MINUTES CMSP GOVERNING BOARD

Thursday, January 27, 2022 Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carmel Angelo, County Administrator, Mendocino County Kimberly Chen, Assistant Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator, Solano County Richard Egan, County Administrator, Lassen County Richard Forster, County Supervisor, Amador County Deborah Martinez, Social Services Director, Madera 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

Elizabeth Kelly, Health and Human Services Director, Colusa County

AB 361, Brown Act Virtual Meetings

Cathy Salenko, CMSP General Counsel, introduced the topic of AB 361 (Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021), pertaining to the Board's ability to conduct a fully virtual meeting during proclaimed emergencies, including the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Salenko stated that under the requirements of AB 361, the Governing Board has the option to hold fully virtual public meetings when there is a Governor-proclaimed state of emergency and the Governing Board identifies one of two secondary criteria to exist:

- State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing in connection with COVID-19; or,
- The Governing Board determines that requiring a meeting in person would present an imminent risk to the health and safety of attendees.

Ms. Salenko presented draft Governing Board Resolution 2022-1 containing these findings and declarations. Brief discussion ensued among Board members.

ACTION MSC:	Governing Board approve proposed Resolution 2022-1
	making findings and declarations under AB 361 for
	teleconference meetings of the Governing Board.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye 8
		Nay 0

Request for Public Comments

Brad Wagenknecht, Board Chair, invited public comments. CMSP staff reported there were no requests to make public comments.

Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar

Kari Brownstein, Executive Director, introduced Kimberly Chen, Assistant Secretary at the California Health and Human Services Agency, who will now serve on the Governing Board in place of Brendan McCarthy, who had taken a new position at the Agency.

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

ACTION MSC:	Governing Board approve the January 27, 2022 Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.		
	APPROVED	Votes:	Aye 8 Nay 0

Report from Legislative Representative

Karen Lange and Paul Yoder of Shaw Yoder Antwih Shmelzer & Lange (SYASL) introduced themselves to the Board. Ms. Lange reported that the Legislature is in that part of the legislative timeline where the State Budget has been introduced and the Legislature is working to complete action on bills from last year.

In his proposed FY 2022-23 State Budget, the Governor acknowledged an over \$40 billion surplus above what had already been expected. By function of law, a significant amount of this surplus funding goes to schools. There are four different accounts that must be addressed, including a so-called Rainy-Day Account, a School Stabilization Account, an Operating Reserve and another reserve. After accounting for these accounts, \$20 billion remains as surplus funds available for allocation.

In his proposed State Budget, the Governor noted that 90% of the surplus funding he proposed to spend would be added as one-time funding. Depending on your policy views, some advocates are underwhelmed at the way the Governor has proposed to use the funding. For example, some housing advocates are disappointed, even though about \$2 billion is proposed for housing and homeless supports. They expected to see a higher amount of proposed spending for these matters. Elsewhere in the Governor's discussion of the State Budget he expressed his priority to address issues in the conservatorship area. Various legislators are currently pursuing changes in state conservatorship laws.

Mr. Yoder stated that the so-called single-payer health care bill (AB 1400) could be taken up today or Monday in the Assembly. The California Nurses Association, which is the sponsor of the legislation, has apparently decided to try and get this 2-year bill out of the Assembly. Both the California Chamber of Commerce and the California Medical

Association are opposed to the bill. In lieu of embracing single-payer at this time, the Governor proposed in his State Budget to cover undocumented adults (ages 26-49) under Medi-Cal at a cost of up to \$2.7 billion, proposed effective January 1, 2024. Assuming the coverage expansion happens, it will have significant ramifications for Path to Health, which provides coverage for this same population. Despite the Legislature's desire to proceed with single-payer health care, reportedly, the Legislature immediately responded to the Governor's proposal by seeking a much quicker implementation date for the Medi-Cal expansion.

Mr. Yoder also reported that there is a new Senate Constitutional Amendment, SCA 11 that would raise multiple existing taxes in California to fund a new single-payer health care system. Mr. Yoder suggested it will likely be very hard for this SCA to get passed this year because it needs a 2/3 vote for passage and there are many changes taking place within the Legislature, including retirements and upcoming elections in newly designed districts under redistricting. Mr. Yoder noted that if AB 1400 is taken up, the vote is expected to very close, within as few as 5 votes.

Finally, Ms. Lange stated that language is supposed to be in print today dealing with sick leave for front-line workers that are exposed to COVID. The proposal would affect employers with 26 or more employees, be retroactive to January 1, 2022, and would apply to public employees as well as private sector employees. As a part of the mandate, certain tax advantages have been structured to assist employers in offsetting the impacts of the new requirement. Deborah Martinez, Board Member, expressed her view that there will be real impacts of this new policy on counties, which are generally understaffed. She also noted that the Governor's proposed expansion of Medi-Cal for undocumented persons would include access to In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), and this could have significant financial impacts on counties. Mr. Yoder stated that the Governor's proposal includes proposed funding for IHSS.

Leonard Moty joined the meeting.

Discussion ensued among Board members regarding potential funding for workforce development and the public health workforce, and the expectation that \$300 million will be allocated for local public health, which may not all be allocated to public agencies.

Board Member Elections

Ms. Brownstein introduced Deborah Martinez, Madera County Social Services Director, who replaces Sanja Bugay, Kings County Health and Human Services Director, on the Board. Ms. Brownstein also reported that two County Administrators, Birgitta Corsello and Carmel Angelo, will soon be retiring and there will be a need for SYASL to conduct elections of CAOs for these two positions.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board accept the staff report regarding the election of Deborah Martinez, Madera County Social Services Director, to serve on the Governing Board, and authorize

> Shaw Yoder Antwih Shmelzer & Lange to conduct elections for the two upcoming CAO openings for the Governing Board on behalf of the Board.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 9 Nay 0

Election of Officers

Board Member Birgitta Corsello stated that she would not be available to serve again as Vice Chair of the Governing Board due to her upcoming retirement from county service. She suggested that Board Member Leonard Moty consider taking on the Vice Chair role. Board Member Moty stated that he would be willing to take on the Vice Chair role, as needed.

ACTION MSC:	Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht continue to serve as Chair of
	the Governing Board for 2022 and Supervisor Leonard Moty serve as Vice Chair for 2022.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye 9
		Nay 0

Election of Executive Committee

Ms. Brownstein outlined the requirements for Executive Committee representation, which requires representation of each of the four county officials: County Supervisor, County Administrator, County Health Director, and County Social Services Director. Discussion among Board members ensued.

ACTION MSC: Brad Wagenknecht (County Supervisor), Birgitta Corsello (County Administrator), Elizabeth Kelly (Social Services), and Jennifer Vasquez (Health Director) serve as members of the CMSP Governing Board Executive Committee.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye 9
		Nay 0

Appointment of Board Members to Committees

Ms. Brownstein reported that Board Members need to be appointed to the two other standing CMSP committees, the Planning and Benefits Committee and the Eligibility Committee. Discussion among Board members ensued. Christine Zoppi agreed to serve on the Planning and Benefits Committee and Deborah Martinez agreed to serve on the Eligibility Committee.

Ms. Salenko described the process for the appointment of members of the Board's committees.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the appointment of Christine Zoppi and Deborah Martinez to serve on the Planning and Benefits Committee and Eligibility Committee, respectively, and to serve as Chairs of each committee.

> APPROVED Votes: Aye 9 Nay 0

CMSP Committee Rosters

Alison Kellen, Program Manager, presented the Governing Board with proposed committee rosters for the Planning and Benefits Committee and the Eligibility Committee. Discussion among Board members ensued.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the proposed roster for the Planning and Benefits Committee; appoint Jennifer Vasquez to the Committee; and, appoint Christine Zoppi as Committee Chair.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye 9
		Nay 0

Leonard Moty left the meeting.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the proposed roster for the Eligibility Committee and appoint Deborah Martinez as Committee Chair.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye 8
		Nay 0

Proposed Changes to Governing Board Bylaws

Ms. Brownstein reported that the proposed change to the Governing Board bylaws is a conforming change that is needed due to the Board's recent action to change the title of the Administrative Officer to Executive Director. Presently, the bylaws use the Administrative Officer title and a change is needed to update the bylaws.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the proposed change in the Governing Board's bylaws to reflect the change from Administrative Officer to Executive Director.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 8

Nay 0

Proposed Services Agreements

For the Governing Board's consideration, Ms. Brownstein presented a brief description of two proposed Amendments and one proposed Services Agreement.

Alluma Services Agreement Amendment

Ms. Brownstein reported that the proposed Amendment pertains to the Alluma Services Agreement for the Path to Health enrollment system, which expires January 31, 2022. A plan has been developed to integrate the Path to Health enrollment system into the Connect to Care eligibility/enrollment system. However, due to COVID-related delays the anticipated effective date for this system integration has been delayed. The proposed Amendment would extend the current Agreement until April 30, 2022 to accommodate for this delay in system integration.

Institute for High Quality Care Services Agreement Amendment

The proposed Amendment would extend the term to 2026 and revise the set of services and activities provided by IHQC. It would also provide funding up to \$2,397,747 that would be composed of \$1,429,441 in unspent funds from the original IHQC Agreement plus an additional \$968,306 in new funding.

California Department of Health Care Services Agreement

This agreement pertains to the CMSP benefit program, including the eligibility and enrollment system, eligibility data files and transmission, BIC member card, and other CMSP and Medi-Cal eligibility linkages. The annual cost of the Agreement is between \$70,000 and \$80,000 until June 30, 2026.

Ms. Brownstein asked the Governing Board to approve the two proposed Amendments and the Services Agreement presented in this item.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the proposed Amendments to the Services Agreements with Alluma and Institute for High Quality Care, and the California Department of Health Care Services Agreement.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye 8
		Nay 0

Path to Health Pilot Project

Alison Kellen, Program Director, said that Path to Health is now serving 14,355 members, through 22 community health centers in 104 locations in 21 counties. Benefit

expansions have been implemented for behavioral health and physical therapy services; expansion of the network has been implemented for all Path to Health members; and, prior caps on overall pilot project participation and caps on clinic site enrollment have been removed (effective February 1, 2022).

Ms. Kellen reported that the Public Health Emergency (PHE) pertaining to COVID-19 has been extended until April 2022 and Path to Health eligibility will be extended to align with this PHE extension. She also stated that beginning May 1, 2022 Medi-Cal will provide eligibility for undocumented adults age 50 and older and Path to Health members in this age group will move to full-scope Medi-Cal at that time. Also on May 1, 2022, integration of Path to Health eligibility into the Connect to Care eligibility system will take place.

Discussion among Board members ensued. A question was raised about differences between Medi-Cal emergency services only and Path to Health coverage versus full scope Medi-Cal coverage. Ms. Kellen said a notable area of difference will be the dental coverage people will now have under Medi-Cal.

Board discussion continued. In response to questions about how to get more community health centers to participate in Path to Health, Ms. Kellen reported that several rounds of recruitment have been undertaken to get non-participating centers to participate in Path to Health. However, some health centers have chosen not to participate due to having very low numbers of undocumented residents in their counties, in comparison with the effort required of the health center to participate in the program. Ms. Kellen suggested that it may make sense for CMSP staff to conduct another round of health center recruitment with a specific focus on Connect to Care (CTC) when Path to Health is incorporated into the same enrollment system as CTC in May. Various Board Members expressed a desire that more CHCs participate in Path to Health and Connect to Care.

CMSP Grant Programs

LICN Grant Program

Laura Moyer, Grants Administrator, briefed the Governing Board on the latest round of grant applications under the Local Indigent Care Needs (LICN) Grant Program. She reported that since program inception, 22 Planning Project grants and 18 Implementation Program grants have been approved for awards.

She also stated that an RFP will be released on February 1, 2022, specifically for Round 1 Planning Grantees to apply for an Implementation Grant. Proposals will be due March 30, 2022, and recommendations will be presented to the Board during the Board's May meeting.

Ms. Moyer also reported that the CMSP Loan Repayment Program is currently open and applications will be taken until February 7, 2022.

CMSP Financial Reports

CMSP Balance Sheet

Meegan Forrest, Director of Finance and Administration, reported on the November 2021 and December 2021 financial statements. The CMSP Balance Sheets show:

ITEM	November 2021	December 2021
Total CMSP Funds	\$364,012,157	\$361,945,921
Total Assets	\$364,327,754	\$362,418,447
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$364,327,754	\$362,418,447

FY 2021-22 Program Budget Expenditures Year-to-Date

Ms. Forrest presented a report on year-to-date actual versus budgeted Program expenditures. As of November 30, 2021 there were expenditures of \$12,919,164 (accrual basis). As of December 31, 2021 there were expenditures of \$15,028,539 (accrual basis). The approved Program Budget for FY 2021-22 is \$45,158,000.

FY 2021-22 Administrative Office Budget Expenditures Year-to-Date

Ms. Forrest presented a report on year-to-date actual versus budgeted Administrative Office expenditures. As of November 30, 2021 there were expenditures of \$1,497,831 (accrual basis). As of December 31, 2021 there were expenditures of \$1,986,524 (accrual basis). The approved Administrative Office Budget for FY 2021-22 is \$5,286,000.

Public Comments

Mr. Wagenknecht again asked for public comments. CMSP staff reported there were no requests to make public comments. Mr. Wagenknecht announced the next Governing Board meeting is March 24, 2022.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.