

**MINUTES
CMSP GOVERNING BOARD**

Thursday, July 27, 2023
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 (in-person)
Matthew Hymel, County Administrator, Marin County (remote)
Elizabeth Kelly, Health and Human Services Director, Colusa County (in-person)
Jennifer Vasquez, Health and Human Services Director, Yuba County (in-person)
Oscar Villegas, County Supervisor, Yolo 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
Deborah Martinez, Social Services Director, Madera County
John Vasquez, Supervisor, Solano County

Closed Session

The Governing Board did not meet in Closed Session.

Public Session

Introductions and Public Comments

Richard Forster, Board Chair, opened the meeting and invited Board Members attending the meeting in person to introduce themselves, followed by Board Members participating remotely. Then CMSP Staff introduced themselves. Mr. Forster invited public comments. There were no public comments.

Correspondence and Consent Calendar

Mr. Forster requested a motion to approve the July 27, 2023 Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

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| ACTION MSC: | Governing Board approve the July 27, 2023 Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar. |
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| APPROVED | Votes: | Aye 8 Nay 0 |
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Strategic Planning Update

Ms. Brownstein introduced a report on the five Strategic Planning Concepts that had been approved by the Governing Board at its September and December 2022 meetings.

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

Alison Kellen, Program Director, stated that all the required coding changes for the CMSP benefit alignment with Medi-Cal have been completed by AMM and AMM is actively building a network. While dental and vision services are delivered, in part, by community health centers, AMM is investigating other service options for vision and hearing services (Walmart, Costco, Stanton, other networks). CMSP Staff are working on development of CMSP member-facing documents.

Full Scope Benefits for CMSP Aid Code 50 Members

Ms. Kellen stated that CMSP Staff have worked with AMM and MedImpact to allow for full scope benefit claims to process for Aid Code 50 Members, and CMSP Staff is working on member-facing documents along with conforming changes to the CMSP Eligibility Manual.

CMSP Enrollment at Community Health Centers

Ms. Kellen reported that CMSP Staff is in deep planning with RedMane to develop and build out the mCase enrollment system, and staff has met with DHCS and CalSAWS to develop a link to the MEDS system, in order to designate Client Index Numbers (CIN) in MEDS and establish a linkage to the Medi-Cal Share of Cost (SOC) and the Provider Point of Service (POS) system.

Rates for Health Care Services Policy Proposed Revisions

Ms. Brownstein reported that proposed changes have been made to the Governing Board's Rates for Health Care Services Policy pertaining to payment for covered vision and audiology services and presented these changes to the Board for consideration. The changes specify the conditions for payment for contracted and non-contracted vision and auditory providers (in good standing) that provide covered vision or audiology health care services, along with other non-substantive changes.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the proposed Rates for Health Care Services Policy Revisions.

APPROVED

Votes:

Aye 8

Nay 0

Healthcare Infrastructure Development Matching Grant Program

Ms. Brownstein stated that the Governing Board, at the Board’s May 25, 2023 meeting, approved the Healthcare Infrastructure Development (HID) Matching Grant applications submitted by Calaveras, Glenn and Humboldt counties; the DRAFT HID Matching Grant Conditional Approval Letter and Grant Agreement; and, the extension of the application deadline to December 31, 2024.

Ms. Brownstein noted that the HID Matching Grant program, as originally approved by the Governing Board, allows for the participation of CMSP counties and their non-profit partners, but does not allow for the participation of for-profit partners. To address this situation, Ms. Brownstein outlined proposed changes to the HID RFA that would allow a CMSP county to work with either a non-profit or for-profit organization and be eligible for a HID Matching Grant when the following conditions are met:

- The organization has a contract with the CMSP Governing Board to provide covered services to CMSP members;
- A copy of the primary grant application and award letter are included with the HID application;
- The organization has entered into a memorandum of understanding or other contractual agreement with the county agency for the delivery of health care services and a copy of document is provided with the HID application to the Governing Board;
- Any agreements or MOU’s between any entities in regard to acquisition, usage, lease or purchase of any real property related to the Healthcare Infrastructure Development Matching Grant project are submitted with the HID application; and,
- Both the CMSP county and the organization sign the HID grant agreement with the Governing Board.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the Updated HID RFA.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6
 Nay 0

Elisha Hayes, Humboldt County, and Christine Zoppi, Glenn County, recused themselves from the vote on this matter because their counties received Board approval for HID Grant Program participation at the Board’s May meeting.

Healthcare Workforce Study

Lee Kemper, Policy & Planning Consultant, briefly outlined key findings from the UCSF HealthForce Center’s summary report on the Behavioral Health workforce in CMSP and RCRC counties, which was provided to the Governing Board in the Board’s agenda materials. Mr. Kemper reported that the UCSF team is presently working on data and findings concerning:

- Physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and dental professionals;

- Current community college programs, hospital sponsored programs, and private programs in CMSP and RCRC counties that provide Associate of Arts (AA) degrees and/or certificate programs for nursing, dental hygiene, substance use counseling, and any other health-related paraprofessionals, such as medical assistants and community health workers,
- Number of medical school graduates and participants in medical residency programs,
- Number of physician assistant graduates,
- Number of nursing school graduates,
- Number of graduates of dental schools, and,
- Medical residency programs available in CMSP and RCRC counties.

Mr. Kemper stated that the lead researchers from UCSF will be presenting their final report and findings to the Governing Board in December and will be releasing a second of their three summary reports to the Board sometime in the fall. Discussion among Board members ensued. In follow up discussion several Board members expressed a desire to see the findings released broadly to CMSP stakeholders and Ms. Brownstein stated that some type of convening early in 2024 to present the findings is under development.

Board Member Oscar Villegas reported he recently learned that artificial intelligence (AI) is being used to conduct recruitment interviews and screening of nursing candidates. Board Chair Richard Forster noted that Sutter Amador Hospital has an effective telehealth/behavioral health structure and a robust medical residency program. Further discussion on these matters ensued.

CMSP Financial Reports

Ms. Brownstein introduced Nino Celentano, who has taken on the Finance Director position. Mr. Forster welcomed Mr. Celentano to the Governing Board's staff.

CMSP Balance Sheet

Kari Brownstein reported on the May 2023 and June 2023 financial statements. The CMSP Balance Sheets show:

| ITEM | May 2023 | June 2023 |
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| Total CMSP Funds | \$328,810,068 | \$326,483,652 |
| Total Assets | \$329,827,363 | \$328,416,703 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$329,827,363 | \$328,416,703 |

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

Ms. Brownstein presented a report on year-to-date actual versus budgeted Program expenditures. As of May 31, 2023 there were expenditures of \$25,198,658 (accrual basis) and as of June 30, 2023 there were expenditures of \$27,856,855. The approved Program Budget for FY 2022-23 is \$40,619,475.

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

Ms. Brownstein presented a report on year-to-date actual versus budgeted Administrative Office expenditures. As of May 31, 2023 there were expenditures of \$4,331,709 (accrual basis) and as of June 30, 2023 there were expenditures of \$5,081,338. The approved Administrative Office Budget for FY 2022-23 is \$6,692,975.

CMSP Reserve Policy

Ms. Brownstein presented an updated CMSP Reserve Policy, which was last approved by the Governing Board on April 19, 2019 following discussions with the California State Department of Finance. The proposed changes are nominal, such as updating titles and other corrections.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the Updated CMSP Reserve Policy.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 8
 Nay 0

Sonoma County Investment Policy

Ms. Brownstein stated that a copy of the Sonoma County’s Investment Policy was included in the Board’s agenda materials for informational purposes. The Board holds CMSP funds in an account managed by Sonoma County.

Board Member Richard Egan spoke of the importance of both safety/liquidity and yield. He noted that the CMSP Governing Board, while a public entity, is different from counties in that most of the Board’s funds are held on deposit, as opposed to being used as a checking account to pay bills. Considering the amount of funds on deposit, there may be other vehicles that could provide safety/liquidity and a better yield. He said one such tool is the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), which is operated by the State Treasurer, and is made available to local agencies to make deposits, is liquid, is a shorter-duration pool, and has higher interest rates than a county pool. Given the nature of current interest rates, he suggested it might be useful to explore the Board establishing an account with LAIF. Discussion among Board members ensued on this matter. Board Chair Richard Forster also suggested CalTRUST, established by the CSAC Finance Corporation, could offer a better return than the Sonoma County Account. Ms. Brownstein stated that CMSP staff would investigate these alternatives for investment of CMSP funds and report back to the Governing Board.

Executive Director’s Report

Ms. Brownstein provided brief updates on the following:

- Robert Duca of the California Hospital Association will make a presentation on issues facing small rural hospitals at the Board’s September meeting

- Recruitment for a Data Analyst is underway
- CMSP Staff will attend and have a booth at the upcoming CSAC Conference
- The CMSP Allied Health Loan Repayment Program (AHLRP) is currently open for applications through July 31, 2023
- HSG grants are coming to an end
- There is a LICN Grant Program convening on October 4, 2023
- The CMSP Eligibility Committee will meet on August 31 and focus on updates and changes to the CMSP Eligibility Manual
- A Clinic Quarterly Webinar was held for Path to Health and CTC enrollment clinics was held in June
- Recent Path to Health and Connect to Care (CTC) statistics:
 - CTC - 997 processed application
 - Path to Health - over 4,200 processed applications
- AMM is merging with Ascend Partners (equity firm) but the impacts of this merger, if any, are still to be determined

Board Member Christine Zoppi expressed a desire that the Governing Board conduct another round of Healthcare Systems Development funding, specifically for EMS and ambulance services, as well as helping counties build on CalAIM opportunities. She suggested it would be practical to include some type of county financial match for participation. She also stated that she'd like to see the Board further identify gaps in health coverage where CMSP could play a role, such as for high share of cost Medi-Cal enrollees.

Board Member Jennifer Vasquez said that she supports the idea of a larger convening to release and discuss the healthcare workforce findings developed by the UCSF HealthForce Center, and Board Chair Richard Forster suggested CMSP Staff advise CSAC about the work that's been done.

Public Comments

Mr. Forster asked for public comments. There were no public comments and Mr. Forster adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is September 28, 2023.