MINUTES CMSP GOVERNING BOARD

Monday, June 7, 2021

Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carmel Angelo, County Administrator, Mendocino County
Sanja Bugay, Health and Human Services Director, Kings County
Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator, Solano County
Richard Egan, County Administrator, Lassen County
Richard Forster, County Supervisor, Amador County
Elizabeth Kelly, Health and Human Services Director, Colusa County
Leonard Moty, County Supervisor, Shasta County
Jennifer Vasquez, Health and Human Services Director, Yuba County
Brad Wagenknecht, County Supervisor, Napa County
Christine Zoppi, Health and Human Services Director, Glenn County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brendan McCarthy, Assistant Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency

Welcoming Remarks and Request for Public Comments

Kari Brownstein, Administrative Officer, reported that all Board members were in attendance. Brad Wagenknecht, Board Chair, opened the meeting and asked if there were any public comments. It was reported that there were no public comments received through the email process and no members of the public asked to speak through Zoom.

Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar

Mr. Wagenknecht invited a motion to approve the Board Agenda and the Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the June 7, 2021 Board Agenda

and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 9

Nay 0

Richard Forster, Board Member, was unable to provide a vote due to a poor Zoom connection.

Report from Legislative Representative

Karen Lange of Shaw Yoder Antwih Shmelzer & Lange reported that the State Budget

should be finalized in the next week. She reported that since the last Board meeting the amount of funding available for the Budget is staggering and the Budget is the largest that has ever been proposed. The Governor and Legislature are still apart in a few areas, such as the Governor's spending plans for homeless services and his funding proposal for low-income housing.

Ms. Lange stated that initially the Governor did not propose additional funding for public health, but the Legislature subsequently approved \$200 million for county health departments for public health infrastructure. She also said that CalAIM has been a big part of budget hearings, but it looks like the discussion about CalAIM will play out over the summer as many components are still under development. Ms. Lange also reported that the Governor and Legislature are in discussions about expanding Medi-Cal to cover undocumented seniors. Once things become clear, Ms. Lange recommended that CMSP should consult with DHCS to identify areas of overlapping eligibility.

Paul Yoder said that process of finalizing state budgeting would likely continue into August, although the budget document itself should be put in its final form by mid-June. He cited a proposal by the Governor to spend \$4 billion for mental health services for children and youth, but the proposal is not fully fleshed out. Mr. Yoder stated that if the dollar amounts are approved in the budget and DHCS is authorized to develop programmatic regulations, then the money could be committed.

Mr. Yoder also reported that the Legislature has approved the expansion of Medi-Cal to undocumented adults ages 50 and older (estimated cost of \$1.4 billion) although the Governor has proposed to serve seniors ages 65 and older. The earliest the expansion would take effect is May 2022. Ms. Brownstein reported that age 60+ undocumented members of Path to Health are about 7% of enrollees and age 50+ members are about 23% of enrollees.

Board Member Special Election

Mr. Yoder reported that Carmel Angelo, Mendocino County Administrator, has replaced Board Member Patrick Blacklock, Yolo County Administrator, who resigned. Ms. Angelo introduced herself and expressed her enthusiasm about joining the Board.

Planning and Benefits Committee

Paradis Pourzanjani, Program Analyst, talked about three new categories of benefits that were previously approved by the Board for selected CMSP benefit programs (chiropractic services, outpatient mental health services and substance use treatment services). She reported that CMSP staff is working with AMM toward a July 2021 implementation date.

Ms. Pourzanjani also reported that the Committee met on April 29, 2021 and took action to recommend that the Governing Board add family therapy as a covered service and

expand the list of allowable service providers who may render outpatient mental health and substance use disorder services.

ACTION MSC:

Governing Board approve including marriage and family therapists as well as associate marriage and family therapists, associate professional clinical counselors, and associate clinical social workers and psychology assistants under the direct supervision of a licensed mental health professional as allowable service providers for mental health services or outpatient substance use disorder services, as recommended by Planning and Benefits Committee. Additionally, Governing Board approve including family therapy as a reimbursable service, within specified limits, within the Standard CMSP and Connect to Care benefit programs.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 10

Nay 0

Healthcare Workforce Development

Laura Moyer, Program Analyst, reported that the Planning and Benefits Committee considered the status of the health care provider loan repayment programs the Governing Board currently funds at its last meeting. These programs include:

- CMSP Loan Repayment Program (CMSP LRP) with a focus on primary care physicians, psychiatrists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and dentists in CMSP counties and at CMSP provider locations.
- CMSP Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment Program (AHLRP) with a focus on various allied health care personnel needed in medical offices, clinics and hospitals in CMSP counties and at CMSP provider locations.

Ms. Moyer outlined the eligible professions, the loan award amounts, and the amount expended for each of the programs. She also reported that the Planning and Benefits Committee reviewed available award programs for behavioral health professionals and recommended adding the following nine professions as eligible to participate in the loan repayment programs: Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT), Associate MFT, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC), Associate LPCC, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Associate LCSW, Psychologist, Psychology Assistant, and Certified AOD Counselor.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve expanding the Allied Healthcare

Loan Repayment Program to include the nine referenced behavioral health professionals. Additionally, Board approve

an increase in funding for AHLRP to \$600K annually.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 10

Nay 0

Path to Health Pilot Project

Path to Health Pilot Project Evaluation

Ms. Brownstein provided background information on the Path to Health Pilot Project. She then introduced Yelba Castellon-Lopez MD, MSHPM and Gerardo Moreno MD, MSHS with the UCLA Department of Family Medicine, contracted evaluators of the Path to Health Pilot Project. Dr. Moreno and Dr. Castellon-Lopez then presented key findings from the "Path to Health Final Evaluation Report to CMSP."

Path to Health Pilot Project Extension

Ms. Brownstein asked the Governing Board to consider next steps for the Path to Health Pilot Project in consideration of the findings and recommendations from the UCLA evaluation team. She outlined five staff recommendations to the Board:

- 1. Governing Board approve continuation of Path to Health as a Pilot Project for an additional three years through January 2025, and as a part of this action, approve moving the Path to Health eligibility/enrollment system onto Alluma's OxC technology platform (as a part of Connect to Care) with the intention that this action will provide an expansion of eligibility for Path to Health to uninsured, undocumented adults up to 138% FPL based on income, not solely based on whether the applicant is enrolled in a restricted scope Medi-Cal program to enroll in Path to Health.
- Governing Board extend its Services Agreement with UCLA for an expanded evaluation of Path to Health to document and test the effectiveness of Path to Health's primary care benefit for this expanded uninsured, undocumented population.
- Governing Board authorize the Administrative Officer to seek a Services
 Agreement with Alluma for incorporation of Path to Health into the OxC
 technology platform used for Connect to Care and present a proposed Services
 Agreement to the Board for consideration at the earliest possible time.
- 4. Governing Board approve the following programmatic changes to Path to Health:
 - Eligibility may be provided through two routes: enrollment in a Medi-Cal restricted scope program aid code; and, enrollment based on income (up to 138% FPL) in the same manner as Connect to Care;
 - b. Align Path to Health with Connect to Care benefit coverage so that all benefits provided under Connect to Care are provided under Path to Health. This will call for an expansion of Path to Health Benefits to include specified mental health and SUD counseling services and any other services that are added to Connect to Care;
 - c. Eliminate the requirement that Path to Health enrollees receive all health care services from the CHC where they enrolled, and instead allow these

enrollees to receive covered health care services at any CMSP contracted providers; and,

- d. Eliminate the cap of 25,000 on Path to Health enrollment and remove CHC-specific Path to Health enrollment caps.
- 5. Governing Board authorize the Administrative Officer to take all necessary actions to proceed with next steps, including but not limited to developing proposed amendments to Service Agreements, as may be necessary, subject to approval by the Governing Board as appropriate.

Discussion among Board members ensued.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the 5-part staff recommendation

outlined above.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 10

Nay 0

Local Indigent Care Needs Program (LICN) Grant Program

Anna Allard, Grants Manager, stated that the Governing Board approved the LICN Grant Program in 2019 and approved a program budget of forty-five million (\$45,000,000). Since that time, 19 Planning Grants and 11 Implementation Grants have been approved. Ms. Allard reported that if all current Planning grantees were approved for an Implementation Grant, the total amount of funding dedicated to the LICN program for Planning Grants, Implementation Grants and the technical assistance vendor would be \$43,620,517.

Within this context, Ms. Allard pointed out that 13 counties have not been awarded either a Planning Grant or an Implementation Grant: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Imperial, Kings, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Plumas, San Benito, Sierra, and Tehama. Additionally, 3 counties have not been awarded their own Planning Grant or an Implementation Grant: Lassen, Modoc, and Siskiyou. With much of California now reopening after the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Allard suggested it might be possible some of these counties would now want to pursue a LICN grant opportunity that they did not pursue in the past. Ms. Allard asked the Board to consider whether it wanted to provide these sixteen counties with another opportunity to participate in the LICN Grant Program. Discussion among Board members ensued.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board direct CMSP staff to release an RFP for

Planning Grant and Implementation Grant proposals from counties that have not already been awarded a grant and that the Board increase the LICN Program Budget by \$5 Million to \$50 Million to provide the opportunity for additional CMSP

counties to participate in the LICN Grant Program.

> APPROVED Votes: Aye 10 Nay 0

Proposed Services Agreements

Ms. Brownstein presented three Service Agreements for consideration by the Governing Board, as outlined below.

Alluma Amendment

Ms. Brownstein stated that the Governing Board has Service Agreements with Alluma for the Path to Health enrollment system (based on One-e-App) and the Connect to Care eligibility/enrollment system (based on OxC), and the Agreement pertaining to Path to Health expires on June 30, 2021. Ms. Brownstein asked the Board to extend this Agreement to January 2022 at the current monthly rate. A proposed Amendment to the Alluma Services Agreement was presented for consideration by the Governing Board.

Lexlogia Technologies Amendment

Ms. Brownstein stated that the Governing Board utilizes Lexlogia Technologies for data integration design, development, and support and the current Agreement with Lexlogia Technologies expires on June 30, 2021. Ms. Brownstein asked the Governing Board to extend the Agreement with Lexlogia for two years at the same rate and presented a proposed Amendment.

EA Compensation Resources Agreement

Ms. Brownstein reported that the Governing Board, at its meeting of March 25, 2021 approved EA Compensation Resources LLC (Compensation Resources) to conduct an organizational review of the Board's Administrative Office organization and staffing composition and approved a DRAFT Services Agreement with Compensation Resources to carry out this review. Ms. Brownstein presented a revised Services Agreement based on the Compensation Resources contract form, which was reviewed and approved by the CMSP General Counsel, and asked the Board to approve this alternative form.

Discussion among Board members ensued on the three proposed Services Agreements.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the three Services Agreements

with Alluma, Lexlogia Technologies, and EA Compensation

Resources.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 10

Nay 0

CMSP Financial Reports

Proposed Budget and Three-Year Forecast

Meegan Forrest, Accounting Manager, presented the proposed CMSP Administrative Office Budget for FY 2021-22. She then presented the proposed CMSP Program Budget for FY 2021-22 along with a three-year CMSP Budget forecast. Discussion among Board members ensued.

ACTION MSC: Approve the proposed FY 2021-22 CMSP Budget and

proposed 3-year CMSP budget forecast.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 10

Nay 0

Board Member Leonard Moty left the meeting.

CMSP Balance Sheet

Ms. Forrest reported on the March 2021 and April 2021 financial statements. The CMSP Balance Sheets show:

ITEM	March	April
Total CMSP Funds	381,588,966	379,714,048
Total Assets	382,337,467	379,925,045
Total Liabilities and Equity	382,337,467	379,925,045

FY 2020-21 Program Budget Expenditures Year-to-Date

Ms. Forrest presented a report on year-to-date actual versus budgeted Program expenditures. As of March 31, 2021 there were expenditures of \$24,872,132 (accrual basis). As of April 30, 2021 there were expenditures of \$26,499,615 (accrual basis). The approved Program Budget for FY 2020-21 is \$47,797,000.

FY 2020-21 Administrative Office Budget Expenditures Year-to-Date

Ms. Forrest presented a report on year-to-date actual versus budgeted Administrative Office expenditures. As of March 31, 2021 there were expenditures of \$2,737,165 (accrual basis). As of April 30, 2021 there were expenditures of \$2,954,702 (accrual basis). The approved Administrative Office Budget for FY 2020-21 is \$5,447,000.

CMSP Marketing Plan Update

Ms. Pourzanjani reported that earlier in 2021 the Governing Board contracted with a new marketing vendor, Wallrich Creative Communications. She introduced John Riggins with

Wallrich Communications, who presented an update on their CMSP program marketing strategies.

COVID-19 Update

Anna Allard, Grants Manager, reported that the CERG grants are moving along and all counties have submitted their interim CERG grant reports. Across all grantees, CMSP CERG grants have served over 125,000 persons.

Ms. Brownstein reported that due to the public health emergency, all of CMSP benefit program terms (Standard CMSP, Path to Health and Connect to Care) have been extended through 7/31/2021, in alignment with the State's time period for the public health emergency, which could be further extended by the State. Ms. Brownstein stated that CMSP staff is still working through the vaccine administration fee issue waiting for State DHCS guidance on Medi-Cal payment rates.

Finally, Ms. Brownstein said that that delivery of vaccines through the MedImpact pharmacy benefit program is moving along, but the billing system is still in coding.

Connect to Care Update

Karalyn Foster, Eligibility Analyst, reported that 23 Community Health Centers (CHC) with 95 clinic locations in 20 counties are participating in Connect to Care, and an additional CHC provider recruitment will be taking place soon. Ms. Foster stated that she has conducted some one-on-one trainings to bring CHCs up to speed, and presently there are 180 Connect to Care enrollees.

Public Comments

Mr. Wagenknecht asked for public comments. There were no public comments. The next meeting is July 22, 2021.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.