



## **Report on Closed Session**

Alison Bassett, CMSP General Counsel, reported that the Governing Board met in Closed Session, discussed the Executive Director's performance evaluation and related staffing updates, and took no action.

## **Report from Legislative Representative**

Karen Lange of Shaw, Yoder, Antwih, Schmelzer and Lange greeted the Governing Board. Ms. Lange reported that earlier that morning the Governor ordered state agencies to remove all homeless encampments with appropriate haste, and also encouraged cities and counties to take the same action. This is a follow up to the Grants Pass Supreme Court decision. The Governor invoked Proposition 1 funding to support this action by local government. Some local officials expressed concern that the capacity to move people is not currently in place, nor are the enforcement tools.

Ms. Lange said that the Legislature comes back from recess a week from this Monday (August 5), and they will be done Saturday, August 31, 2024. The new Legislature will be seated December 2, 2024.

When the Legislature comes back for the final month of session the process should focus primarily on financial matters, although various "gut and amend" bills are anticipated. One area where there may be additional efforts is fire insurance matters. The Department of Insurance is currently conducting a regulatory process pertaining to climate change and catastrophic risk monitoring and the use of this information by insurance companies for rating determinations.

The Legislature's actions prior to recess on July 3, 2024 resulted in five measures going on the November ballot. These include Proposition 4 (\$10B climate bond); Proposition 2 (\$10B school facilities bond); an Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) that would allow counties and cities to put bonds on the market for construction projects with a 55% vote; Proposition 3 (would delete the definition of marriage in the CA constitution); and, Proposition 6 (forced labor of state prison inmates).

Elsewhere on the ballot, there will be propositions to establish an \$18 minimum wage over time (Proposition 32); allow local agencies to institute their own rent control policies (Proposition 330); establish a 340B discount program and require that 98% of the discount revenue be spent on direct patient care; make the Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax permanent and be used only on Medi-Cal services (Proposition 35); and, reinstate certain criminal penalties that were dropped by Proposition 47, and include a new penalty for the dealing of fentanyl (Proposition 36).

Board Member Mike Ziegenmeyer joined the meeting at 10:01 a.m. Board Member Richard Egan left the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Since the State Budget was adopted, the revenue picture seems to be stabilizing, and revenues appear to be matching budgeted expenditures.

Ms. Lange commented on a couple of pending bills in the Legislature. AB 2557 would set a variety of conditions and make it difficult for counties to contract out for various services. AB 2561 would target cities and counties with employee vacancy rates of over 15%, and confer new requirements upon jurisdictions with such vacancy rates. County advocates are working with a coalition of opponents to prevent those bills from being passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

### **Conflict of Interest Code**

Kari Brownstein, Executive Director, stated that the Political Reform Act requires every multi-county agency 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. Brownstein asked Alison Bassett, CMSP General Counsel, to report on the Governing Board's conflict-of-interest code.

Ms. Bassett stated that the Political Reform Act requires that an agency amend its conflict-of-interest code when change is necessitated by changed circumstances, which includes the need to designate positions, revise disclosure categories or the assignment of disclosure categories, and remove officials listed in Government Code section 87200.

Ms. Bassett reported that, after reviewing the existing conflict-of-interest code, it has been determined that amendments are not needed at this time, and this determination was communicated to the FPPC through the 2024 Multi-County Agency Biennial Notice.

### **Local Indigent Care Needs Grant Proposals**

Laura Moyer, Grants Administrator, introduced a discussion about the Local Indigent Care Needs (LICN) Grant Program, approved by the Governing Board in April 2019, to provide funding to CMSP counties and community-based organizations in CMSP counties to address locally defined indigent care needs with a focus on the health and behavioral health care needs of uninsured and under-insured residents. She stated that 23 Planning Project grants and 29 Implementation Program grants have been awarded under the program.

Ms. Moyer then reported on the Request for Proposals (RFP), released in February 2024, to provide the remaining 9 Planning grantees the opportunity to apply for an Implementation grant. In response, the Governing Board received 4 proposals. Proposals were reviewed and scored by the CMSP Review Team in accordance with existing rules (proposals must achieve a minimum score of 85 or higher out of 100 to be considered for funding). Three proposals scored above 65 and were offered remediation to address proposal shortcomings. One scored below 65 and was not offered remediation.

Following remediation:

- One proposal achieved a score above 85; however, additional remediation is needed so that the proposal may sufficiently meet data and outcome reporting requirements set forth in the RFP.
- One proposal has achieved a score above 85 and is recommended for an award.
- One applicant withdrew their proposal during the remediation process.

Discussion among Board members ensued.

ACTION MSC:                   Governing Board approve the following actions:

- Approve, but pend, funding for the proposal that scored above 85 and requires additional remediation (Kings County), and authorize the Executive Director to determine when the proposal sufficiently meets RFP data and outcome reporting requirements; and, following such determination, authorize the Executive Director, with the assistance of General Counsel, to execute the LICN grant agreement with this organization;
- Approve funding for the proposal that scored above 85 and does not require additional remediation (Lassen County), and authorize the Executive Director, with the assistance of General Counsel, to execute the LICN grant agreement with this organization; and,
- Deny funding for the proposal that did not meet the minimum scoring requirement of 85 (Petaluma Health Center) and offer this applicant feedback from the Grants Administrator.

APPROVED

Votes:

Aye 9

Nay 0

### **Proposed Services Agreements**

Ms. Brownstein reported that a part of the Governing Board's 2022 Strategic Planning efforts call for the configuration of RedMane's mCase system (used for Connect to Care and Path to Health applications) to allow applicants to also apply for CMSP at a contracted community health center (that serves as an enrollment provider for Connect to Care and/or Path to Health). This would provide an additional venue for applicants to make a CMSP application, in addition to the current county social services CMSP application process, which would continue without change.

Implementation of the new RedMane mCase system for CMSP requires an interface with the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS), operated by DHCS. To effectuate a successful interface between these systems, including the mCase and MEDS testing and

production environments, CMSP staff will need access to MEDS. DHCS's legal team has determined that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the CMSP Governing Board is required. This MOU would authorize the Governing Board access to MEDS and the MEDS testing environment while passing down the necessary HIPAA and Social Security Administration contractual responsibilities and requirements. DHCS's legal team is working to draft the MOU and anticipates delivering the draft to the Governing Board by Friday, July 26.

Because of the additional work needed by RedMane and DHCS, the Governing Board's original agreement with RedMane did not address these matters and the updated agreement adds this scope to RedMane's responsibilities and provides additional funding to support this new set of duties. Ms. Brownstein requested the Board's approval of the proposed amendment to the RedMane Services Agreement and delegation of authority to the Executive Director to finalize and execute the MOU with DHCS with the assistance of the CMSP General Counsel.

**ACTION MSC:** Governing Board approve the following actions:

- Governing Board delegate authority to the Executive Director, with the assistance of the General Counsel, to review, finalize, and execute the MOU pertaining to the MED interface with DHCS; and,
- Governing Board approve the proposed Amendment to the Agreement with RedMane which includes an updated scope and cost, and authorize the Executive Director, with the assistance of the General Counsel, to finalize and execute the Amendment.

APPROVED

Votes:

Aye 9  
Nay 0

## **Healthcare Workforce Development**

Ms. Brownstein reported on CMSP staff efforts to develop a set of workforce development investment options for the Governing Board's consideration. She noted that participants at the April 2024 CMSP Healthcare Workforce Convening suggested a wide variety of programmatic areas for possible investment. Taking those stakeholder suggestions into consideration, she presented a proposed set of programmatic options for further development by CMSP staff. The programmatic options fall into three broad categories:

- Expanding educational opportunities for health professions education for private sector, county, and non-profit organizations;
- Expanding professional training support for county and non-profit health and behavioral health organizations; and,
- Promoting county/regional healthcare workforce development collaboration.

Ms. Brownstein stated that CMSP staff are working on investment options that would identify and fund partners with current efforts underway that are suitable for expansion, as well as fund the creation of new structures to carry out specific initiatives. Options that involve partnering between the Governing Board and organizations with programs already underway include:

- Providing scholarships, stipends, fellowships, residencies and other training opportunities to support health professions education.
- Establishing, supporting and strengthening educational pathway programs for healthcare professions development in K-12, high schools, community colleges, universities and/or professional schools.
- Expanding opportunities for expedited primary care medical education training to shorten the educational cycle for these physicians.
- Creating a regional and online training program for continuing education for county healthcare, public health and behavioral health employees.
- Creating an in-person and online program for county employees to fulfill licensing and/or certification requirements.

Options that would support development of new structures to carry out specific initiatives include:

- Creating new local CMSP workforce development coalitions to identify, develop and implement workforce development strategies focused on increasing the number and participation of needed local health professionals.
- Administering a grant program to reimburse provider expenses associated with obtaining H-1B Visa health care employees that are a part of the CMSP provider network and county health, public health and behavioral health departments.

Lee Kemper, Policy & Planning Consultant, provided background information on several of the options presented, and discussion among Board members ensued. CMSP staff were then directed by the Board Chair to continue development efforts.

## **CMSP Financial Reports**

### CMSP Balance Sheet

Nino Celentano, Finance Director, reported on the May and June 2024 financial statements. The CMSP Balance Sheet shows:

ITEM	May 2024	June 2024
Total CMSP Funds	\$315,911,148	\$313,602,048
Total Assets	\$317,643,153	\$316,340,420
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$317,643,153	\$316,340,420

### FY 2023-24 Program Budget Expenditures Year-to-Date

Mr. Celentano presented a report on year-to-date actual versus budgeted Program expenditures. As of May 31, 2024 there were expenditures of \$19,383,534 (accrual basis). As of June 30, 2024 there were expenditures of \$21,458,095 (accrual basis). The approved Program Budget for FY 2023-24 is \$34,814,500.

### FY 2023-24 Administrative Office Budget Expenditures Year-to-Date

Mr. Celentano presented a report on year-to-date actual versus budgeted Administrative Office expenditures. As of May 31, 2024 there were expenditures of \$3,127,767 (accrual basis). As of June 30, 2024 there were expenditures of \$3,455,363 (accrual basis). The approved Administrative Office Budget for FY 2023-24 is \$5,341,000.

Ms. Brownstein reported that CMSP funds have started to move from the Sonoma County Treasury to CalTrust.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Brownstein provided the following informational report:

- She introduced new staff: Harjeet Gosal, new Administrative Specialist, and Sarah Lewis, new Program Analyst.
- The Path to Health transition continues because some remaining claims are being processed; and CMSP is working with the Medi-Cal managed care plans so that patients can be set up with their same Primary Care Providers.
- The CTC "Application Challenge" was a success; one health center worker, over two months, completed 80 applications; and, about 25 other health center staff completed 10 to 80 applications each.
- The CTC population has grown from 1000 (November 2023) to now at 1600 (June 2024).
- A Marketing Request for Proposal (RFP) has been released and responses are due August 1, 2024.
- A new State Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) round is underway and a letter will be sent out to stakeholders about the CMSP Healthcare Infrastructure Development (HID) Matching Grant program.
- Three CMSP staff will be attending the upcoming CSAC conference.

Board Member Christina Rivera reported on a recent CMSP marketing experience she had. She was listening to Pandora and she heard a CMSP commercial. She stated that she was very pleased to hear the commercial and thought it was well presented.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Forster asked for public comments. There were no public comments, and Mr. Forster adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is September 26, 2024.

Mr. Forster stated that the Amador County Fair starts today, July 25, and runs through Sunday, July 28.