



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

### **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



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.