# MINUTES CMSP GOVERNING BOARD

Thursday, January 26, 2023 In-Person and via Zoom

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

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Kimberly Chen, Assistant Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency (remote) Richard Forster, County Supervisor, Amador County (in-person)
Matthew Hymel, County Administrator, Marin 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)
Christine Zoppi, Health and Human Services Director, Glenn County (in-person)

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Erin Hannigan, Supervisor, Solano County Elishia Hayes, County Administrator, Humboldt County 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**

Richard Forster, 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. Forster invited public comments. There were no public comments.

# **Correspondence and Consent Calendar**

Mr. Forster requested a motion to approve the January 26, 2023 Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the January 26, 2023 Board Agenda

and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6

Nay 0

# **Report on Closed Session**

CMSP General Counsel Cathy Salenko reported that the Governing Board met in Closed Session to discuss one potential litigation matter and took no action.

## **Report from Legislative Representative**

Paul Yoder of Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange (SYASL) introduced himself to the Board via Zoom. Mr. Yoder reported that in the proposed State Budget there are few cuts proposed, and legislators were relieved. As the months continue, the State's cash reports will show whether there will be an increase in the deficit. By in large, the proposed State Budget calls for the projected \$23 billion deficit to be dealt with through internal borrowing and deferrals. It is anticipated the Legislature will be seeking new spending, but few funding increases by the Administration are expected.

Mr. Yoder also reported on the following:

- The roll out of California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) is continuing and getting more real. The Governor is proposing to reestablish the managed care organization tax to help support Medi-Cal. The California Medical Association is highly supportive of reestablishing this tax.
- With the Governor's Care Court program, there is now an acknowledgement that counties will have increased ongoing program costs, and in FY 2023-24 the Governor is proposing to spend \$100 million; and, that amount is expected to grow. Los Angeles County, which was initially in Cohort 1 and then retracted, will now again implement early, sometime between Cohort 1 and Cohort 2. The majority of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors supports implementing the Care Court program as soon as possible. There appears to be an intention to work in a braided effort with the new Los Angeles City Mayor, Karen Bass.
- There will be a homeless program Budget Trailer Bill to establish various accountability measures associated with program spending and outcomes.
- Service Employees International Union (SEIU) intends to sponsor a bill to set a minimum wage of \$25 for health care workers, which may or may not include In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) workers. February 17, 2023 is the deadline for bill introductions.
- While Assemblymember Rendon is expected to be Assembly Speaker until June 2023, there is growing discussion that Assemblymember Arambula, who is currently chair of the Budget Subcommittee on Health, could be in the running for Speaker.

In response to a question about the likelihood of a special tax on billionaires, Mr. Yoder replied that there is a proposed "wealth tax" concept being discussed that would create a commission to determine how to spend the new money. The overarching goal would be to bring equity across programs and across society. It is unclear at this time if the Governor

would be interested in approving such a tax, but it does not appear so. Among other considerations, it would compete with the existing Proposition 63 mental health services tax.

# **Appointment of Board Members to Committees**

Kari Brownstein, Executive Director, asked the Board to appoint Board members to serve on the Planning and Benefits Committee and the Eligibility Committee. She advised that the Governing Board's bylaws call for the Board to appoint members to serve on these committees at the first Board meeting of each new calendar year.

The current Board members serving on the Planning and Benefits Committee are Christine Zoppi, Health and Human Services Director, Glenn County and Jennifer Vasquez, Health and Human Services Director, Yuba County. The current Board member serving on the Eligibility Committee is Deborah Martinez, Social Services Director, Madera County.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board reappoint the same Board Members to serve on

the Planning and Benefits and Eligibility Committees.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6

Nay 0

#### **CMSP Committee Rosters**

Alison Kellen, Program Director, asked the Governing Board to approve the rosters of the Planning and Benefits Committee and the Eligibility Committee, which were presented to the Board; and, asked the Board to appoint Committee Chairs for the two committees.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the rosters for the Planning and

Benefits Committee and the Eligibility Committee and to appoint the same Board Members that served in 2022 to serve as Chairs of the Planning and Benefits and Eligibility Committees in 2023.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6

Nay 0

#### **Conflict of Interest Code**

Ms. Salenko reported that In December 2022, the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) proposed additional amendments to the CMSP Governing Board's Conflict of Interest Code after its initial review several months earlier and after the Governing Board's approval of the Conflict of Interest Code at its September 22, 2022, meeting. An updated Conflict of Interest Code, in accordance with the FPPC review, was presented to the Board for consideration and approval.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the proposed updates to the amended

Conflict of Interest Code.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6

Nay 0

# Path to Health and Connect to Care Enrollment System

# New Enrollment System Implementation Update

Ms. Kellen reported that the Path to Health and Connect to Care programs will be moving out of the two Alluma eligibility systems and moving to RedMane's new single eligibility system with a go-live date of February 6, 2023. Alluma systems have been deactivated and moved to a hold status. Major efforts now underway are focused on user testing and data migration. Final migration is happening over the next week, followed by data migration testing. On February 2 and February 7 trainings will be provided for community health center application assisters.

# Provider Amendment for Member Enrollment in CMSP Benefit Programs

Ms. Kellen presented a proposed Amendment for the Board's consideration to allow Community Health Centers (CHCs) to conduct any CMSP program enrollments under the new RedMane eligibility system.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the Amendment to the CMSP

Participating Physician, Physician Group and Community Health

Center Agreement to authorize CHCs to serve as CMSP Enrollment Providers for all CMSP benefit programs.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6

Nay 0

# **Strategic Planning Proposals**

Ms. Brownstein and Ms. Kellen presented an update on the status of efforts to implement the strategic planning proposals approved by the Governing Board.

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

Ms. Kellen reported that AMM is completing various implementation activities and the July 1, 2023 effective date is on track.

# Workforce Development

Ms. Brownstein said the UCSF study is proceeding with review/approval of the contract by the UCSF administration.

Healthcare Infrastructure Development (HID) Matching Grant Program

Ms. Brownstein stated that the HID Matching Grant program has been initiated and there has been considerable interest among various CMSP counties.

# CMSP Enrollment at Community Health Centers

Ms. Brownstein reported that CMSP staff have been working with RedMane to develop a proposal to adapt RedMane's mCase eligibility system, soon to be used by Community Health Centers for Path to Health and Connect to Care eligibility determinations, to also be used CMSP benefit eligibility determinations. She presented an Amendment to the Agreement with RedMane for consideration by the Board that would add CMSP into the RedMane eligibility system.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the proposed Amendment to the

Agreement with RedMane to include CMSP enrollment within the mCase system, including the proposed scope of work, budget, and implementation schedule, and delegate authority to the Executive Director, with the assistance of the General Counsel, to

finalize the terms and execute the Amendment.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6

Nay 0

# Full-Scope Benefits for Aid Code 50

Ms. Kellen stated that an implementation process is being developed with AMM to provide full scope benefits for Aid Code 50 members. At this time, it is anticipated the go-live date is July 1, 2023.

# **Proposed Services Agreements**

## Alluma Amendment

Ms. Brownstein stated that the Board's current Services Agreement with Alluma for Path to Health expires on February 28, 2023, and while the new RedMane enrollment system is expected to go-live February 6, 2023, it is recommended that the Governing Board extend the Agreement with Alluma to May 31, 2023 to ensure a smooth transition. The monthly rate for the extended period would be the same as the current monthly rate. Ms. Brownstein presented a proposed Amendment for the Governing Board's consideration.

## Institute for High Quality Care Amendment

Ms. Brownstein stated that the Governing Board previously approved an Amendment to its Agreement with the Institute for High Quality Care (IHQC), which provides various technical assistance services to Local Indigent Care Needs (LICN) program grantees, to extend the Agreement to June 2026; increase the total amount of the Agreement; and modify services to better reflect the needs of grantees.

Ms. Brownstein reported that IHQC's current fiscal sponsor is changing from Community Partners to Community Initiatives on March 1, 2023. With this change the indirect cost for the fiscal sponsor will increase by 1%. Ms. Brownstein presented for the Board's consideration an Assignment and Amendment Agreement that would reassign fiscal sponsorship obligations from Community Partners to Community Initiatives and adjust the budget so that there would be no added cost to the Governing Board associated with this change.

# Crowe LLP Agreement

Ms. Brownstein reported that the Governing Board has contracted with Crowe LLP since 2009 for the provision of audit services. In December 2020, the Board issued a new Request for Proposals for an independent certified public accounting firm for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 CMSP Annual Audit. In March 2021, after all the proposals were reviewed, scored and interviews with firms were undertaken, the Board approved continuing audit services with Crowe LLP.

Ms. Brownstein presented a proposed Services Agreement and Engagement Letter for Crowe LLP to conduct the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 CMSP Annual Audit. The cost of the services is \$32,500.

Ms. Brownstein requested the Governing Board's approval of the two proposed Services Agreement Amendments and one Services Agreement.

ACTION MSC:

Governing Board approve the proposed Service Agreement Amendments for Alluma and the Institute for High Quality Care, and Crowe LLP Services Agreement, and authorize the Executive Director, with the assistance of the General Counsel, to finalize terms and execute these Amendments and Agreement.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6 Nay 0

# **CMSP Financial Reports**

## **CMSP Balance Sheet**

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

ITEM	December 2022
Total CMSP Funds	\$335,842,501
Total Assets	\$336,678,132
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$336,678,132

# FY 2022-23 Program Budget Expenditures Year-to-Date

Ms. Forrest presented a report on year-to-date actual versus budgeted Program expenditures. As of December 31, 2022 there were expenditures of \$15,455,542 (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 December 31, 2022 there were expenditures of \$2,315,692 (accrual basis). The approved Administrative Office Budget for FY 2022-23 is \$6,557,800.

# **COVID-19 Update**

Ms. Kellen reported that the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 decoupled continuous Medicaid coverage from the Public Health Emergency (PHE). While the PHE will continue, effective March 31, 2023, the continuous Medicaid enrollment requirement will end. CMSP staff is working with the Statewide Automated Welfare System (SAWS) systems to address the enrollment terms of CMSP members.

# **Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Brownstein provided brief updates on the following:

- Ms. Forrest is leaving the Governing Board on January 27, 2023 to go into public accounting;
- COVID-19 Emergency Response Grants (CERG) projects are fully closed out for all CMSP counties;
- Ms. Brownstein is doing a webinar for SYASL clients to go over current CMSP coverage and grant programs next week;
- Ms. Brownstein and Laura Moyer, Grants Administrator, will be making a similar presentation to CHEAC next week; and,
- Two hospitals contracted with the Governing Board (Madera Community Hospital in Madera County and Hazel Hawkins in San Benito) will be closing. AMM is looking at various other hospitals in these regions to contract with in place of these two facilities.

Discussion ensued among Board members on the closure of rural hospitals. Kimberly Chen, Assistant Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency, said the issue is on the Administration's radar and the Secretary is very concerned about it. She stated that efforts are underway to determine what steps could be taken by the Administration to address the issues.

Board Member Debbie Martinez stated that the public is confused about why new Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) locations can be opening when local hospitals are closing. Mr. Forster asked if it's possible for the State to come up with financial incentives to make it possible for health care facilities to operate in rural areas. Board Member Christine Zoppi

said that Glenn County is a Cohort 1 Care Court county and the county is reliant on the local hospital to participate in this effort; and the local hospital is stretched thin. Board Member Jennifer Vasquez stated that Medi-Cal rates, payor mix, and traveling nurse rates are continuing problems for Yuba County. Board Member Oscar Villegas asked if CMSP staff might be able to begin an assessment of issues in the mental health landscape and possible options for future consideration.

## **Public Comments**

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

Mr. Forster announced the next Governing Board meeting is March 23, 2023 and adjourned the meeting at 11:18 am.