

**MINUTES
CMSP GOVERNING BOARD**
Thursday, September 22, 2022
In-Person and via Zoom

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Egan, County Administrator, Lassen County (in-person)
Richard Forster, County Supervisor, Amador County (in-person)
Elishia Hayes, County Administrator, Humboldt County (remote)
Matthew Hymel, County Administrator, Marin County (remote)
Elizabeth Kelly, Health and Human Services Director, Colusa County (remote)
Deborah Martinez, Social Services Director, Madera County (remote)
Jennifer Vasquez, Health and Human Services Director, Yuba County (in-person)
Oscar Villegas, County Supervisor, Yolo County (remote)
Brad Wagenknecht, County Supervisor, Napa County (in-person)
Christine Zoppi, Health and Human Services Director, Glenn County (in-person)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kimberly Chen, Assistant Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency

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 introduced themselves, and then the Board Members participating remotely introduced themselves. Mr. Wagenknecht invited public comments. There was no public comment.

Correspondence and Consent Calendar

Mr. Wagenknecht requested a motion to approve the September 22, 2022 Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the September 22, 2022 Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 10
 Nay 0

Report on Closed Session

Counsel Alison Bassett reported that the Governing Board met in Closed Session to discuss the public employee performance evaluation of the Executive Director and took no action.

Report from Legislative Representative

Paul Yoder of Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange (SYASL) introduced himself to the Board. He reported that the Legislature completed the two-year legislative session on August 31, 2022, and the Governor has until September 30th to act on bills. A series of bills on climate change (emission reductions, well set-backs from schools, homes, and communities, and the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant operation extension) were all passed at the end of the session.

Mr. Yoder reported that the Care Court legislation (SB 1338) was approved. In the final days before passage, he said, Los Angeles County pulled out of participation in Cohort 1 because the State would not agree to the county's request for a "true up" for the cost of the new program. Originally, the Governor wanted 50% of the statewide population to participate in the new program, but that did not occur. Cohort 1 participants will get special funding, but there is no clearly defined process for how subsequent counties will be funded. The Administration has landed on an estimated potential cost of \$50K per Care Court participant. Mr. Yoder expressed hope that Cohort 1 counties will inform the process for Cohort 2 counties. Within this context, Mr. Yoder reported there's a rumor that the Newsom Administration is considering clawing back some of the Homeless Assistance Program funding for Care Court costs.

Mr. Yoder reported that the State missed its revenue target in June and for the first two months of FY 2022-23, resulting in a shortfall of about \$5 billion. At the same time, he noted there is a lot of funding from the FY 2022-23 State Budget that is approved for multi-year allocations. If September revenue estimates continue to be below the target, Mr. Yoder said that counties should anticipate a tighter State Budget for FY 2023-24.

Ms. Karen Lange greeted the Board and reported that the Governor vetoed AB 1951, which proposed to give away county sales tax dollars to heavy manufacturers. At this time, there are only a few other pending bills of concern to counties. She also touched on various other non-health related bills of interest to counties.

The Governing Board then engaged in a discussion of issues and concerns associated with the Care Court program, implementation, and future funding.

Planning and Benefits Committee

Ms. Brownstein introduced six proposals that were reviewed and vetted by the CMSP Planning and Benefits Committee during its August 31, 2022 meeting and recommended to the Board for approval. Ms. Brownstein stated that the six proposals

are designed to increase access to health care coverage in four different ways: expansion of eligibility; expansion of benefit coverage; identification of needed healthcare providers (with intended future development of a plan for supporting development of needed workforce); and financial support to counties seeking other state and/or federal funding support for development of local healthcare infrastructure.

Ms. Brownstein stated that she was deferring presentation of two proposals to the Board's December meeting because more research is needed by CMSP staff to determine potential overlaps with Medi-Cal eligibility. The two deferred proposals are:

- Pilot Project: Expand eligibility for persons 65+ with 138%-300% FPL (not on Medi-Cal or Medicare); and,
- Pilot Project: Full Scope Benefits to Aid Code 50.

Ms. Brownstein then presented the other four proposals, recommended for approval by the CMSP Planning and Benefits Committee:

- CMSP eligibility applications at Community Health Centers (through RedMane) in addition to county social services departments;
- Align Dental, Vision, Hearing Benefit Coverage with Medi-Cal;
- Contract with UCSF Healthforce Center to prepare an analysis of healthcare workforce and provider educational pipeline in CMSP counties; and,
- Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Funds (capital grant match) for facilities providing behavioral health services.

Discussion among Board members ensued. Anthony Wright, Executive Director for Health Access, requested an opportunity to speak to the Board. Mr. Wright offered his support of the proposals, especially the eligibility and benefit proposals. He said that Health Access appreciates the ethos of the concepts – to align with Medi-Cal – and expressed encouragement that the Board also pass both proposals that have been temporarily deferred. He stated that as Medi-Cal continues to expand Health Access agrees that CMSP should continue to further fill in the gaps, including looking at a higher income threshold for program eligibility.

ACTION MSC: Board approve the proposed dental/vision/ benefit alignment with Medi-Cal and defer action on the healthcare workforce, healthcare infrastructure, and proposed eligibility and benefit expansions to the December Board meeting.

APPROVED

Votes:

Aye 10

Nay 0

Board members concurred that CMSP staff should continue to carry out necessary research and administrative work needed on the deferred proposals.

Board Member Terms and Elections

Ms. Brownstein reported that the terms of the following Governing Board members end December 31, 2022:

- Oscar Villegas, Supervisor, Yolo County
- Matthew Hymel, County Administrator, Marin County
- Jennifer Vasquez, Health and Human Services Director, Yuba County

She also stated that Board's Chair, Brad Wagenknecht, Supervisor, will be retiring from his position with Napa County effective December 31, 2022 and will no longer be on the Governing Board. Ms. Brownstein stated that elections will need to be held for the open positions before the end of the year.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board direct its Legislative Representative to conduct elections for the open Supervisor and County Administrator positions and direct the Executive Director to conduct the election for the Health Official position.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye 10
		Nay 0

Conflict of Interest Code

Alison Bassett, Counsel, stated that the Political Reform Act requires the Governing Board to review its Conflict of Interest Code biennially and to submit a notice to the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) that specifies if the code is accurate, or if the code must be amended. Ms. Bassett presented two updates to the current CMSP Governing Board Conflict of Interest Code for the Board's consideration.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the proposed updates to the Conflict of Interest Code and direct the Executive Director to notify the FPPC of this approval.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye 10
		Nay 0

CMSP Grant Programs

Local Indigent Care Needs (LICN) Grant Proposals

Laura Moyer, Grants Administrator, reported that a Round 3 Request for Proposals open to the 10 CMSP counties that have not previously received a LICN grant resulted in the submission of 2 Planning Project grant proposals and 2 Implementation Program grant proposals from 3 of the 10 counties. She stated that all the proposals were thoroughly reviewed and scored by a review team comprised of CMSP staff and the

Ms. Moyer reported that the first in-person LICN convening with the technical assistance (TA) vendor will occur on October 6th. Ms. Moyer also stated that the Governing Board's Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment program is now open for applicants. Up to \$16,000 in loan repayments may be provided.

Path to Health and Connect to Care Enrollment Extensions

Alison Kellen, Program Director, stated that at the Governing Board's March 24, 2022 meeting, the Board approved extending the enrollment terms of Path to Health members (aged 26-49) and Connect to Care members to February 2023 to coincide with the end of the Board's Services Agreement with Alluma for OeA (Path to Health enrollment system). Ms. Kellen then outlined four pressing factors that must be considered regarding eligibility renewal processing for these programs:

- Full-Scope Medi-Cal expansion for 26 – 49 years on restricted scope Medi-Cal takes effect January 1, 2024;
- The “unwinding” of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) is expected to take effect in the coming months;
- The processing of application renewals for all Path to Health and Connect to Care members in a single month would create a workforce burden for community health centers performing this work; and,
- RedMane's eligibility and enrollment system for Connect to Care and Path to Health will be implemented in early 2023 and will require training for community health center staff.

In consideration of these dynamics, Ms. Kellen asked the Governing Board to consider approving a staggered approach for eligibility renewals, set forth below:

- Stagger Path to Health and Connect to Care renewals between February 2023 and May 2023 based on initial enrollment into Path to Health and Connect to Care.
- For Path to Health members (who will transition to Medi-Cal on January 1, 2024), set the coverage end date for all new and renewed members to December 31, 2023, the day prior to the Medi-Cal expansion.
- For Connect to Care, set the coverage end date for all new and renewed members as the last calendar day up to six months from the date of renewal.

ACTION MSC: Board approve the proposed staggering of eligibility renewals for Path to Health and Connect to Care outlined by the Program Director.

APPROVED

Votes:

Aye 10

Nay 0

Proposed Services Agreements

Ms. Brownstein presented four different proposed Services Agreement updates for the Governing Board's consideration.

Alluma Termination Letter

Ms. Brownstein said that the Governing Board's Services Agreement with Alluma for Path to Health (OeA) goes through February 2023 and the Services Agreement for Connect to Care (OxC) ends December 31, 2023. Further, she stated that RedMane has been contracted to build and implement a new enrollment system (mCase) for both Path to Health and Connect to Care, with an expected to go-live in December 2022.

The Board's Services Agreement with Alluma allows the Board to terminate its Agreement upon 30 days prior written notice of its intent to terminate. Ms. Brownstein asked the Board to approve a proposed termination letter to be sent to Alluma approximately 30 days prior to the new RedMane enrollment system go-live date.

Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange Amendment

Ms. Brownstein reported that the Governing Board's Services Agreement with Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange for legislative representation services ends December 31, 2022. Ms. Brownstein presented a proposed amendment to the Services Agreement with the firm for continued provision of services for two years, through December 31, 2024, with a three percent increase in the monthly fee in year one and again in year two.

EA Compensation Resources Agreement

Ms. Brownstein stated that the Board previously approved a Services Agreement with EA Compensation Resources (CR) to assist the Board in 2022 with a variety of on-going internal human resources needs and presented a proposed Services Agreement with CR to continue provision of these services in 2023, with a budget not to exceed \$20,000.

eSecurity Solutions, LLC Amendment

Ms. Brownstein said that eSecurity Solutions has carried out various web application penetration tests to ensure the security of the CMSP websites and the Path to Health and Connect to Care enrollment systems since 2019. She stated that eSecurity Solutions has again been selected as the vendor to ensure the security of the new enrollment system and web application that is being built by RedMane for Path to Health and Connect to Care. Ms. Brownstein presented a proposed amendment to the Services Agreement with eSecurity Solutions, LLC to carry out these tasks for a total cost of \$12,500.

basis). As of August 31, 2022, there were YTD expenditures of \$6,341,943 (accrual basis). The approved Program Budget for FY 2022-23 is \$40,484,300.

FY 2022-23 Administrative Office Budget Expenditures Year-to-Date

Ms. Forrest presented a report on year-to-date actual versus budgeted Administrative Office expenditures. As of July 31, 2022 there were YTD expenditures of \$233,904 (accrual basis). As of August 31, 2022 there were YTD expenditures of \$579,084 (accrual basis). The approved Administrative Office Budget for FY 2022-23 is \$6,557,800.

COVID-19 Update

Ms. Kellen reported that the October 13th end of the Public Health Emergency has been extended to January 11, 2023.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Brownstein provided brief updates on the following:

- County Board of Supervisors Presentations: Ms. Brownstein has visited 11 CMSP counties so far. She is going to Glenn County shortly, and just presented at El Dorado County.
- CMSP Booth at CSAC Conference: This year the CMSP Governing Board will have a booth at the CSAC annual conference to educate counties about CMSP.
- RedMane Progress: By the December Board meeting, a hard date for go-live for the new Connect to Care and Path to Health enrollment system will be presented.
- CMSP Eligibility Training: Trainings for county eligibility workers will be conducted on October 26 and repeated on November 2.
- Marketing: One of the CMSP marketing videos has had over 150,000 views.
- December is Chair Brad Wagenknecht's last CMSP Board meeting. Mr. Wagenknecht has been a Board member since 2005.

Public Comments

Mr. Wagenknecht asked for public comments. There were no additional public comments.

Mr. Wagenknecht announced the next Governing Board meeting is December 15, 2022 and adjourned the meeting at 11:18 am.