

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

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.