

MINUTES
CMSP GOVERNING BOARD
Thursday, December 16, 2021

Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carmel Angelo, County Administrator, Mendocino 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

Sanja Bugay, Health and Human Services Director, Kings County
Brendan McCarthy, Assistant Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency

Welcoming Remarks and Request for Public Comments

Brad Wagenknecht, Board Chair, opened the Zoom meeting and asked for introductions. Board members introduced themselves and staff introduced themselves. Board Member Carmel Angelo was not present for roll call. 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 December 16, 2021 Board
 Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 8
 Nay 0

Report on Closed Session

Cathy Salenko, the Governing Board's General Counsel, reported that the Board met in Closed Session to discuss the public employee performance evaluation of the Executive Director and took no action.

Ms. Lange said that a number of Legislators have announced they are leaving their legislative terms early, and a number are reporting that they won't be seeking reelection. Much of these changes are related to reapportionment and how the new district lines affect members and their constituents.

Mr. Yoder suggested that SB 516 (Eggman) should be closely watched. He said that the bill would expand the LPS Act criteria for a 5150 to add "health" in addition to a mental health condition. He also said that representatives of SYASL would soon be meeting with Senator Eggman to discuss the bill and other matters. Reportedly, Senator Eggman is talking about pursuing a statewide ballot initiative if she can't get traction on her proposal in the Legislature.

With regard to homelessness, Mr. Yoder reported that the Governor and some of his staff recently toured a program in San Francisco called "Hummingbird," which is a "respite first" program for un-housed people that provides respite and then focuses on how to address the person's specific needs. It is reported to have a fairly high success rate, and the Governor is reported to be considering directing that local governments undertake this approach with state funding for homeless programs. It's unclear whether there could be Budget Trailer Bill Language directing local governments to structure their programs like Hummingbird or whether new funding for this approach may be provided.

In other news, the California Medical Association is working on a healthcare workforce development proposal and certain Central Valley counties are separately working on a loan forgiveness proposal for public health workers. The Newsom administration is reported to be working on a workforce development proposal as well.

Board member discussion ensued. Mr. Yoder was asked if there would be any new attention given to funding for public health, due to its longstanding underfunding. Mr. Yoder said the Governor previously made a commitment to appropriate about \$300 million for public health, although it's not clear at this time whether all of that money would go to counties or whether community based organizations would also be given access to these funds.

Mr. Yoder noted that local Public Guardians have requested \$200 million to address LPS conservatorship needs. He also said that redistricting decisions about district lines are going to be a factor that affects legislation in the coming session, although how that will play out is unknown.

Board Member Terms and Elections

Kari Brownstein, Executive Director, reported that elections were conducted by SYASL for two Governing Board Members whose terms end December 31, 2021. Mr. Yoder reported that elections were held and Brad Wagenknecht, Supervisor, Napa County, and Richard Egan, Administrative Officer, Lassen County were re-elected to serve another term on the Board.

Ms. Brownstein also reported that CWDA would be conducting the election on January 14, 2022 for the Social Services Director representative to the Governing Board. The term of Sanja Bugay, Health and Human Services Director, Kings County, ends December 31, 2021.

Board Member Carmel Angelo joined the meeting.

Proposed Services Agreements

For the Governing Board's consideration, Ms. Brownstein presented a brief description of proposed amendments to five current Services Agreements the Governing Board has with various vendors.

- **Proposed Alluma Service Agreement Amendment**

The Alluma Service Agreements pertain to the Path to Health enrollment system (based on One-e-App), which expires January 31, 2022, and the Connect to Care eligibility/enrollment system (based on OxC). The proposed Amendment would transition Path to Health from One-e-App to OxC as of February 1, 2022, combine the monthly fee for Path to Health and Connect to Care into one monthly fee, and extend the Services Agreement through January 2025. The fee for the transition from One-e-App to OxC is \$40,000. The monthly fee for the combined enrollment system for Connect to Care and Path to Health is \$11,250 per month in year one, with a 5% increase in year two and again in year three.

- **Proposed UCLA Service Agreement Amendment**

At the Governing Board's June 2021 meeting, the Board approved an extension of the Services Agreement with UCLA for an expanded evaluation of Path to Health. The proposed Amendment would continue the evaluation of Path to Health and extend the Agreement through June 2025 when the evaluation will be complete. Total proposed funding for the Agreement is \$400,745.

- **Crowe LLP Agreement**

The Governing Board has contracted with Crowe LLP (formerly Perry-Smith LLP) since 2009 for the provision of audit services. Following an RFP process, the Board again selected Crowe LLP in March 2021 to provide audit services. The proposed Services Agreement and Engagement Letter address fiscal year 2020-2021 CMSP Annual Audit services. Total proposed funding for the Agreement is \$32,500.

- **Kemper Consulting Group Amendment**

The Governing Board's contract with Kemper Consulting Group for policy and planning services ends December 31, 2021. The proposed Amendment would continue the provision of consultant services for two years, through December 31, 2023, decrease the

LICN grant award, Round 2 applications were due September 30, 2021, and the Board received 5 Planning Project grant applications and 5 Implementation Program grant applications from 8 of the 16 eligible counties. Ms. Moyer reported that all of the submitted applications were reviewed and scored by a Review Team composed of CMSP staff and the Policy and Planning Consultant.

Based upon that review and scoring process, Ms. Moyer outlined funding recommendations from the Review Team for the applications:

- Planning Grant applications recommended for funding (\$50,000 each):
 - Kings County Department of Public Health
 - Lassen County Community Social Services
 - Plumas County Public Health Agency
 - Siskiyou County Behavioral Health

- Implementation Grant applications recommended for funding:
 - El Dorado Community Health Center (\$1,219,250)
 - Imperial County Behavioral Health Services (\$1,500,000)
 - Redwood Community Services, Inc. (\$1,453,247)
 - Siskiyou County HHSA – Public Health Division (\$1,203,700)

- Applications not recommended for funding:
 - Redwood Community Services (Planning)
 - MCAVHN Care and Prevention Network (Implementation)

Ms. Moyer reported that she would reach out to the representatives of applications that did not receive funding to provide feedback on their shortcomings of their proposals.

Board Member Elizabeth Kelly left the meeting.

ACTION MSC: Approve the staff recommendation on funding for the LICN Planning Project and Implementation Program grants and direct staff to reach back out to those applicants that did not qualify for funding to see if their problems can be addressed; and, additionally look at another potential LICN funding round in 2022 to assist counties that have not previously been funded.

APPROVED

Votes:

Aye 8

Nay 0

In other program areas, Ms. Moyer reported that the CMSP Loan Repayment Program is currently open and will be open until February 7, 2022. She also reported that many Health Systems Development grantees were affected by COVID-19 lockdowns, and these grantees were offered a no-cost extension of additional year of service. Fifteen

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 September 30, 2021 there were expenditures of \$6,632,485 (accrual basis). As of October 31, 2021 there were expenditures of \$10,575,282 (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 September 30, 2021 there were expenditures of \$866,618 (accrual basis). As of October 31, 2021 there were expenditures of \$996,850 (accrual basis). The approved Administrative Office Budget for FY 2021-22 is \$5,286,000.

CMSP Program Update

Karalyn Foster, Eligibility Analyst reported that CMSP staff held a CMSP Eligibility Webinar on October 27, 2021 and there were 155 attendees. In addition, multiple people accessed a recording of the training later. As a result, about two-thirds of CMSP counties were reached through the training, either by attending or accessing the recording. Staff is also working on developing additional training materials for county staff.

Connect to Care Program Update

Paradis Pourzanjani, Program Analyst, reported that the Connect to Care (CTC) Program is now operational in 26 clinic systems with 114 locations in 23 counties. Presently, there are 644 CTC members.

Approval of 2022 Governing Board Meeting Dates

Ms. Brownstein presented the approved schedule of 2022 Board meeting dates:

- January 27
- March 24
- May 26
- July 28
- September 22
- December 15

Public Comments

Mr. Wagenknecht asked for public comments. There were no public comments. Mr. Wagenknecht announced the next Governing Board meeting is January 27, 2022,

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm.