning grant is \$50,000 to \$75,000 for not more than 1 year. The proposed funding levels for an implementation grant is \$200,000 to \$300,000 per year for up to 3 years. Additionally, Mr. Kemper noted that the proposed technical assistance support for the LICN grants is intended to build capacity at counties and providers. Discussion ensued by the Committee and the members provided a variety of suggested edits to the draft LICN RFP and technical assistance RFP including:

- Add language that the Governing Board intends to invest in all CMSP counties
- Clarify that the planning grant is not a prerequisite for receiving an implementation grant
- Prioritize a sustainability component for implementation grants within the TA efforts
- Add the Department of Probation as an entity that can supply letters of support
- Change “leave county incarceration” language to “released from incarceration”
- Allow for flexibility for the planning grant period to not exceed 12 months

ACTION: Recommend that the Governing Board approve both the LICN RFP and TA RFP with the suggested language changes and flexibility for the duration of the planning grant period.

APPROVED

Votes: Aye 5  
Nay 0

**CMSP PRIMARY CARE BENEFIT PROGRAM EXPANSION**

Mr. Kemper advised the Committee of development efforts of a primary care benefit concept to address the needs of people 138%-300% of the federal poverty level that are not enrolling in Covered California and are not going to County Social Services. Alluma, CMSP’s vendor for the Path to Health Pilot Project, has experience designing such systems. Ms. Brownstein advised the Committee that an Eligibility Analyst position was approved by the Governing Board during their July meeting. Ms. Zoppi requested that the Committee explore a limited primary behavioral health benefit at the next Committee meeting.

**SPECIALTY CARE ACCESS POOL**

Mr. Kemper advised that research and development are underway, with an emphasis on identifying potential local partners and building on existing infrastructure dedicated to providing specialty care services on a pro-bono or limited charge basis. Ms. Brownstein stated that the

staff recommendation on program development will be presented at the October Board meeting.

Ms. Brownstein was asked to provide an update on the State Budget. As approved by the Governor, the FY 2019-20 State Budget suspends Realignment funding to CMSP until the CMSP Reserves are down to an amount equal to two years of CMSP's operating reserves. Ms. Brownstein advised in the fiscal year following this determination, Realignment funding to CMSP would be reinstated in accordance with current law, which requires distribution of Realignment revenue according to a 60% (state) 40% (county) formula.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ronald Coleman with Health Access encouraged expanding Path to Health to additional counties and health centers and supported the expansion of Path to Health to adults 65 years and older.

Letty Garcia with Trinity County expressed her appreciation for the technical assistance component being considered for the Local Indigent Care Needs granting efforts.

**NEXT MEETING**

The Committee's next meeting will likely occur after the October Governing Board meeting.