

MINUTES
CMSP GOVERNING BOARD
Thursday, December 15, 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 (in-person)
Elishia Hayes, County Administrator, Humboldt County (in-person)
Matthew Hymel, County Administrator, Marin County (remote)
Deborah Martinez, Social Services Director, Madera County (in-person)
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
Richard Egan, County Administrator, Lassen County
Elizabeth Kelly, Health and Human Services Director, Colusa 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 Governing Board and recommended that the Board move forward with all the recommendations of the Planning and Benefits Committee. He further recommended the Board approve preventive screenings and other early interventions, including those with allied health providers, in CMSP benefits.

Correspondence and Consent Calendar

Mr. Wagenknecht requested a motion to approve the December 15, 2022 Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the December 15, 2022 Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye 8
		Nay 0

Report on Closed Session

CMSP General Counsel Cathy Salenko 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

Karen Lange of Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange (SYASL) introduced herself to the Board. Ms. Lange reported that the Legislature returned last Monday, and a fairly new Legislature was seated with 30 new members between the two houses. Speaker Rendon held onto his speakership until June 30, 2023 and then Robert Rivas (Monterey County) will take over on July 1, 2023. He has been approved as the Speaker-designee. While the Legislature has met for two weeks, there are no Assembly committee chairs appointed yet. In addition, there is the pending hammer facing the Legislature, which is the Governor's proposed FY 2023-24 budget. The Legislative Analyst's Office now predicts a \$23-24 billion budget deficit. While there is a sizable State Budget Reserve, there are specific rules about how quickly it can be spent down.

Paul Yoder of SYASL greeted the Governing Board and reported there are some lingering issues from the November general election. There is a recount for State Senate. While Melissa Hurtado was certified as winner by 20 votes, the challenger has filed the appropriate paperwork for a recount. The Senate will be 32 Democrats and 8 Republicans and the Assembly will be 62 Democrats and 18 Republicans. In other election news, CSAC Vice President Bruce Gibson (San Luis Obispo) won by 13 votes and will be going through a recount.

The current State Budget reserves have \$28 billion in budget reserve accounts and an additional \$9.5 billion in school reserve accounts. When the Assembly Budget Committee came out with its blueprint for the FY 2023-24 State Budget, the message was that it's early and not to worry yet about budget deficit projections. Mr. Yoder noted that, beyond the State's budget reserves, during the last couple of financial downturns there was a lot of internal borrowing, most of which has since been repaid. Thus, internal borrowing is expected to be a part of strategies that contribute to a budget solution in FY 2023-24. Because of the size of the State Budget, which has grown significantly in the last several years, the amount of internal borrowing is potentially significant.

Mr. Yoder suggested that the biggest fight next year is likely to be on the fundamental question of how of the reserve is used in FY 2023-24 and how much is internal

borrowing in budget year 1, versus budget year 2 or 3. He further noted that a lot of appropriations in the State Budget were budgeted over multiple years, and the Governor could say we need that money now for other purposes, or alternatively hit the pause button on the amounts to be approved in FY 2023-24.

Mr. Yoder then thanked and expressed his appreciation to Governing Board Chair Brad Wagenknecht for his long service to the CMSP Governing Board and CMSP counties.

Board Member Recognition

On behalf of the Governing Board, Richard Forster, Vice Chair, made congratulatory remarks and presented a plaque to Board Chair Brad Wagenknecht recognizing his 18 years of service to the Governing Board and his service as a Napa County Supervisor. Kari Brownstein, Executive Director, expressed appreciation on behalf of CMSP staff and offered some words staff suggested that describe Mr. Wagenknecht as a leader and Board member: sense of humor and fun, optimistic, genuine, devoted, passionate about the work, mission driven, dedicated, mentor and leader.

Board Member Christine Zoppi expressed her appreciation to Mr. Wagenknecht for his service to the Board and his county, as did Board Members Oscar Villegas and Matthew Hymel. Mr. Wagenknecht thanked the Board and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Board.

Board Member Terms and Elections

Ms. Brownstein reported that the following Governing Board members were re-elected to another term on the Governing Board: Oscar Villegas (Supervisor, Yolo County), Matthew Hymel (County Administrator, Marin County) and Jennifer Vasquez (Health and Human Services Director, Yuba County). Ms. Brownstein also reported that Erin Hannigan (Supervisor, Solano County) was elected to replace Brad Wagenknecht.

Mr. Yoder stated that there is more and more interest in running for the CMSP Governing Board positions, which is an indication of the good work CMSP is doing.

Election of Officers

Ms. Brownstein stated that in consideration of the Governing Board Chair's retirement at the end of the current year, it is recommended that the Governing Board take action at the meeting to elect the Board's Chair and Vice Chair for 2023. Discussion among Board members ensued.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve Richard Forster to serve as Governing Board Chair and Jennifer Vasquez to serve as Governing Board Vice Chair for 2023.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the proposed joint Eligibility Manual for Path to Health and Connect to Care.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 8
 Nay 0

Strategic Planning Proposals

Align CMSP Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Coverage with Medi-Cal

Ms. Kellen reported that CMSP staff are working with AMM, which is going through all the procedure codes for the various benefits to be added to make sure all are listed and actionable. CMSP staff are also looking at the availability of services in the provider network and the need for further network development.

Workforce Development

Ms. Brownstein presented a proposal for a study of the healthcare workforce needs of the 35 CMSP (and remaining 4 RCRC counties) in the areas of health care, behavioral health, and oral health care. She reported that further work on the concept had been undertaken since the concept was approved by the Board in September. She presented a draft Services Agreement with the UCSF Healthforce Center to conduct this research and provide a set of reports on CMSP and RCRC county needs that included the proposed Scope of Work, budget and project implementation schedule.

Healthcare Infrastructure Matching Grant Program

Ms. Brownstein stated that in follow up to the concept presented to the Governing Board in September, a proposed CMSP Healthcare Infrastructure Matching Grant program Request for Applications (RFA) had been developed for the Board's consideration. The intention of the grant program is to assist CMSP counties meet local match requirements associated with federal, state or other healthcare infrastructure funding.

Ms. Brownstein outlined four key elements of the CMSP matching grant program:

- Eligible entities are CMSP counties or CMSP counties on behalf of non-profits contracting for delivery of healthcare services in the CMSP county;
- Matching funds up to the lower of \$500K or a 5% match of the total project;
- Funding for infrastructure only (new build or expansion), not for program operations or administrative costs; and,
- Total grant program funding of \$10 million.

CMSP Enrollment at Community Health Centers

Ms. Brownstein reported that CMSP staff are working with RedMane to develop a proposal to adapt RedMane's eligibility system for Path to Health and Connect to Care, used at community health centers, for CMSP benefit eligibility determinations. A

proposal will be brought to the Governing Board's January 2023 meeting for Board consideration.

Full-Scope Benefits for Aid Code 50

Ms. Brownstein stated that a proposal to expand CMSP benefit coverage for Aid Code 50 (from emergency services and primary care benefit coverage only to full scope coverage) was deferred by the Board to the December meeting to provide CMSP staff with time to consider potential overlaps between CMSP and Medi-Cal, should this change be made. Ms. Brownstein said that, following further research, it was determined there is no overlap between CMSP and Medi-Cal. However, there will be an implementation component, which includes procedure code changes at AMM.

Expand Connect to Care Eligibility for Persons 65+ and Not on Medicare

Ms. Brownstein reported that research was conducted and it was determined that the coverage under this proposal would overlap with Medi-Cal and is therefore not recommended for further consideration.

Anthony Wright, Executive Director of Health Access California, was recognized by the Board Chair. Mr. Wright thanked the Board Chair for his long service to CMSP over the years, during a time of a constantly changing healthcare landscape. He also said that Health Access supports the proposal for full-scope CMSP benefit coverage for Aid Code 50. With regard to the over Age 65 population, he asked that the Board continue to look at options for filling coverage gaps for this population.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve all the following:

- Proposed Services Agreement with UCSF Healthforce Center to carry out research and reporting on the healthcare workforce of CMSP and RCRC counties, and delegate authority to the Executive Director, with the assistance of the General Counsel, to finalize the terms of the Agreement;
- Proposed Healthcare Infrastructure Matching Grant Program and proposed Request for Application; and,
- Full-scope benefits for Aid Code 50 CMSP members.

APPROVED

Votes:

Aye 8

Nay 0

Ms. Forrest presented a report on year-to-date actual versus budgeted Administrative Office expenditures. As of September 30, 2022, there were expenditures of \$1,161,742 (accrual basis). As of October 31, 2022, there were expenditures of \$1,527,870 (accrual basis). As of November 30, 2022, there were expenditures of \$1,679,950 (accrual basis). The approved Administrative Office Budget for FY 2022-23 is \$6,557,800.

COVID-19 Update

Ms. Kellen reported that it was anticipated that the Public Health Emergency would be ending in mid-November, but the federal government has not ended the emergency.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Brownstein provided brief updates on the following:

- CMSP got a nice mention in a Sacramento Bee op-ed a few weeks ago;
- The Program staff team did CMSP eligibility trainings in October and November for counties, and there were about 220 attendees from 35 CMSP counties;
- CMSP had staff at the CSAC conference and a booth. The booth had many visitors, including visitors from over 20 CMSP counties and several non-CMSP counties. CMSP staff developed one-pagers for each CMSP county which were highly appreciated by CMSP county representatives;
- CMSP leadership did a one-day site visit to AMM in Long Beach; and,
- CMSP representatives attended the 35th Health Access Anniversary.

Public Comments

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

Mr. Wagenknecht announced the next Governing Board meeting is January 26, 2023 and adjourned the meeting at 11:18 am.