

CMSP GOVERNING BOARD

March 26, 2025

In-Person and via Zoom

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Vasquez, Supervisor, Solano County (in-person)
Jennifer Vasquez, Director, Health & Human Services, Yuba County (in-person)
Ed Valenzuela, Supervisor, Siskiyou County (in-person)
Scott De Moss, County Administrative Officer, Glenn County (remote)
Elishia Hayes, County Administrative Officer, Humboldt County (remote)
Elizabeth Kelly, Director, Health & Human Services, Colusa County (remote)
Deborah Martinez, Director, Department of Social Services, Madera County (remote)
Jennifer Yasumoto, Director, Health & Human Services, Napa County (remote)
Kimberly Chen, California Health & Human Services Agency (in-person)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mike Ziegenmeyer, Supervisor, Sutter County (in-person)
Christina Rivera, County Administrator, Sonoma County (in-person)

PUBLIC SESSION

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 any comments from the public. There were no public comments.

Correspondence and Consent Calendar

Mr. Vasquez requested a motion to approve the March 26, 2025 Governing Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the March 26, 2025 Governing Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

APPROVED

Votes:

Aye 8

Nay 0

Report from Legislative Representative

Paul Yoder of Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange joined the meeting remotely to provide an update on the Governor's proposed FY 2025–26 State Budget and current legislative activity.

Mr. Yoder reported that the State budget outlook is deteriorating, particularly due to spending exceeding projections in several areas, including health and social services. The Governor has already acknowledged two major spending overruns, totaling \$3.4 billion and \$2.8 billion, respectively. Additionally, fiscal impacts from recent wildfires in Southern California have not yet been fully accounted for, including property tax exemptions now extended to both dwellings and land for fire victims – a first in California.

Mr. Yoder noted that the City of Los Angeles and the County of Los Angeles are both lobbying for significant relief funding, with requests including \$700 million for underground utility lines and \$800 million for general relief.

Despite these challenges, State revenues have continued to exceed projections, providing some positive news. However, with the May Revision approaching, the State's budget deficit is now projected to be between \$18 and \$20 billion, a sharp contrast to the \$300 million surplus projected in the January budget proposal.

On the legislative front, Mr. Yoder shared that over 2,000 bills were introduced by the February 21, 2025 deadline. Approximately 10% (200 – 300 bills) are now being amended with substantive language, many of which could significantly impact counties. He emphasized that April and June are key policy bill months, with more controversial measures typically scheduled later in April. The legislative spring recess will begin on April 9, 2025.

CMSP Financial Reports

Report on Incurred But Not Paid Claims as of June 30, 2024

Nino Celentano, Finance Director, presented the HealthCare Analytical Solutions, Inc. (HCAS) report on Incurred But Not Paid (IBNP) claims as of June 30, 2024. The report provided HCAS's estimate of unpaid medical and pharmacy claims for the CMSP, Path to Health, and Connect to Care programs as of that date, totaling \$952,732.

Report on Program Audit for FY 2023-24 by Crowe LLP

Elizabeth Sav and Jordan Uyetomo of Crowe LLP reported that the firm had completed the financial statement audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and presented the firm's findings. Ms. Sav explained that Crowe issued an unmodified opinion – the highest level of assurance – indicating that the financial statements present fairly, in all material

respects, the financial position of CMSP as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, as well as the changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Mr. Uyetomo expressed appreciation to Kari Brownstein, Executive Director and Mr. Celentano for their support and cooperation throughout the audit process.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the Report on Incurred But Not Paid Claims as of June 30, 2024 and the Report on Program Audit for FY 2023-24 by Crowe LLP.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 8
 Nay 0

CMSP Balance Sheet

Mr. Celentano reported on the January and February 2025 financial statements. The CMSP Balance Sheet shows:

ITEM	January 2025	February 2025
Total CMSP Funds	\$311,475,114	\$313,336,781
Total Assets	\$311,659,291	\$313,508,826
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$311,659,291	\$313,508,826

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

Mr. Celentano presented a report comparing year-to-date actual expenditures to the approved FY 2024–25 Program Budget. As of January 31, 2025, expenditures totaled \$9,514,341 on an accrual basis. As of February 28, 2025, expenditures totaled \$10,776,702. The approved Program Budget for FY 2024–25 is \$28,157,000.

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

Mr. Celentano presented a report comparing year-to-date actual expenditures to the approved FY 2024–25 Administrative Office Budget. As of January 31, 2025, expenditures totaled \$2,021,471 on an accrual basis. As of February 28, 2025, expenditures totaled \$2,243,888. The approved Administrative Budget for FY 2024–25 is \$5,381,000.

Operation Access Final Report

Alison Kellen, Senior Director - Programs, presented the final report on the Specialty Care Access grant awarded to Operation Access in 2020. The five-year, \$5.7 million grant was intended to expand access to donated specialty care services for low-income, uninsured

adults in CMSP counties, up to 300% of the federal poverty level (FPL). Between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2024, Operation Access coordinated over 11,700 appointments and provided more than 5,700 specialty procedures and diagnostic services to 4,163 patients. The estimated value of donated care was \$88 million.

Operation Access exceeded its geographic expansion goal, reaching residents in 22 CMSP counties, though the majority of patients (91%) remained concentrated in the original four counties. Utilization has declined following the Medi-Cal expansion for undocumented Californians, despite Operation Access raising its income eligibility to 400% FPL. A 2024 participant survey found that 93% of respondents were satisfied with their experience. Operation Access now seeks to sustain services and increase outreach and referrals, particularly for patients between 300%–400% FPL.

Jason Beers, Operation Access President and CEO, and Marilyn Sanchez, Program Manager, presented a summary of the project's overall impact over the 5-year period, challenges, next steps, and request for continued funding from the Governing Board.

Governing Board members discussed potential continued grant funding for Operation Access and the challenges highlighted in the report, including the limited impact in most CMSP counties. Board Chair Vasquez inquired about next steps, and Ms. Brownstein noted that Operation Access is seeking additional funding. Board Member Ed Valenzuela expressed concern that smaller, rural counties like Siskiyou were underrepresented in the data; and, Board Member Deborah Martinez asked about the size and needs of the population that might be served by a new funding round, especially in light of potential changes to Covered California subsidies.

Mr. Beers shared that Operation Access remains an important safety net for patients that are ineligible for Medi-Cal. Several Board members raised concerns about committing long-term funding without knowing how State coverage programs will evolve. Ms. Brownstein noted that the State's May budget revision may provide additional clarity.

Board Members Deborah Martinez and Elisha Hayes volunteered to work with staff to consider issues raised by the Board about potential future grant funding.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board accept the Operation Access Final Report and direct CMSP staff to consider the issues raised by the Board, in consultation with Board Members Deborah Martinez and Elisha Hayes.

APPROVED

Votes:

Aye 8

Nay 0

Connect to Care and CMSP Eligibility Manual for mCase

Ms. Kellen provided an update on the upcoming launch of the CMSP application and enrollment process for Community Health Centers through the mCase enrollment system, which is anticipated to go live in May 2025, pending final testing and system configuration. She presented the draft "Connect to Care and CMSP Eligibility Manual for mCase," which will guide CMSP eligibility processing at participating enrollment sites.

The new manual is based on the current Connect to Care and Path to Health eligibility manual, with additional content drawn from the CMSP Eligibility Manual used by county eligibility departments. It includes CMSP-specific rules such as income deductions, property verification, and share of cost requirements, as well as a new workflow to assess Medi-Cal eligibility. References to the now-terminated Path to Health program have been removed.

Ms. Kellen clarified that while this manual is intended for use at Community Health Centers using mCase, county eligibility departments will continue to use the existing CMSP Eligibility Manual for CalSAWS and MEDS.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the Connect to Care and CMSP Eligibility Manual for mCase.

APPROVED

Votes:

Aye 8
Nay 0

Proposed Services Agreements

Ms. Brownstein presented two proposed services agreement extensions for the Governing Board's consideration.

Lexlogia Technologies Extension

Ms. Brownstein reported that the Governing Board currently contracts with Lexlogia Technologies for data integration design, development, and support services. The existing agreement is set to expire on June 30, 2025. She presented a proposed letter extending the agreement for an additional fiscal year with no changes to the existing terms.

Quest Technology Management Services Agreement Addendum

Ms. Brownstein reported that the Governing Board's data-processing equipment and servers have been housed at Quest Technology Management since 2016, following a break-in at the Governing Board's previous office location. CMSP staff have reviewed

Quest's services, processes, and data security and confirmed that they continue to meet the Governing Board's business needs and HIPAA compliance requirements.

Ms. Brownstein presented a proposed addendum to the current agreement, which includes the following changes:

- Increases bandwidth from 25 to 100;
- Extends the term of the Agreement to April 30, 2027, with three automatic one-year renewals;
- Adds an annual 3% increase during renewal periods; and,
- Increases the current monthly fee by approximately 17%, to \$1,380 per month.

Governing Board member Kimberley Chen left the meeting.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the proposed Services Agreements with Lexlogia Technologies Extension and Quest Technology Management Services Agreement Addendum.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 8
 Nay 0

Healthcare Infrastructure Development Matching Grant

Laura Moyer, Grants Administrator, reported that in December 2022, the Governing Board established the CMSP Healthcare Infrastructure Development (HID) Matching Grant Program, allocating up to \$10 million to support CMSP counties and their partners in expanding physical capacity to deliver healthcare and behavioral health services to CMSP beneficiaries and other underserved populations.

To date, the Governing Board has awarded or conditionally awarded \$2 million in grant funding to projects in Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, and Madera counties. Applications for the program remain open on a rolling basis through December 31, 2025.

Ms. Moyer presented a new application from Mariposa County requesting \$158,217.22 in HID Matching Grant funding. She reported that the CMSP Review Team evaluated the application and recommends it for conditional award. If approved, total grant funding awarded or conditionally awarded will increase to approximately \$2.16 million, leaving \$7.84 million available for future awards.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the Healthcare Infrastructure Development Matching Grant submitted by Mariposa County.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 8
 Nay 0

Planning and Benefits Committee Meeting Report

Ms. Brownstein provided an update on the Governing Board's ongoing efforts to address healthcare workforce needs across CMSP counties. She summarized the work of the Planning and Benefits Committee, which met on February 28, 2025, to continue discussion on professional development and continuing education opportunities for county public health and behavioral health staff. The committee will reconvene on May 9, 2025, and expects to have additional clarity after the anticipated release of the federal budget in May.

Ms. Brownstein noted that staff are currently exploring training opportunities through UC Davis and CHEAC, among others. Board Member Jennifer Vasquez, Governing Board Vice Chair, added that the Committee had a robust and productive discussion, with valuable input from all participants, and expressed appreciation for the collaborative dialogue.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Brownstein provided an informational update on current CMSP activities and developments.

Social Media Marketing

Sarah Lewis, Program Analyst, reported on CMSP's social media outreach efforts, noting that CMSP has been posting regularly on LinkedIn, with positive engagement and increased follower growth.

CMSP County Trainings

Ms. Brownstein reported strong participation in recent CMSP county trainings. Three training sessions were conducted and 450 participants from 30 of the 35 counties participated in the training. Guillermo (Bill) Velazquez, Eligibility Analyst, has been actively engaging with counties to support outreach and coordination.

Building the Healthcare Workforce RFP Webinars

Two informational webinars were held regarding the Building the Healthcare Workforce Request for Proposals (RFP), with a total of 146 attendees from 75 different organizations. Proposals are due April 1, 2025.

Scholarship Program Update

Staff met with representatives from the Department of Healthcare Access and Information (HCAI) on March 25, 2025, regarding implementation of the CMSP Health Education

Scholarship Program. A proposed agreement is expected to be presented to the Governing Board at its May 2025 meeting.

Potential State and Federal Policy Changes

Ms. Brownstein acknowledged ongoing uncertainty regarding potential Medicaid cuts at the federal level, noting that CMSP is in regular communication with State officials and consultants, including Mr. Yoder and Karen Lange. The potential impacts are unknown but could affect benefits or coverage for certain expansion populations. If those changes occur, CMSP may see a return of previously transitioned populations, which could require reopening discussions on realignment. At present, interest earnings remain CMSP's only source of funding.

Public Comments

Mr. Vasquez asked for public comments. There were no public comments, and Mr. Vasquez adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is May 28, 2025. Meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.