

CMSP GOVERNING BOARD

January 22, 2025

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 & Human Services Agency (remote)
Scott De Moss, County Administrator, Glenn County (in-person)
Elishia Hayes, County Administrator, Humboldt County (remote)
Deborah Martinez, Social Services Director, Madera County (remote)
Christina Rivera, County Administrator, Sonoma County (remote)
Ed Valenzuela, Supervisor, Siskiyou County (in-person)
Jennifer Vasquez, Health & Human Services Director, Yuba County (remote)
John Vasquez, Supervisor, Solano County (in-person)
Mike Ziegenmeyer, Supervisor, Sutter County (remote)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Elizabeth Kelly, Health and Human Services Director, Colusa County
Jennifer Yasumoto, Health and Human Services Director, Napa County

Introductions and Public Comments

John Vasquez, 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. Vasquez asked for comments from the public. There were no public comments.

Correspondence and Consent Calendar

Mr. Vasquez requested a motion to approve the January 22, 2025 Governing Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the January 22, 2025 Governing Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

APPROVED	Votes:	Aye 7
		Nay 0

Report from Legislative Representative

Paul Yoder of Shaw, Yoder, Antwih, Schmelzer and Lange greeted the Governing Board remotely. Mr. Yoder stated that the big takeaway from the proposed FY 2025-26 State Budget is the Governor stated there is no concern about a deficit. The Legislative Analyst disagreed with this assessment and said the State faces an \$8-9 billion deficit problem. Mr.

Yoder advised that the difference between the two parties is due, in part, to different calculations about future expenditures.

Board Member Christina Rivera joined the meeting.

Mr. Yoder stated that the State's General Fund budget has grown so large that a difference of \$8-9 billion only represents about 2% of the budget. In the proposed budget, Mr. Yoder stated that there are few proposed cuts and few program increases. There is nothing proposed for Proposition 36 implementation. =However, there are a lot of discussions about how the State can help address the consequences of the Los Angeles County and Ventura County fires. =There has been some discussion about using the just passed Resources Bond for fire recovery, up to \$1.5 billion. However, there are concerns among some parties about the distribution of funds. Further, the bond itself has requirements, including that up to 40% of the funds must be spent in low-income communities.

Mr. Yoder said that the proposed State Budget includes a \$17 billion reserve, and it seems likely that a financial solution for Los Angeles County and Ventura County could come from that reserve. As an example, Mr. Yoder noted that Butte County got three years of property tax backfill after the Camp Fire. He reported that there is current discussion about up to 5 years of backfill for Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

Mr. Yoder reported that counties are implementing Care Court, and the press is closely tracking who is going into Care Court, especially if families have advocated for it. The dynamics of Care Court are being revealed with compulsory and non-compulsory aspects. The current press focus appears to be on San Diego County.

In federal news, Mr. Yoder stated that there are reportedly lists of so-called "a la carte options" to cut Medicare and Medicaid. In Medicaid, it is not just the concept of block granting, but there is attention being given to the formulas associated with the distribution of funds.

Discussion among Board members ensued. A question was raised about the potential for tax hikes to deal with the issues facing California. Mr. Yoder stated that Governor Newsom has, so far, tried to avoid any type of tax increase.

Kimberly Chen, representing the California Health and Human Services Agency, said that one complication facing the State is that the federal and state budgeting calendars do not align, and that may result in subsequent budget action by the State. Mr. Yoder agreed and he noted that there are things that can be done via federal budget reconciliation versus stand-alone congressional actions, and the Senate filibuster is still in play. As a consequence, there will be a lot of dynamics that could prevent certain Administration proposals from being a slam dunk.

Appointment of Board Members to Committees

Kari Brownstein, Executive Director, reported that Board members need to be appointed to serve on the Planning and Benefits Committee and Eligibility Committee and that both Jennifer Vasquez and Deborah Martinez are willing to serve as Chairs of these committees, respectively.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board appoint Jennifer Vasquez to serve as Chair of the CMSP Planning and Benefits Committee and appoint Deborah Martinez to serve as Chair of the Eligibility Committee.

APPROVED

Votes:	Aye 7
	Nay 0

Board Member Mike Ziegenmeyer didn't vote.

CMSP Committee Rosters

Laura Moyer, Grants Administrator, provided background information on the appointment of members to the CMSP Planning and Benefits Committee. She reported that there are two representative vacancies on the committee, and that nominations had been solicited from county health and social services agencies in County Groups 1 and 3. From that solicitation, three nominations were received from County Group 1 but no nominations were received from County Group 3.

Ms. Moyer reported that that the current Planning and Benefits Committee members were polled on the three proposed nominees from County Group 1 and they recommended the Board appoint Laura Hawkins, Health & Human Services Director, Glenn County, to serve on the committee. Insofar as there were no nominations from the Group 3 counties, Board Member Jennifer Yasumoto, Napa County Health and Human Services Agency Director, was asked if she would serve as the Group 3 representative and she agreed.

Discussion ensued among Board members.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board appoint Laura Hawkins as the Group 1 representative on the Committee and appoint Jennifer Yasumoto as the Group 3 representative on the Committee and approve the updated Planning and Benefits Committee roster for 2025.

APPROVED

Votes:	Aye 7
	Nay 0

Board Member Mike Ziegenmeyer didn't vote.

Ms. Moyer presented the current CMSP Eligibility Committee roster. She noted that CMSP staff will recruit for the vacant beneficiary/provider advocate representative. She asked the Governing Board to approve the Eligibility Committee roster.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the Eligibility Committee roster for 2025.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 7
 Nay 0

Board Member Mike Ziegenmeyer didn't vote.

Healthcare Infrastructure Development Matching Grant

Ms. Moyer presented background information on the Healthcare Infrastructure Development (HID) Matching Grant program, which was established by the Governing Board in December 2022 with up to \$10 million in award funding. The program is designed to provide a portion of locally required matching funds required by other state or federal grant programs for expansion of healthcare infrastructure. The funding is available to help CMSP counties and non-profits contracted with CMSP counties expand their physical capacity to provide healthcare and behavioral health services. To date, the Governing Board has awarded funding to Glenn County in the amount of \$500,000 and has offered Humboldt County \$500,000.

In the most recent HID funding round the Governing Board received grant applications from El Dorado, Imperial, Madera, and Mariposa Counties. The applications from Imperial and Madera Counties were reviewed by a CMSP Review Team and are recommended for conditional awards. The applications from El Dorado and Mariposa Counties need additional time to make updates to their applications, and no Board action is recommended at this time on those applications.

The current authority for the HID Matching Grant program is through December 31, 2024. California's Department of Healthcare Services recently announced it will launch another Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) funding round in May 2025 and make up to \$1.1 billion of funding available. In light of this impending BHCIP funding round, it is recommended the Governing Board extend the HID Matching Grant application deadline to December 31, 2025.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve Imperial County and Madera County for conditional awards and approve extension of the HID Matching Grant program to December 31, 2025

APPROVED Votes: Aye 7
 Nay 0

Board Member Deborah Martinez recused herself from voting.

Health Care Workforce Development

Ms. Brownstein briefly provided background information on the Governing Board's health care workforce development activities over the past year. She then summarized the four-part strategy to address healthcare workforce development needs in CMSP counties that had been presented for the Board's consideration:

- Building the Healthcare Workforce Grant Program;
- Continuation of the health provider loan repayment program in partnership with the Department of Health Access and Information (HCAI);
- Health education scholarship program; and,
- Staff development and continuing education program for county public health and behavioral health staff.

She stated that that the Board, at its December 12, 2024 meeting, approved the Healthcare Workforce Development Grant Program and the HCAI administered loan repayment program and delegated further consideration of the staff development and continuing education program to the CMSP Planning and Benefits Committee. The Board also authorized CMSP staff to proceed with developing a recommendation for expansion of HCAI's existing health education scholarship programs to target students from CMSP counties.

Ms. Brownstein presented a proposed CMSP Health Education Scholarship program to be administered by HCAI with funding from the Governing Board. The focus of the program is on various segments of nursing, including Associate Degree Nursing, Bachelor of Science Degree Nursing and Vocational Nursing, and Advanced Practice professions including but not limited to Master of Physician Assistant and Doctor of Dental Medicine.

The program would include two requirements to ensure the CMSP county healthcare workforce is targeted: 1) Awardees must be a resident or high school graduate of a CMSP county; and, 2) Awardees must complete their 1-year service obligation in a CMSP county. The table below outlines the recommended award program, annual costs, costs over three years, and the estimated administrative costs.

Scholarship Program Category	Annual Award Funding	3-Year Award Funding	Individual Scholarship Award
Associate Degree of Nursing (ADNSP)	\$120,000	\$360,000	\$8,000
Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSNSP)	\$150,000	\$450,000	\$10,000
Vocational Nursing (VNSP)	\$60,000	\$180,000	\$4,000
Advanced Practice Healthcare (APHSP)	\$500,000	\$1,500,000	\$25,000
Total Award Funding	\$830,000	\$2,490,000	

CMSP Financial Reports

CMSP Balance Sheet

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

ITEM	November 2024	December 2024
Total CMSP Funds	\$310,809,361	\$309,718,553
Total Assets	\$312,239,965	\$311,768,274
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$312,239,965	\$311,768,274

FY 2024-25 Program Budget Expenditures Year-to-Date

Mr. Celentano presented a report on year-to-date actual versus budgeted Program expenditures. As of November 30, 2024 there were expenditures of \$7,908,802 (accrual basis). As of December 31, 2024 there were expenditures of \$8,744,790 (accrual basis). The approved Program Budget for FY 2024-25 is \$28,139,000.

FY 2024-25 Administrative Office Budget Expenditures Year-to-Date

Mr. Celentano presented a report on year-to-date actual versus budgeted Administrative Office expenditures. As of November 30, 2024 there were expenditures of \$1,614,143 (accrual basis). As of December 31, 2024 there were expenditures of \$1,804,550 (accrual basis). The approved Administrative Office Budget for FY 2024-25 is \$5,363,000.

CalTRUST Update

Ms. Brownstein presented two letters of thanks to Sonoma County for managing the CMSP Fund and serving as fiscal intermediary on behalf of the Governing Board for the past two decades. She also reported all funds have been transferred from Sonoma County to CalTRUST.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Brownstein reported that:

- RedMane was at the CMSP Administrative Office for a site visit last week.
- The annual CMSP audit started last week, and the audit results will be presented to the Board at the Board's March meeting.
- The Incurred But Not Paid (IBNP) claims report will also be completed for presentation at the Board's March meeting.
- CMSP staff are working with the JSR Strategies marketing team on the CMSP marketing plan. Staff have received a first-round plan. In the coming weeks and months there will be press releases on the Path to Health evaluation report; the

Building the Healthcare Workforce Grant Program Request for Proposal (RFP); CMSP enrollment at community health centers through mCase; and CMSP health education scholarships and loan repayments.

- The mCase project for CMSP eligibility is ongoing. Roughly 5 meetings involving CMSP staff are taking place each week. The go-live goal date is April 2025.

Finally, Ms. Brownstein congratulated Alison Kellen, Senior Director – Programs, on her recent 25-year work anniversary with CMSP and congratulated Eli Cizewski-Robinson, Data Analyst, on his 1-year work anniversary with CMSP.

Public Comments

Jason Beers of Operation Access greeted the Governing Board and thanked the Board for its financial support over the years. Mr. Beers stated that over the past five years, more than 4,000 residents of CMSP counties have received services through Operation Access partnerships. Operation Access started with partner health care providers in 4 CMSP counties and is now providing services in 11 CMSP counties, as well as 9 non-CMSP counties, where residents from other CMSP counties can be served within a one-hour drive. Based on their experience, Operation Access finds there is a distinct population of people that do not want to apply for Medi-Cal or people who have incomes too high to qualify for Medi-Cal, and they have been able to receive services through Operation Access' work.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 26, 2025.