

**CMSP GOVERNING BOARD**

March 25, 2026

In-Person and via Zoom

9:30 a.m.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Scott De Moss, County Administrative Officer, Glenn County (Chair) (in-person)  
Ed Valenzuela, Supervisor, Siskiyou County (in-person)  
Deborah Martinez, Director, Department of Social Services, Madera County (in-person)  
Elishia Hayes, County Administrative Officer, Humboldt County (remote)  
Derek Johnson, County Executive Officer, Marin County (remote)  
Elizabeth Kelly, Director, Health & Human Services, Colusa County (remote)  
Jennifer Vasquez, Director, Health & Human Services, Yuba County (remote)  
Jennifer Yasumoto, Director, Health & Human Services, Napa County (remote)  
Mike Ziegenmeyer, Supervisor, Sutter County (remote)  
Brent Houser, California Health & Human Services Agency (non-voting) (in-person)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Vasquez, Supervisor, Solano County

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**Introductions and Public Comments**

Chair Scott De Moss called the meeting to order and confirmed that a quorum of the Governing Board was present. Chair De Moss opened the Public Session and invited Governing Board Members attending in person and remotely to introduce themselves.

Chair De Moss then opened the floor for public comment.

**Public Comment:**

Dr. Kristynn Sullivan, Public Health Director for Merced County, addressed the Governing Board regarding Merced County’s February 3, 2026 letter expressing interest in joining CMSP. Dr. Sullivan stated that Merced County previously operated a small indigent health care program that largely sunsetted following implementation of the Affordable Care Act, but that recent state and federal policy changes could increase the number of uninsured residents. She explained that the County is evaluating CMSP participation as a means of strengthening its local health care safety net and ensuring continued access to services for vulnerable residents.





### FY 2025-26 Program Budget Year-to-Date

Mr. Celentano reviewed the FY 2025-26 Program Budget actual versus budgeted revenues and expenditures as of January 31, 2026 and February 28, 2026.

As of January 31, 2026, total revenues were \$7,668,510 and total expenditures were \$9,835,865 on a cash basis, representing approximately 35% of the approved FY 2025-26 Program Budget of \$27,933,000. The ending fund balance was \$312,234,549.

As of February 28, 2026, total revenues were \$9,251,559 and total expenditures were \$10,978,661 on a cash basis, representing approximately 39% of the approved FY 2025-26 Program Budget. The ending fund balance was \$312,674,802.

### FY 2025-26 Administrative Office Budget Year-to-Date

Mr. Celentano also reviewed the Administrative Office actual versus budgeted expenditures as of January 31, 2026 and February 28, 2026.

As of January 31, 2026, Administrative Office expenditures totaled \$2,513,243 on an accrual basis, representing approximately 47% of the approved FY 2025-26 Administrative Office Budget of \$5,369,000.

As of February 28, 2026, Administrative Office expenditures totaled \$2,745,123 on an accrual basis, representing approximately 51% of the approved FY 2025-26 Administrative Office Budget.

The Balance Sheet, Program Budget, and Administrative Office Budget were presented for informational purposes only; no action was taken.

### **Report from Legislative Representative**

Chair De Moss introduced the item and invited Paul Yoder of Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange, the Governing Board's Legislative Representative, to provide an update.

Mr. Yoder reported on the Governor's proposed FY 2026-27 State Budget, key issues for the 2026 legislative session, and CMSP's ongoing communication with the CMSP county legislative delegation. He stated that the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) had released its H.R. 1-related budget request to the Governor and Legislature and that questions had been raised regarding the methodology underlying some components of that request. He reported that CMSP's methodology was sound and that CSAC planned to hold a webinar in the near term to walk through its calculations and answer questions.

Mr. Yoder also discussed the State's fiscal outlook, noting recent stock market volatility and his expectation that March revenue numbers, to be released on April 10, 2026, could come in below projections and therefore affect the Governor's May Revision. He reported that the Legislature was approaching spring recess and that a number of amended spot bills and other potentially controversial measures would likely be printed and scheduled for hearing shortly after recess.

During discussion, Board members asked questions regarding the component figures included in the broader CSAC request and the importance of ensuring that CMSP and the California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) interests were appropriately represented. Mr. Yoder also noted continued efforts by CMSP's legislative advocates to protect CMSP reserves in broader state budget discussions.

No action was taken on this item.

### **Federal Health Program Reductions Planning**

Chair De Moss introduced the item and invited Executive Director Kari Brownstein and Senior Program Director Alison Kellen to present. Ms. Brownstein explained that CMSP must evaluate potential eligibility, benefit, and grant program changes in light of projected impacts from H.R.1 and CMSP's need to align future obligations with available revenues while preserving reserves. She also explained that any eligibility or benefit changes approved by the Governing Board would remain subject to two public hearings and final Board action before implementation, and that staff would return with possible public hearing dates at the May 2026 meeting.

#### Proposed CMSP Eligibility Changes

Ms. Kellen reviewed the proposed CMSP eligibility changes previously considered by the Eligibility Committee and the Planning and Benefits Committee, together with staff's final recommendations.

The Governing Board discussed the proposed reduction of the federal poverty level threshold, reinstatement of an asset limit, reinstatement of a full monthly share of cost, establishment of no share of cost for applicants up to 100% of the federal poverty level, retention of the current six-month eligibility term, and reinstatement of the requirement that otherwise eligible applicants apply for Covered California during open enrollment.

During discussion of the asset limit proposal, Matt Robertson, Deputy County Administrator, Sutter County, commented in support of returning to the pre-Affordable Care Act asset limits for CMSP of \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a couple.

Board members discussed the tension between adopting a more conservative fiscal standard and recognizing current housing and cost-of-living realities, as well as the operational and programming issues associated with a possible second-vehicle exemption.









quarterly clinic webinar, including discussion of the policy changes considered by the Governing Board.

Executive Director Brownstein then summarized recent stakeholder outreach and meetings, including meetings with the Department of Finance, County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC) Small Counties, County Boards of Supervisors in Yolo, Sonoma, Kings, and Mono Counties, participation in H.R.1 Education Day, and meetings with statewide partners including CSAC, Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), Urban Counties of California (UCC), CHEAC, County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA), and the California Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA).

No action was taken on this item.

### **Public Comments**

Chair De Moss opened the floor for public comments.

Noe Paramo of the Planning and Benefits Committee thanked the Governing Board for its consideration of the Planning and Benefits Committee's recommendations.

There were no additional public comments.

### **Adjournment**

Chair De Moss adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

The next regular CMSP Governing Board meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.