

MINUTES
CMSP GOVERNING BOARD
Thursday, July 22, 2021

Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT

Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator, Solano County
Richard Egan, County Administrator, Lassen County
Richard Forster, County Supervisor, Amador County
Leonard Moty, County Supervisor, Shasta County
Brad Wagenknecht, County Supervisor, Napa County
Christine Zoppi, Health and Human Services Director, Glenn County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Carmel Angelo, County Administrator, Mendocino County
Sanja Bugay, Health and Human Services Director, Kings County
Elizabeth Kelly, Health and Human Services Director, Colusa County
Jennifer Vasquez, Health and Human Services Director, Yuba County
Brendan McCarthy, Assistant Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency

Welcoming Remarks and Request for Public Comments

Board members and staff introduced themselves and confirmed their participation on the Zoom meeting. 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 via 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 July 22, 2021 Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6
 Nay 0

Report from Legislative Representative

Karen Lange of Shaw Yoder Antwih Shmelzer & Lange (SYASL) reported that the Legislature is now on summer recess and will return mid-August. She stated that the State's budget process was protracted and more budgeting is likely to occur when the Legislature returns for the final month of session. Ms. Lange said the State Budget is

enormous. Among key items approved are an expansion of Medi-Cal to cover undocumented adults age 50 and older, with expected implementation in May 2022, and funding for wildfire impacts and wildfire prevention.

No obligation bonds were approved in the Budget or are likely to be approved this session. There was a bond proposal circulating on food supply/food resiliency that ultimately got held back. Finally, Ms. Lange stated that the Human Services Trailer Bill includes a 7% fiscal penalty on counties that have not reached agreements with their IHSS workers' unions by a specified time.

Paul Yoder of SYASL said the State Budget added \$2 billion in funding for homeless services, with \$1 billion in the current fiscal year and \$1 billion in FY 2022-23. Mr. Yoder also reported that there is a little over \$2 billion in the State Budget for the Mental Health continuum of care infrastructure, such as board/care, conservatorships, and other needs. He said that the Governor, at a recent Sebastopol press conference, talked about "what the State can do to help counties and cities address the needs of the homeless."

In other news, Mr. Yoder said that June tax receipts are in and the year-end for FY 2020-21 ended up \$4 billion to the positive, which will likely lead to more budgeting in the final month of the Legislative session. During that final month of session, the focus will also be on fiscal bills, the Suspense File, and second house actions.

Finally, on redistricting, Mr. Yoder stated that the State Commission on Redistricting has petitioned the State Supreme Court to have until January 14, 2022 to release their maps. Mr. Yoder suggested this date is likely to be the latest date by which county election officials should be ready to proceed with their election preparations.

Resolution of Provider Disputes

Kari Brownstein, Administrative Officer, reported that under current Resolution 2008-1, the Governing Board's Administrative Officer is authorized to resolve provider disputes that occur from time to time with the Governing Board's third party administrator, up to an amount of \$100,000. Ms. Brownstein asked the Board to increase the amount of the Administrative Officer's authority to \$200,000. The dollar amount of \$100,000 was established over thirteen years ago and an increase to \$200,000 would be roughly comparable the amount of \$100,000 adjusted for an annual medical inflation rate of just over 5% since 2008.

Ms. Brownstein presented the proposed Resolution 2021-1, prepared by the CMSP General Counsel, which amends and updates Resolution 2008-1 by increasing the Administrative Officer's Authority to \$200,000 and revises the resolution to reflect the Governing Board's current health care benefits administrator, Advanced Medical Management (AMM). Discussion among Board members ensued about the level of the increase, with discussion focused on the sufficiency of the \$200,000 limit.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the proposed Resolution 2021-1 with an amount of \$250,000, and approve the associated conforming changes.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6
 Nay 0

CMSP Grant Programs

Local Indigent Care Needs (LICN) Implementation Grant Proposals

Anna Allard, Grants Manager, outlined the process for consideration of LICN grant applications. She reported that the Governing Board received seven (7) LICN Implementation Program Grant proposals during the second opportunity in May 2021 from prior Planning Project grantees, and that the following three (3) proposals each received a score of 85 or higher and are recommended for funding:

- Alliance for Community Transformations
County Served: Mariposa
Amount Requested: \$832,587

- Solano County Office of Education
County Served: Solano
Amount Requested: \$1,488,172

- Mountain Valley Health Centers
Counties Served: Siskiyou, Lassen, Shasta, Modoc
Amount Requested: \$1,500,000

Ms. Allard also reported that three (3) proposals each received a score of between 75 and 84, and it is recommended that these applicants be offered the option of making revisions to address project proposal deficiencies:

- Glenn County Health and Human Services Agency
County Served: Glenn
Amount Requested: \$1,500,000

- Humboldt County Public Health
County Served: Humboldt
Amount Requested: \$1,500,000

- County of Tuolumne
County Served: Tuolumne
Amount Requested: \$1,500,000

Finally, Ms. Allard stated that one applicant, the Mariposa County Health and Human

Services Agency, submitted a proposal that did not meet a minimum score of 75, and it is recommended the applicant be offered grant remediation guidance with the Grants Manager following the Notice of Awards.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the proposed actions outlined below regarding the seven (7) LICN grant proposals received by the Governing Board:

- Approve funding for the three (3) Implementation Program proposals with scores between 85-100 and commence development of the Local Indigent Care Needs Grant Agreement with these organizations;
- Offer comments and an opportunity to re-submit an updated Implementation Program proposal in late 2021 for the three (3) Implementation proposals with scores between 75-84;
- Deny funding for the one (1) Implementation Program proposal with a score below 75 and provide grant remediation with the Grants Manager.

APPROVED

Votes:

Aye 6

Nay 0

Grant Program Updates

Local Indigent Care Needs (LICN) Grant

Ms. Allard stated that the Governing Board released an RFP for LICN Grants on July 15, 2021. Eligible applicants are counties and not-for-profit organizations in the following 16 CMSP counties that have not already received LICN funding: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Imperial, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Plumas, San Benito, Sierra, Siskiyou, and Tehama. Funding is available in both Track 1 and Track 2:

- Planning Project Grants (Track One) of up to \$50,000 per project over a twelve-month planning period, or up to \$75,000 if the project serves more than one CMSP county; and,
- Implementation Program Grants (Track Two) of up to \$500,000 per year up to a 3-year period (up to \$1,500,000 total).

Ms. Allard said that proposals would be accepted beginning on Wednesday September 1, 2021 through Thursday September 30, 2021. All RFP documents and submission instructions are available on the CMSP Governing Board website.

Health Systems Development (HSG) Grant Program

Laura Moyer, Grants Analyst, reported on the HSG Program that was launched in 2019. Its 23 active projects are focused in three key areas – improving access to primary care, specialty care and/or behavioral health services; coordinating and/or integrating health and behavioral health care service systems; and, strengthening the overall health care delivery system in the county across a range of health and behavioral health providers.

Ms. Moyer said that late last year, after several HSG grantees advised the Governing Board that their projects were delayed due to pandemic response efforts, wildfires and public safety power-shutoffs, the Board approved a one-year no-cost extension agreement for HSG grantees. Twelve (12) of 23 grantees have requested an extension and CMSP staff are working with the grantees to amend their grant agreements.

Wellness and Prevention Pilot Project

Ms. Moyer reported that thirty-one (31) Wellness & Prevention Pilot Projects, launched in 2017, focus on community wellness, Whole Person Care and/or addressing the Social Determinants of Health. She stated that about half of the projects were granted a one-year extension and those projects have now submitted their final reports. Ms. Moyer outlined a handful of program highlights from the grant projects:

- 82 county or non-profit jobs were fully or partially funded under these projects;
- 20 provider locations joined CMSP and 1 provider location joined Path to Health as a result of Wellness & Prevention Pilot Project efforts;
- 202,923 individuals were reached or served directly by project staff; and,
- An estimated 340,968 individuals were reached by project media campaigns.

Ms. Moyer stated that CMSP staff is preparing a report on what the Wellness and Prevention Pilot Projects accomplished and the lessons learned.

Proposed Services Agreements

Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD)

Ms. Moyer reported that the Governing Board, at its March 2021 meeting, approved extending for three (3) additional award cycles for both of the following workforce development programs administered by OSHPD on behalf of the Governing Board:

- Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment Program (AHLRP) - Provides up to \$16,000 of educational debt relief in exchange for a 1-year service obligation. AHLRP focuses on various allied health care personnel needed in medical offices, clinics, and hospitals. Individuals may apply and be awarded up to three times.
- CMSP Loan Repayment Program (CMSP LRP) - Provides up to \$50,000 of educational debt relief in exchange for a 2-year service obligation. CMSP LRP focuses on Primary Care Physicians, Psychiatrists, Nurse Practitioners, Physician

Assistants and Dentists. Individuals may apply for an award extension of up to \$20,000 for an additional year of service.

Ms. Moyer outlined two (2) proposed Service Agreement Amendments for the AHLRP and CMSP LRP and asked the Board to consider these Amendments. The Amendments extend the Agreements, include project timeline and reporting changes, including providing OSHPD more administrative flexibility in program administration and requiring new reporting by OSHPD on program outcomes, and include award funding and program administration funding for three (3) additional award cycles.

Ms. Moyer also reported that OSHPD has been renamed the Department of Healthcare Access and Information (HCAI) and the Service Agreements will be amended to reflect this new department name.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the proposed Services Agreement Amendments with OSHPD and authorize the Administrative Officer and General Counsel to address the OSHPD name change matter as a part of this amended Agreement.

APPROVED

Votes:

Aye 6

Nay 0

Network Design Associates, Inc. Amendment

Ms. Brownstein reported that the Governing Board utilizes Network Design Associates (NDA) for information systems hardware, software and infrastructure services and these services are included in the CMSP Budget line item "Server IT". Ms. Brownstein presented a proposed Amendment to the NDA Services Agreement for consideration by the Board. The Amendment would extend the term to June 30, 2023 at the current payment rate, with a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2021.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the proposed Amendment with Network Design Associates, Inc. with a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2021.

APPROVED

Votes:

Aye 6

Nay 0

CMSP Financial Reports

CMSP Balance Sheet

Meegan Forrest, Accounting Manager, reported on the May 2021 and June 2021 financial statements. The CMSP Balance Sheets show:

ITEM	May	June
Total CMSP Funds	\$377,673,423	\$375,940,355
Total Assets	\$378,092,456	\$376,659,400
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$378,092,456	\$376,659,400

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 May 31, 2021 there were expenditures of \$28,539,466 (accrual basis). As of June 30, 2021 there were expenditures of \$30,405,561 (accrual basis). The approved Program Budget for FY 2020-21 is \$47,834,000.

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 May 31, 2021 there were expenditures of \$3,203,806 (accrual basis). As of June 30, 2021 there were expenditures of \$3,849,363 (accrual basis). The approved Administrative Office Budget for FY 2020-21 is \$5,484,000.

COVID-19

COVID-19 Emergency Response Grants (CERG) Grants

Ms. Allard reported that the CERG grants are moving into the final 6 months of the grant period, taking into consideration that there was a rolling start of five (5) different start dates. She noted that there has been a shift of funds in many grants to focus on vaccination outreach.

Benefit Update

Alison Kellen, Program Manager, reported that on Monday, July 19th, the federal government extended the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for an additional 90 days. As a consequence, CMSP benefit program enrollments, including those of CMSP, Path to Health and Connect to Care, will be extended for an additional 90 days. Ms. Kellen reported that the Medi-Cal program has submitted a Medi-Cal State Plan amendment to the federal government that addresses how community health centers will be paid for COVID-19 vaccination administration fees.

Path to Health Pilot Project Update

Paradis Pourzanjani, Program Analyst, reported that there are currently 22 participating health centers with 100 locations in 21 counties and there are approximately 12,420 members currently enrolled in Path to Health. She noted that the Governing Board extended the Pilot Project for three years to 2025 at the Board's June 2021 meeting.

She also said a memo will soon be sent out to all Board members and CMSP stakeholders outlining CMSP's marketing efforts for its three benefit programs.

Ms. Brownstein reported that the State will be expanding Medi-Cal to include undocumented adults age 50 and older, which is expected to be implemented no earlier than May 1, 2022. She noted that this new Medi-Cal coverage will have an impact on Path to Health enrollment for people in this age group.

Connect to Care Update

Karalyn Foster, Eligibility Analyst, reported that the Connect to Care (CTC) Program is now operational in 23 clinic systems with 95 locations in 20 counties. She noted there was an informational webinar on Monday, July 19th, for interested Community Health Centers to participate in the program. Presently, there are just over 300 CTC members.

Public Comments

Mr. Wagenknecht asked for public comments. There were no public comments. The next meeting is September 23, 2021.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 am.