

MINUTES
CMSP GOVERNING BOARD
Thursday, July 28, 2022
In-Person and via Zoom

Governing Board Conference Room
1545 River Park Drive, Suite 435-A
Sacramento, CA 95815

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Forster, County Supervisor, Amador County (remote)
Elishia Hayes, County Administrator, Humboldt County (remote)
Matthew Hymel, County Administrator, Marin County (remote)
Elizabeth Kelly, Health and Human Services Director, Colusa County (in-person)
Brad Wagenknecht, County Supervisor, Napa County (remote)
Christine Zoppi, Health and Human Services Director, Glenn County (remote)
Oscar Villegas, County Supervisor, Yolo County (in-person)
Richard Egan, County Administrator, Lassen County (remote)
Deborah Martinez, Social Services Director, Madera County (remote)
Kimberly Chen, Assistant Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency, ex officio (in-person)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Vasquez, Health and Human Services Director, Yuba County

Closed Session

The Governing Board met in Closed Session.

Public Session

Introductions and Public Comments

Brad Wagenknecht, Board Chair, opened the meeting and Board Members participating in the conference room first introduced themselves, and then the Board Members participating remotely introduced themselves.

Mr. Wagenknecht invited public comments. Dr. Srikanth Kolli, Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine, with Ampla Health, addressed the Board and requested that the Board expand benefit coverage under the Path to Health and Connect to Care programs to include chiropractic services. Mr. Wagenknecht suggested that the proposal could be discussed during a future Planning and Benefits committee meeting.

Correspondence and Consent Calendar

Mr. Wagenknecht requested a motion to approve the July 28, 2022 Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the July 28, 2022 Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 9
 Nay 0

Report on Closed Session

Counsel Alison Bassett reported that the Governing Board met in Closed Session to discuss a potential litigation matter and took no action.

Report from Legislative Representative

Paul Yoder of Shaw Yoder Antwih Shmelzer & Lange (SYASL) introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Yoder said there is one month left of the 2-year session. The Legislature comes back next Monday and will leave on August 31. For August, the first two weeks will be taken up with the fiscal committees (hear bills, then deal with suspense files) and then the last two weeks will be floor sessions of each house. There may be some hearings off either floor for late breaking issues.

On county issues generally, Mr. Yoder said that the list of bad bills has been whittled down. For example, the bill on county EMS authority and fire departments (SB 433, Hertzberg) was killed. However, the bill may be revived with a different author through a gut and amend process in the final month of session. There will also be more state budgeting in August. When the climate action package was done in June, approximately \$20 Billion was budgeted but the process for allocation was unspecified, and that process needs to be established. There may also be two additional State Budget bills in August.

Mr. Yoder said that while California has not established a so-called "single payer" health care system, the FY 2022-23 State Budget expands Medi-Cal to the last remaining group (undocumented), and Governor Newsom has stated that all Californians will have access to some form of health care benefit with this action. The Governor also signed the bill expanding Kaiser's participation in Medi-Cal Managed Care. Mr. Yoder also reported that the federal government will be approving an extension of the subsidies supporting Covered California members.

Mr. Yoder stated that SB 1338, pertaining to Care Courts, will likely be amended at least a couple of times before it gets to the Governor. While Care Court pilots do not appear likely at this time, the Administration has agreed to a phase-in of the program, such that 50% of the population will be in Phase 1 followed by Phase 2 for the remaining counties.

Counties in Phase 1 could be named in the legislation. In terms of the eligible population for Care Courts, it is expected the definition will be expanded to include severe co-occurring substance abuse diagnoses.

The funding issue and sanctions are being sorted through and county representatives are working hard to address both of these matters. Reportedly, the presiding judge may be empowered to carry out the sanctions. At this time, funding is still at the same level as included in the State Budget, and it appears this funding is likely to be dedicated to the Phase 1 counties only; there's no present agreement for the Phase 2 counties.

In other news, Mr. Yoder reported that June state fiscal estimates were less than previously projected, so he is expecting future budgets will likely be tighter.

In follow up to questions, Mr. Yoder stated that the Administration has gone to great lengths to say that Prop 63 funds can be spent on Care Court costs, although he said there is some potential for this matter to be litigated. He noted that while Los Angeles County has supported Care Courts "in concept," the county has also built in the use of up to \$200 million of Proposition 63 funding for the new program.

Proposed Changes to Governing Board Bylaws

Kari Brownstein, Executive Director reported that current Governing Board Bylaws state that the Executive Committee is to be composed of four Board members, which shall include the Board Chair as an ex officio voting member of the Executive Committee and three other voting members to collectively represent each of the four categories of county officials on the Board (County Supervisor, County Administrator, Health Official and Welfare Director) not represented by the Board Chair. Ms. Brownstein said that historically the Chair and Vice Chair of the Governing Board have been different Board member categories, but with the January 2022 Board elections, County Supervisors were elected to the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

To address this situation, Ms. Brownstein presented proposed changes to the Governing Board Bylaws to require that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board shall always serve as voting members of the CMSP Executive Committee, and if they are of the same Board member category, the Executive Committee shall be expanded to five Board members so that each category of county official is represented. Discussion among Board members ensued.

ACTION MSC: Board approve the proposed change to the Governing Board Bylaws requiring the membership of the Chair and Vice Chair on the Committee and to specify that the Committee shall expand to five members when the Chair and Vice Chair are from the same category of county official.

APPROVED

Votes:

Aye 9

Nay 0

Executive Committee Update

Ms. Brownstein asked that the Board take action to revise the composition of the 2022 Executive Committee in light of the Board's action to approve the proposed change to the Bylaws concerning the composition of the CMSP Executive Committee.

ACTION MSC: Board approve a revision of the 2022 CMSP Executive Committee membership to include Governing Board Vice Chair, Richard Forster, in addition to the members of the Executive Committee approved by the Board on January 27, 2022.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye 9 Nay 0
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Proposed Services Agreements

Ms. Brownstein presented two proposed Services Agreements.

A. Advanced Medical Management Amendment

Ms. Brownstein reported that Advanced Medical Management (AMM) has been the Third-Party Administrator for CMSP since 2014 and that the current Services Agreement ends September 30, 2022. She presented a proposed Amendment to the AMM Services Agreement to extend the Services Agreement to September 30, 2025.

B. UCLA Agreement

Ms. Brownstein said that the Board on December 16, 2021 approved an amendment to the UCLA Services Agreement to continue the evaluation of the Path to Health pilot project through June 2025, but that Amendment was not executed because Governor Newsom proposed in his FY 2022-23 State Budget to expand Medi-Cal coverage for the population served by Path to Health. The Legislature subsequently approved the Governor's proposal and Medi-Cal coverage will become available to this population by January 1, 2024.

Taking the State's action into account, Ms. Brownstein presented a new Agreement that will continue the Path to Health evaluation through December 2023 at a cost of \$280,000.

ACTION MSC: Board approve the proposed the proposed Services Agreement Amendment with AMM and UCLA Services Agreement and authorize the Executive Director with the assistance of the General Counsel to finalize the terms of these Agreements and execute these Agreements.

APPROVED

Votes:

Aye 9
Nay 0

CMSP Marketing Plan Update

Alison Kellen, Program Director, introduced the CMSP marketing program involving Upstreamers and Wallrich Communications. She then introduced Lila Wallrich of Wallrich Communications to provide an update on the overall CMSP marketing program to the Governing Board (see attached presentation).

CMSP Financial Reports

CMSP Balance Sheet

Meegan Forrest, Director of Finance and Administration, reported on the May and June 2022 financial statements. The CMSP Balance Sheets show:

ITEM	May 2022	June 2022
Total CMSP Funds	\$352,071,567	\$350,652,102
Total Assets	\$352,377,674	\$351,400,624
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$352,377,674	\$351,400,624

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 May 31, 2022 there were expenditures of \$25,768,833 (accrual basis). As of June 30, 2022 there were expenditures of \$28,003,370 (accrual basis). The approved Program Budget for FY 2021-22 is \$45,888,500.

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 May 31, 2022 there were expenditures of \$3,386,896 (accrual basis). As of June 30, 2022 there were expenditures of \$3,720,309 (accrual basis). The approved Administrative Office Budget for FY 2021-22 is \$6,016,000.

COVID-19 Update

Ms. Kellen reported that AMM has finished processing the clinic-only COVID-19 vaccine administration claims. She also stated that the federal government again extended the Public Health Emergency (PHE) through October 2022.

CMSP Update

Ms. Brownstein provider brief updates on the following:

- **County Visits.** Ms. Brownstein said that she's been visiting and making presentations at various CMSP County Boards of Supervisors meetings. She, with various CMSP staff, have been to nine counties, in person or via Zoom, and will be visiting two more this month.
- **Local Indigent Care Needs Grant Program (LICN).** Ms. Brownstein stated that a new LICN Request for Proposals has been published and calls for counties that have not previously received a LICN grant. Additionally, she said there will be a LICN grantee convening in early October that will focus on program sustainability.
- **Workforce Development.** Ms. Brownstein said that the CMSP Allied Health Loan repayment program (AHLHRP) will open again in September and a new class of Loan Repayment Program (LRP) recipients were awarded a cumulative \$1.5 million. She also said the Planning and Benefits Committee will be meeting August 31 and further discussion of workforce development will take place there.
- **Automated Eligibility System.** Ms. Brownstein reported that Governing Board staff finalized the terms of the new Services Agreement with RedMane for development and operation of the new Connect to Care and Path to Health automated eligibility and enrollment system and system development efforts are underway. Currently, CMSP staff is dedicating roughly 8-10 hours of meetings per week with RedMane to complete the project. There will be training for participating enrollment providers later this year on the new system.
- **Farmworker Health Study.** Ms. Brownstein reported that UC Merced has asked the CMSP Governing Board to consider being a part of a study the university is doing on farmworker health care. Further discussion with UC Merced representatives about the project is expected in the near future.

Public Comments

Mr. Wagenknecht asked for public comments. There were no additional public comments. Christine Zoppi raised an issue about state funding available for behavioral health infrastructure and the potential of CMSP funding being granted to help counties fund the county match required for the receipt of these grant funds. Mr. Wagenknecht said the matter was timely for consideration at the Governing Board's future strategic planning discussions in the fall.

Mr. Wagenknecht announced the next Governing Board meeting is September 22, 2022 and adjourned the meeting at 10:46 am.