CMSP GOVERNING BOARD
May 28, 2025
In-Person and via Zoom

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Vasquez, Director, Health & Human Services, Yuba County (remote)
Ed Valenzuela, Supervisor, Siskiyou County (in-person)
Scott De Moss, County Administrative Officer, Glenn County (in-person)
Elishia Hayes, County Administrative Officer, Humboldt County (remote)
Elizabeth Kelly, Director, Health & Human Services, Colusa County (remote)
Kimberly Chen, California Health & Human Services Agency (non-voting) (remote)
Mike Ziegenmeyer, Supervisor, Sutter County (remote)
Christina Rivera, County Administrator, Sonoma County (remote)

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Vasquez, Supervisor, Solano County
Deborah Martinez, Director, Department of Social Services, Madera County
Jennifer Yasumoto, Director, Health & Human Services, Napa County

CLOSED SESSION

The Governing Board met in Closed Session.

PUBLIC SESSION

Introductions and Public Comments

Kari Brownstein, Executive Director, welcomed attendees and noted that Chair John Vasquez was unable to attend the meeting. In his absence, Vice Chair Jennifer Vasquez presided remotely via teleconference.

Vice Chair Vasquez called the meeting to order and provided the following attendance updates for the record: Chair John Vasquez and Board Member Deborah Martinez, who were previously scheduled to participate, were unable to attend. Vice Chair Vasquez participated remotely.

Vice Chair Vasquez then invited Board Members and CMSP staff to introduce themselves, beginning with those attending in person and followed by those participating remotely.

Following introductions, Board Member Mike Ziegenmeyer, Supervisor, Sutter County, who was participating remotely, indicated that he would be stepping away from the meeting shortly but planned to return.

Vice Chair Vasquez then opened the floor for public comment.

Jason Beers, President & CEO of Operation Access, provided public comment advocating for the Governing Board to renew its grant agreement with Operation Access. He reported that recent data in the program's summary report demonstrates an expansion in the number of patients served. Mr. Beers noted a significant recent increase in referrals for services, indicating heightened demand. He also highlighted that Operation Access has restructured its staffing model to reduce its cost per patient served, bringing current costs in line with 2022 levels and aligning with CMSP's budget. He concluded by expressing concern that, without continued funding, access to vital surgical and specialty care for uninsured patients in CMSP communities would be significantly diminished.

Correspondence and Consent Calendar

Ms. Vasquez requested a motion to approve the May 28, 2025 Governing Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the May 28, 2025 Governing Board Agenda and Correspondence and Consent Calendar.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6
Nay 0
Abstain 1

Mr. Ziegenmeyer abstained from the vote.

Report on Closed Session

Alison Bassett, CMSP General Counsel, reported that the Governing Board met in Closed Session to discuss a matter involving significant exposure to anticipated litigation. No reportable action was taken.

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 Governor Gavin Newsom announced a projected $12 billion budget deficit for the upcoming fiscal year, attributing the shortfall to factors such as rising healthcare costs, economic uncertainty from federal trade policies, and delayed tax filings due to wildfires in Los Angeles County. The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) provided a slightly higher estimate, assessing the budget deficit at $14 billion.

To address the deficit, the Governor's May Revision proposes several significant measures impacting the Medi-Cal program:

- Enrollment Freeze: A freeze on new Medi-Cal enrollments for adults aged 19 and older with "unsatisfactory immigration status," effective January 1, 2026.

- Monthly Premiums: Implementation of a $100 monthly premium for the aforementioned group, starting in 2027.

- Service Reductions: Elimination of certain services, including long-term care and dental benefits, for adults with unsatisfactory immigration status.

- Pharmacy Coverage Changes: Removal of coverage for weight loss drugs such as Ozempic and Wegovy when prescribed solely for weight loss purposes, aiming to reduce cost overruns in the Medi-Cal program.

Board Member Kimberly Chen commented that it was a challenging budget and noted the potential enrollment impacts on state-only expansion populations. She further clarified that the proposed GLP-1 coverage restrictions apply only to prescriptions written solely for weight loss, and do not affect medically indicated diabetes treatment.

Additionally, the Governor proposes utilizing $1.6 billion from the Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax revenue, as authorized by Proposition 35, to support increases in managed care base rates for primary care, specialty care, emergency medical transportation, and hospital outpatient procedures.

Mr. Yoder noted that these proposals require legislative approval and may face challenges in the Assembly and Senate.

Board Member Ed Valenzuela inquired about the projected duration of the budget deficit. Mr. Yoder indicated that deficits could potentially persist for up to three years, depending on economic conditions and federal policy decisions.

Mr. Yoder also discussed potential federal legislation, specifically referencing H.R. 1 (the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act"), which has passed the U.S. House of Representatives and is anticipated to be considered by the Senate by July 1. He cautioned that if the Senate modifies the bill significantly, it could result in substantial revenue losses for California,

potentially prompting the Governor to call a special legislative session to revise the state budget accordingly.

Regarding Proposition 36, Mr. Yoder explained that the Governor's May revision does not include new Housing Assistance Program (HAP) funding, despite widespread calls for support. He noted that legislative leaders and cities are actively advocating for an allocation in the final budget. He also mentioned that approximately $500 million had previously been proposed by some lawmakers to bolster HAP, though this was not reflected in the Governor's current proposal.

Mr. Ziegenmeyer left the meeting during this agenda item.

Proposed Services Agreements

Kari Brownstein, Executive Director, presented three services agreements for the Governing Board's consideration.

Network Design Associates, Inc. Amendment

Ms. Brownstein explained that CMSP has outsourced its IT services for several years through an agreement with Network Design Associates (NDA). The primary service provider is a Senior Network Engineer. The proposed amendment extends the agreement through June 30, 2027, and includes a $10 increase to the hourly rate for the Senior Network Engineer (from $135 to $145 per hour). No other changes are proposed. NDA continues to provide core IT services, including onsite support, help desk, server and workstation maintenance, application and licensing support, business continuity planning, user training, and senior-level technical guidance.

HCAI Scholarship Program Agreement

Ms. Brownstein reported that the Governing Board previously approved the creation of a health education scholarship program at its January 2025 meeting. The proposed agreement with the California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) formalizes HCAI's role in administering the program, similar in structure to CMSP's existing loan repayment programs administered by HCAI. The proposed agreement covers all previously approved nursing and advanced practice scholarship categories. The program targets students with connections to CMSP counties and includes a service obligation requiring awardees to practice in a CMSP county. Over the three-year program, up to $2.49 million in scholarship funding would be allocated and $498,000 in administrative costs would be incurred, for a total program cost of $2.98 million.

RedMane Amendment

Ms. Brownstein stated that RedMane is continuing to build out the mCase enrollment system to allow eligible individuals to apply for CMSP at community health centers that also participate in Connect to Care. As discussed at prior meetings, this work involves close coordination with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and requires navigating CMSP-specific complexities, including distinct aid codes, protected health information (PHI), and unique data exchange and transaction processes. These nuances have required more technical effort than originally anticipated.

This fourth amendment to the RedMane agreement updates the system's go-live date from December 2024 to June 2025. It also incorporates several key revisions: (1) the addition of scope items to address unexpected technical requirements, including dual transaction paths and worker alert functionalities; (2) 90 days of post-launch support or support through 100 approved CMSP applications, whichever occurs first; (3) a one-time cost increase of $124,375 to cover the expanded work and timeline; and (4) an increase in monthly maintenance and operations from 20 to 40 hours. Ms. Brownstein emphasized that CMSP is a more complex program than others previously implemented in mCase, and the added maintenance time is essential to support ongoing system adjustments – such as annual changes to the federal poverty level – and to address minor system refinements that arise post-launch.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the Amendment to the Services Agreement with NDA, the Services Agreement with HCAI to administer the CMSP Scholarship Program, and the Amendment to the Services Agreement with RedMane.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6
Nay 0

Mr. Ziegenmeyer was not present for this vote.

Healthcare Infrastructure Development Matching Grant Program

Laura Moyer, Grants Administrator, provided an update on the CMSP Healthcare Infrastructure Development (HID) Matching Grant Program, which was approved by the Governing Board in December 2022 with up to $10 million in award funding available. The program offers matching funds to assist CMSP counties and nonprofit partners in expanding healthcare and behavioral health infrastructure for underserved populations.

As of March 2025, the Governing Board had awarded or conditionally awarded $2.158 million across five counties. Ms. Moyer reported that Imperial County, one of the conditional awardees, was unable to secure its primary funding source. As a result, its

$500,000 matching grant was nullified, reducing the total awarded and conditionally awarded to $1.658 million. No Governing Board action was needed on this change, as the conditional award was already contingent on receipt of other funding.

Ms. Moyer presented a new HID Matching Grant application submitted by El Dorado County, requesting $500,000 to support a project to repurpose a former juvenile detention facility into a behavioral health campus. The proposed project includes 16 single-occupancy inpatient psychiatric beds (replacing current double-occupancy rooms), an outpatient mental health clinic, and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services – all co-located to streamline care transitions. Ms. Moyer noted that since materials were posted, El Dorado County confirmed receipt of the necessary primary funding. The CMSP review team recommended approval of the application for a conditional award.

If approved, this award would bring the program's total awarded and conditionally awarded funding back to $2.158 million, with $7.84 million in funding remaining. The program remains open for applications through December 31, 2025.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the Healthcare Infrastructure Development Matching Grant application submitted by El Dorado County in the amount of $500,000.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6
Nay 0

Mr. Ziegenmeyer was not present for this vote.

Connect to Care and CMSP Eligibility Manual for mCase

Alison Kellen, Senior Director – Programs, presented proposed updates to the Connect to Care and CMSP Eligibility Manual for mCase, which had originally been approved by the Governing Board at its March 26, 2025 meeting. At that time, staff indicated that further updates to specific sections were anticipated.

Ms. Kellen explained that the first proposed change is to revise the manual's effective date from May 1, 2025 to June 20, 2025, in alignment with the anticipated go-live date for the enhanced mCase enrollment system, pending final testing.

The second proposed update relates to how share of cost (SOC) is calculated for CMSP members. Traditionally, SOC is determined at the household level and spenddowns can be applied across household members. However, due to technical limitations in how data from mCase will be transmitted to DHCS's MEDS system, SOC calculations in mCase must now be attributed to each individual CMSP member. The revised guidance in Article

10 of the manual clarifies that household-level SOC amounts will be split among approved members to enable proper tracking and eligibility processing.

The manual is to be used by community health centers for CMSP eligibility determinations through mCase; county eligibility departments will continue using the separate CMSP Eligibility Manual for the California Statewide Automated Welfare System (CalSAWS).

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

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6
Nay 0

Mr. Ziegenmeyer was not present for this vote.

Third Party Administrator Audit

Ms. Brownstein reported that the Governing Board has contracted with Advanced Medical Management, Inc. (AMM) since 2014 to provide third party administrator (TPA) services. While CMSP staff regularly perform internal quality assurance checks – such as monthly eligibility reconciliations, pre-claims payment reviews, check register reconciliations, and performance metric reviews – the Governing Board has not previously conducted an external audit of AMM.

Ms. Brownstein noted that while an audit is not required under the current contract, the agreement does allow the Governing Board to conduct an external audit to assess AMM's compliance with contractual performance standards and to ensure that benefit claims are being processed in accordance with CMSP policies.

Staff requested authorization to initiate a TPA audit solicitation with healthcare auditing firms for an audit of AMM. A recommended firm and proposed scope would be brought back to the Governing Board for review at a future meeting.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve proceeding with a TPA audit solicitation the Board's Third Party Administrator Audit.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6
Nay 0

Mr. Ziegenmeyer was not present for this vote.

CMSP Financial Reports

CMSP Balance Sheet

Nino Celentano, Finance Director, reported on the March and April financial statements. The CMSP Balance Sheet shows:

ITEM	March 2025	April 2025
Total CMSP Funds	313,140,340	314,924,728
Total Assets	313,301,037	315,060,612
Total Liabilities and Equity	313,301,037	315,060,612

FY 2024-25 Program Budget Year-to-Date

Mr. Celentano presented a report comparing year-to-date actual expenditures to the approved FY 2024-25 Program Budget. As of March 31, 2025, expenditures totaled $11,596,862 on an accrual basis. As of April 30, 2025, expenditures totaled $12,361,140 on an accrual basis. 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 March 31, 2025, expenditures totaled $2,501,163 on an accrual basis. As of April 30, 2025, expenditures totaled $2,706,701 on an accrual basis. The approved Administrative Office Budget for FY 2024-25 is $5,381,000.

Proposed FY 2025-26 CMSP Budget

Mr. Celentano and Ms. Brownstein presented the proposed FY 2025–26 CMSP Administrative Office and Program Budgets for the Governing Board's consideration.

Administrative Office Budget Highlights:

- IT Hardware/Software: Budget increase to support upgrades to accounting software and servers.
- Business & Professional Liability Insurance: Increase to reflect current market conditions.
- Human Resources Consulting: $19,000 budgeted for remaining contract expenses through calendar year 2025.

- CMSP Marketing: Budget set at $1.18 million, a $105,000 increase over the prior year, to support expanded outreach efforts – especially around CMSP enrollment at community health centers.
    - Staff noted the delayed rollout of media placements in the current year and clarified that some unspent FY 2024–25 funds will carry over into early FY 2025–26 activities.
- Staff Expenses: Remain flat from the prior year.

Program Budget Highlights:

- Beginning Fund Balance: Projected at $312.1 million.
- Ending Fund Balance: Projected at $294.3 million.
- Interest Revenue: Increased projection, though conservatively estimated due to market volatility.
- Realignment Revenue: Assumes none.
- County Participation Fee: Waived again for FY 2025–26 (value: $5.99 million), consistent with past practice since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- Healthcare Benefit Program Expenses: Budgeted at $8.28 million, based on per-member-per-month (PMPM) costs and projected enrollment growth.
- Pilot Projects and Alternative Products: Budgeted at $14.03 million.

Board members engaged in detailed discussion regarding the marketing budget rollout, the waiver of the participation fee, enrollment projections, PMPM calculations, and designated reserves for economic uncertainty and potential litigation. Staff committed to bringing back the Reserve Policy to a future meeting.

Board Member Kimberly Chen left the meeting during this agenda item.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the Proposed FY 2025-26 CMSP Budget.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6
Nay 0

Mr. Ziegenmeyer was not present for this vote.

Planning and Benefits Committee Meeting Report

Ms. Vasquez reported on the Planning and Benefits Committee's efforts to explore options for delivering professional development and continuing education for CMSP county public health and behavioral health staff. The Committee has held two meetings, most recently on May 2, 2025, and developed a recommended approach for the Governing Board's consideration.

The Committee identified a need for structured core curriculum training for entry-level county public health and behavioral health staff, in response to workforce turnover and evolving training needs. Key themes included the value of flexible and accessible training formats, the need for mentoring and coaching, and a preference for training that results in a certificate recognized by CMSP counties.

The Committee reviewed existing training programs offered through the County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC), the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA), and UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education, and determined that while valuable offerings exist, further work is needed to define a CMSP-specific core curriculum.

The Committee recommends the following next steps:

1. Initiate collaboration with CHEAC and CBHDA to develop a formalized core training curriculum;

2. Develop a proposal and cost estimate for engaging an external consultant to facilitate two CMSP workgroups (one for public health, one for behavioral health) to define curriculum components;

3. Solicit workgroup participation from both program and fiscal staff in CMSP counties;

4. Focus curriculum development initially on entry-level staff, with potential to expand to mid-level roles later; and

5. Ensure that cultural competence and linguistic sensitivity are embedded in the training design.

It was clarified during the meeting that this initiative did not originate from California Proposition 1, which was approved by voters in March 2024, but instead emerged from the CMSP Governing Board's healthcare workforce convening in April 2024. However, the training program may support county capacity in areas potentially affected by the implementation of Proposition 1.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the action steps proposed by the Planning and Benefits Committee.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6
Nay 0

Mr. Ziegenmeyer was not present for this vote.

Eligibility Committee Nominations

Ms. Kellen presented a recommendation to fill a vacancy on the CMSP Eligibility Committee for the Provider and Beneficiary Advocacy Representative seat, previously held by Anthony Wright, who is no longer with Health Access.

Following a nomination process conducted in March 2025, two individuals were nominated:

- Jarrett Nicholson, Member Services Manager, Open Door Community Health Center
- Steven Osuna-Gaston, Staff Attorney, Legal Services of Northern California

CMSP staff reviewed the qualifications of both nominees and consulted with current Eligibility Committee members. Based on that input, the Eligibility Committee recommended that Mr. Nicholson be appointed to the vacant seat. Mr. Nicholson brings relevant professional experience as well as lived experience as a former CMSP beneficiary.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the appointment of Mr. Nicholson as the Provider and Beneficiary Advocacy Representative on the Eligibility Committee.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 6
Nay 0

Mr. Ziegenmeyer was not present for this vote.

Building the Healthcare Workforce Grant Program

<u>Building the Healthcare Workforce Grant Award Recommendations</u>

Ms. Moyer presented an update and recommendations regarding the Building the Healthcare Workforce (BHW) Grant Program, approved by the Governing Board in

December 2024. The program aims to address healthcare workforce shortages across CMSP counties and consists of two funding tracks:

- Track One: Coalition Planning Grants ($2 million available) – supporting the formation or strengthening of local workforce coalitions and development of workforce strategies.

- Track Two: Initiative Grants ($12 million available) – supporting 3-year projects to expand healthcare workforce capacity in CMSP counties.

In February 2025, CMSP released the first of four planned RFPs under the BHW program. A total of 24 proposals were received (4 Coalition Planning and 20 Initiative), requesting $11.4 million in funding. Each proposal was reviewed by at least three reviewers and scored on a 100-point scale, with a minimum average score of 85 required for funding consideration.

Ms. Moyer explained that awarding all proposals would have used approximately 80% of the total four-round program budget. The review team recommended seven proposals for funding, representing an acceptance rate of approximately 30%. All recommended projects demonstrated a high degree of readiness and alignment with program goals.

Recommendations:

1. Eligibility Expansion: Approve County Offices of Education as eligible lead agency applicants under the BHW Grant Program. This change is recommended to support the proposal submitted by the Mendocino County Office of Education, which offers healthcare training programs and is well-positioned to address local workforce needs.

2. Coalition Planning Grant Awards:
    - Colusa County Health & Human Services – $60,000
    - Glenn County Community Action Department – $60,000
    - Yuba County Health & Human Services – $60,000

3. Initiative Grant Awards:
    - Mendocino Community Health Clinics (Lake, Mendocino) – $736,000
    - Mendocino County Office of Education (Mendocino) – $450,000
    - Sutter Health (Lake, Sonoma, Sutter) – $749,980
    - UC Davis (Humboldt, Nevada, Shasta) – $749,998

4. Non-Awarded Proposals: Approve providing individualized feedback to non-awarded applicants to strengthen future applications. Staff noted that many non-

selected proposals showed promise but lacked readiness in areas such as work plans or budget justification.

If approved, total funding awarded in Round 1 will be $2,865,978, with $11,134,022 remaining for future funding rounds. The next Coalition Planning RFP is anticipated in February 2026, and the next Initiative RFP in July 2026.

Governing Board members expressed support for the recommendation and appreciated the program's emphasis on readiness and technical assistance. It was noted that providing feedback could lead to stronger proposals in future rounds.

Mr. Ziegenmeyer returned to the meeting during this agenda item.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the Building the Healthcare Workforce Grant Award Recommendations:

1. Approve County Offices of Education as eligible lead agency applicants under the BHW Grant Program;

2. Approve three Coalition Planning Grant awards as recommended;

3. Approve four Initiative Grant awards as recommended;

4. Deny funding for remaining applicants and authorize staff to provide direct feedback.

APPROVED: All items approved by a vote of 7–0, except for item 2 – Coalition Planning Grant Award Recommendations – for which Jennifer Vasquez recused herself from the vote on the Yuba County award and Elizabeth Kelly recused herself from the vote on the Colusa County award; each of those awards was approved by a vote of 6–0.

<u>Building the Healthcare Workforce Grant Agreements</u>

In anticipation of awarding Coalition Planning and Initiative grants under the Building the Healthcare Workforce (BHW) Grant Program, staff presented draft grant agreements templates for each grant type. The draft agreements, prepared by CMSP's General Counsel, reflect standard terms and include placeholder award amounts for reference. Final amounts and terms will be updated based on the specific awardees approved by the Governing Board.

Staff requested authorization for the Executive Director, with the assistance of General Counsel, to finalize and execute the agreements upon approval of the award recommendations.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the Building the Healthcare Workforce Grant Agreements and authorize the Executive Director, with the assistance of the General Counsel, to finalize and execute the grant agreements with approved grantees.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 7
Nay 0

Operation Access Next Steps

Ms. Brownstein presented the agenda item regarding potential future funding for Operation Access, following the conclusion of the organization's five-year Specialty Care Access Grant in December 2024. The $5.7 million grant was intended to expand access to elective, outpatient specialty care for low-income, uninsured adults in CMSP counties through donated care arrangements.

Operation Access successfully expanded its services from 4 to 22 CMSP counties during the grant period. However, 91% of the individuals served were from the original four counties (Marin, Napa, Solano, and Sonoma), with only 9% served from the 18 expansion counties. Additionally, per-person program costs increased over time, and participation declined following Medi-Cal and CMSP eligibility expansions.

At its March 2025 meeting, the Governing Board established an Ad Hoc Workgroup of two Board Members to evaluate issues raised regarding Operation Access's request for renewed funding. The Workgroup ultimately recommended against entering into a new grant agreement at this time, citing:

- Uncertainty surrounding federal Medicaid funding;
- Increasing per-person costs and limited impact in expansion counties; and
- The expected impact of Senate Bill 43 (revising Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) conservatorship laws) on rural hospitals beginning in 2026.

ACTION MSC: Governing Board approve the Ad Hoc Workgroup's recommendation not to provide additional grant funding to Operation Access at this time.

APPROVED Votes: Aye 7
Nay 0

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Brownstein provided updates on several CMSP informational items:

- California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Benefit Changes: CSAC, which administers payroll and benefits for CMSP staff, is considering transitioning future employees from the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association (SBCERA) to a Nationwide 401A retirement plan. Current staff benefits will remain unchanged. A revised agreement with CSAC may be brought to the Governing Board at a future meeting.

- Allied Health Loan Repayment Program: The application period remains open through June 13, 2025. As of the meeting, 72 applications had been received.

- Third Party Administrator (TPA) RFP: Proposals for the TPA contract are due May 31, 2025.

- CMSP in mCase Update: Ms. Kellen reported that final preparations for the CMSP enrollment system in mCase are underway. User acceptance testing and penetration testing are being completed to ensure data security. Go-live is scheduled for June 20, 2025, and training for community health centers will occur in early June.

- County Participation: CMSP has received inquiries from counties interested in joining the program. Most recently, San Luis Obispo County expressed interest and is reviewing the necessary steps, which would include action by its Board of Supervisors and the CMSP Governing Board.

- Internal Operations: CMSP will implement an accounting software update around July 1, 2025.

- Staff Milestones: Ms. Brownstein recognized Harjeet Gosal's one-year anniversary with CMSP and noted that Sarah Lewis's one-year anniversary will occur on June 5. Ms. Brownstein expressed appreciation for both staff members' contributions to the team.

Public Comments

Ms. Vasquez asked for public comments. There were no public comments, and Ms. Vasquez adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is July 23, 2025. The meeting adjourned at 11:25am.

Sent Via Email & USPS

July 15, 2025

Secretary Kim Johnson
California Health and Human Services Agency
1215 O Street, MS-8
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Johnson:

On behalf of the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Governing Board, I am writing to follow up your March 17, 2025 letter appointing Kimberly Chen, then Assistant Secretary at the Health and Human Services Agency (Agency), as your agent to attend and act on your behalf at CMSP Board meetings (see attached).

We recently learned that Ms. Chen is no longer with the Agency. As the CMSP Governing Board's Bylaws provide for one ex officio, non-voting Board member – who shall be the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency or the Secretary's designee – we respectfully request that you designate a new individual to serve in this role.

Please let us know who you wish to appoint to represent your office at upcoming CMSP Board meetings, beginning with the next meeting scheduled for July 23, 2025.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support.

Sincerely,

Kari Brownstein, CPA, MHA
Executive Director

cc: Chair and Members, CMSP Governing Board
Alison Bassett, CMSP General Counsel
Brendan McCarthy, CalHHS Deputy Director

Attachment

CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

Office of the Secretary

March 17, 2025

Kari Brownstein, Executive Director
CMSP Governing Board
1545 River Park Drive Suite 435
Sacramento, CA 95815

Dear Ms. Brownstein,

I hereby appoint Kimberly Chen, Assistant Secretary at the Health & Human Services Agency, as my agent authorized to attend and act on my behalf at the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Board meetings commencing on October 1, 2024 and subsequent meetings.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Kim Johnson
Secretary,
California Health and Human Services Agency