Alta California Regional Center
Board of Directors Meeting
4151 E Commerce Way, Sacramento 95834
Thursday, March 26, 2026 – ***5:00 P.M.***
Registration Link
AGENDA

Call to Order

Introductions – Reading of ACRC's Mission & Vision

Meeting Our Mission

Community Comments/Announcements

***Public comment/input:**
At each regional center board meeting time shall be allowed for public input on all properly noticed agenda items prior to board action on that item. Time shall be allowed for public input on any issue not included on the agenda [W&I Code 4660 (c)].
Please note: Each person is provided up to 3 minutes. The Board appreciates and accepts all input without discussion.
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▶ **Consent Agenda** – *These matters are expected to be routine and non-controversial and are usually approved by a single majority vote without discussion. Items can be removed from the consent agenda to be discussed and considered separately.*

a. Excused Absences
b. Regular Session Minutes of 1/22/26 *[Tab 1]*
c. Committee Minutes
   1. BDC *[Tab 2]*
   2. CAC *[Tab 3]*
   3. Executive *[Tab 4]*
   4. Finance *[Tab 5]*
   5. PAC *[Tab 6]*

New Business

▶ a. New Board Member Applicant – Terri Scheufele

- b. Approve Slate of Officers and ARCA Representatives for 2026-27 FY *[Tab 7]*
- c. Approve Proposed Bylaw Revisions *[Tab 8]*
- d. Approve Revised Resource Development Policy *[Tab 9]*
- e. Finance Committee
    1. Monthly Financial Report *[Tab 10]*
    2. Contracts of $250,000 and above – Enhanced Behavioral Support Home for Children (EBSH) *[Tab 11]*

f. Committee Updates
    1. CAC
    2. PAC

g. President's Report – Dan Lake, President

h. Executive Director's Report – Lori Banales, Executive Director
    1. Strategic Plan Report – End of Year 2024 & 2025

i. ARCA-CAC Report – Amy Lampe, ARCA-CAC Rep.

j. ARCA Report – Kelly Pennington, ARCA Rep.

- **Executive *(CLOSED)* Session**
  (per W&I Code, Sec. 4663(a)(1),(2),(3),(4),(5))

a. Legal Issues
b. Personnel Issues
c. Real Estate Issues

Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion

Adjournment

- Action item

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2026 @ 5 p.m.

Alta California Regional Center
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2026
Minutes

Present: Carmen Aguilar, Jackie Armstrong, Garrett Broadbent, EunMi Cho, Tom Hopkins, Dan Lake, Amy Lampe, Kelly Pennington, Akkia Pride-Polk, Steven Sanchez

Absent (* excused): Johnny Deng*, Anwar Safvi*, Ceasar Seabron

Facilitators: Amy Fulk, Naomi Smith

Staff: Lori Banales, Phil Adams, Iqbal Ahmad, Noorullah Baheej, Jennifer Bloom, Tracy Brown, Robin Chronister, Charlotte Clarke, John Decker, Jordan Eller, DeLayna Eskridge-Brown, Camelia Houston, Mechelle Johnson, Brenna Levy, Kristin Lunardi, Jaspreet Mann, Faye McKenzie, Tara Miller, Marijn Peeters, Shelli Spandow, Loril Tochterman, Mari Zapp, Lisa West

Visitors: Steve Andrews, Masood Anwar, Jaclyn Balanay, Jameson Jean Baptiste, Jennifer Carper, Rod Chronister, Maureen Fitzgerald, Shaniece Hill, Lara Jolin, Nick Lee, Bill Mattingly, Teyler Mosley, Cody Newport, Nataline Nguyen, Branae Owens, Mike Sawyer, Kitty Sutcliffe, Pushpinder Toor, Brooke Van Bouchaute

1. ***Call to Order – Reading of ACRC's Mission & Vision*** – The Board of Directors met at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2026. Ms. Lampe read aloud ACRC's Mission and Vision.

2. ***Staff Recognitions***
   - Ms. Banales shared that every four months, during Board meetings, we showcase service awards for ACRC staff. The contributions that are made by our staff are enormous, and we celebrate the extraordinary commitment of these individuals and the value they add to our organization. Ms. Banales introduced Charlotte Clarke, ACRC's Human Resources Manager, who had the honor of introducing the following:
     - Recognizing five years of service: Noor Baheej
     - Recognizing ten years of service: Brenna Levy, Robin Chronister and Shelli Spandow
     - Recognizing 15 years of service: Jordan Eller
     - Recognizing 20 years of service: Marijn Peeters
     - Recognizing 25 years of service: Mari Zapp

3. ***Community Comments/Announcements***
   - Ms. Fitzgerald shared that every year she speaks to the Board about ACRC's Purchase of Services (POS) utilization rate. For fiscal year (FY) 2024-25, it went up to 57% (from the prior FY's 53%).

4. ***Consent Agenda*** – **By consensus, the following consent agenda items were approved: a) excused absences of Johnny Deng and Anwar Safvi; b) regular session Board meeting minutes of November 20, 2025; and c) Board Development Committee (BDC), Client Advisory Committee (CAC), Executive Committee, Finance Committee, and Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) minutes.**

5. ***New Business***
   - *Approve Revised Resource Development Policy*
     - Mr. Lake noted that this approval will be tabled until the March Board meeting.

   - *Finance Committee*
     Issue 1: Independent Audit Report

     Discussion and Action: ACRC's "Financial Statements and Supplementary Information with Independent Auditors' Reports – June 30, 2025" is under Tab 8 of the Board packet.

     Mr. Ahmad shared that Paul Stroub, with Devant CPAs, attended the Finance Committee meeting on January 12th to provide an overview of the independent audit. Devant CPAs has conducted ACRC's audit for the last three years and can complete our audit for two more years.

     ACRC's audit is an unmodified audit, with no material findings; it is a clean opinion. Board members are encouraged to reach out to him if they have any questions. This audit will be posted to our agency's website.

     M/S/C **(Pennington) To accept the independent audit report as submitted.**

     Issue 2: Monthly Financial Report

     Discussion and Action: The December 31, 2025 financial report is under Tab 9 of the Board packet; minutes are under Tab 5. With 41.7% of the FY elapsed, ACRC has expended 43.4% of Purchase of Services (POS) and 37.1% of Operations (OPS).

ACRC expenditures remain within our allocation. The Accounting and Community Services and Supports (CSS) Departments have completed the implementation of the rate reform this past week. ACRC's system is now updated.

M/S/C **(Broadbent) To accept the monthly financial report as submitted.**

- *Committee Updates*
  - CAC
    - Mr. Hopkins shared that the CAC met on January 13th.
      - Committee members received a budget update.
      - Jacob Miller, one of ACRC's Client Advocates, led a discussion about Strategic Thinking, as the committee begins to develop a plan for their activities for the new year.
  - PAC
    - Mr. Broadbent shared that the PAC met on January 8th and November 13th.
      - The group discussed AB 815 (Ortega) Vehicle Insurance.
        - Jeff Chenu, with Newfront Insurance, and two representatives from the California Disabilities Services Association (CDSA) provided an overview of the bill. This bill is intended to close some of the gaps in insurance coverage for service providers. Their report made it clear that insurance providers will need more guidance in order to apply this bill. Mr. Chenu also believes there may need to be a "test" case to challenge the law.
      - CDSA provided an update on AB 2423 (Mathis) Developmental services: rates. This bill requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to update the rate models every two years and publish them on their website. It does not require the department to fund them. The thinking behind this bill was to give service providers a tool to show how much they are underfunded.
      - PAC members, along with ACRC staff, have begun to share resources at their meetings. These discussions assist service providers in making connections at meetings.
      - Members were reminded that one of the roles of the PAC is to provide advice to ACRC's Board of Directors.

- *President's Report*
  - Mr. Lake expressed appreciation for everyone in attendance today.
  - ACRC's Santa Day was a wonderful event – if you have a chance to attend this next year, he encourages you to do so.
  - The Board congratulates Ms. Banales on her 30th anniversary with ACRC.

- *Executive Director's Report*
  - Ms. Banales expressed her appreciation for the Board's acknowledgement. Her tenure at ACRC has been fulfilling. As Executive Director, it fills her heart with joy to work with the individuals that we serve and our community.
  - Ms. Houston shared a presentation entitled "Intake, Assessment & Eligibility Determination – Lanterman Eligibility".
    - This process is voluntary and is explained to the applicant's legally responsible person upon initial contact.
    - Within 15 days, an Intake Specialist makes contact to determine if there is a suspected developmental disability.
      - If determined there is, the individual is assigned an Intake Specialist who completes a Social Assessment.
      - If necessary, a psychological evaluation is completed.
    - Within 120 days, eligibility is determined.
      - To be eligible for regional center services, an individuals must have an intellectual disability (ID), Cerebral Palsy (CP), Epilepsy, Autism, or qualify under the "5th Category" (other disability conditions found to be closely related to ID or to require treatment similar to that required for ID individuals).
      - A few years ago, Provisional (Lanterman) Eligibility was included in the law. This allows the regional center to provide services and support for children through the Individual Program Plan (IPP), up to their 5th birthday. The child is re-assessed prior to age 5.
        - The child does not need to have a diagnosis of a developmental disability (eligible condition) for eligibility under this criteria.
        - The child will need to present significant functional limitations in two areas of major life activity.
    - It's important to note that a developmental disability shall not include other handicapping conditions that are solely physical in nature.
    - ACRC's Atlas software program has been instrumental in assisting applicants and their families as they move through

the Intake process. For those that cannot utilize this program, ACRC has staff that assist them.
    - Ms. Houston noted that there are different phases in our system that utilize ACRC's Clinical Staff (e.g., assessment for Early Start to Lanterman, Lanterman Intake and Provisional Eligibility).
        - Currently, we utilize 42 psychologists across all of these phases.
    - For reference, last quarter we had 1,288 (average of 429 per month) applications come through ACRC's four Intake Units.
- Ms. Banales noted that the state is in the early stages of the budget process. There are state legislators that have asked the Governor to release the framework for the May Revise early, so that they have more time in the budget process to prioritize funding and allow for negotiations – whether the state is facing a $2 billion or $18 billion deficit. The Assembly has scheduled the hearing covering developmental services for April 15th, which is later than normal. The proposed budget is based on caseload growth, not adding new initiatives. Ms. Banales will continue to keep the Board updated as she learns more.
- The Little Hoover Commission held a hearing today on the follow up on the Implementation of the 2023 Recommendations regarding the Developmental Disabilities System and took public comments. There were four presenters: a self-advocate, Judy Mark (President of Disability Voices United), Amy Westling (Executive Director of the Association of Regional Center Agencies [ARCA]), and Pete Cervinka (Director of DDS). Ms. Banales noted that there has been a tremendous amount of work over the past two years to strengthen our system and the testimony walked through those initiatives. Our service system is expansive, and we are doing remarkable work, which needs to be celebrated and applauded. Ms. Banales noted the department's work to standardize processes across all regional centers.
    - It's important to note that there are over 9,000 Service Coordinators (SCs) across the state.
- Ms. Banales shared that Regional Center Performance Measures (RCPMs) are voluntary. Last week, DDS posted the outcomes for FY 2024-25.
    - The Child Find Plan Activities have sunset, but ACRC will continue to do this – ACRC received high performance on this RCPM.
    - For the Early Start Indicators 5 & 6, ACRC participated but did not meet this measure. Ms. Bloom noted that "Indicators 5 & 6" are related to data collection as it pertains to counties and

zip codes. ACRC has provided staff training in data entry and consistency. DDS has also provided training and guidance on this.
    - The data will be run in the summer of 2026 for the Employment RCPM.
    - The Equity and Cultural Competency RCPM looks at the number of bilingual staff at each regional center and the top five languages of their community. ACRC staff speak 20 different languages, including Spanish, American Sign Language (ASL), Russian, Hmong and Vietnamese.
    - ACRC trained 331 staff for the Equity and Cultural Competency RCPM (51 to 75% of staff).
    - For the Person-Centered Services Planning RCPM, ACRC held ten-hour-long virtual training sessions, with 441 SCs being trained (76 to 100% of staff).
- Ms. Banales is pleased to release "Alta Reflections End of Year 2025 Summary" and highlighted that ACRC currently has nearly 900 staff.
- Ms. Bloom shared that Tulips Bloom, a speech and language pathology vendor, held a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 9th, for their communication board, which was installed at Regency Park in Yuba City. She and Ms. McKenzie were able to attend.
- ACRC is pleased to be launching a virtual New Client Orientation designed to provide new clients and families with an overview of the services available through the regional center, connect them with community members that are also new to the regional center, meet ACRC staff and ask questions. Our first session is scheduled for January 28th, registration is required.
    - ACRC's Intake and Early Start Departments are promoting this.
- Ms. Banales and Mr. Decker attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for River Grove Apartments on January 8th, in West Sacramento. This development has 37 total units, with 18 set aside units for ACRC clients.
    - We initially had eight set aside units, but because of our Housing Specialist's extra efforts, we were given an extra ten units.
- ACRC is holding our next virtual Community Meeting on February 4th, from 11 a.m. to noon.
- The 30th California Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference is scheduled for May 8th & 9th, in Sacramento. This event is widely attended.

♦ *ARCA-CAC Rep. Report*
- Ms. Lampe shared that the group is scheduled to meet tomorrow from 11 a.m. to noon.

- *ARCA Delegate Report*
  - Ms. Pennington shared that the ARCA meetings were held last week.
    - The group discussed Board membership policy issues and the State budget.
    - They also reviewed the ARCA Academy evaluation forms.
      - The next ARCA Academy will be held in October in Southern CA.
    - The group discussed upcoming legislative policy advocacy opportunities.
      - This year's Grassroots Day will be held on March 3rd.
    - San Andreas Regional Center (SARC) provided an update on their Dementia Care Home, whose start-up funding came from DDS. More information can be found on their website.
      - Ms. Pennington shared her desire to have ACRC develop one in our catchment area.
  - ARCA will hold their next meetings in March.

6. ***Closed Session*** – At 6:22 p.m. the Board adjourned to closed session to discuss legal and personnel issues.

7. ***Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion*** - At 6:40 p.m. the Board reconvened in open session following a closed session in which legal and personnel issues were discussed.

8. ***Adjournment***
   The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: Lori Banales

Alta California Regional Center
Board Development Committee Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026
Minutes

Present:
Kelly Pennington, Chair
Carmen Aguilar
Dan Lake
Amy Lampe
Akkia Pride-Polk

Absent: (* excused)
Jackie Armstrong
Garrett Broadbent*
EunMi Cho*
Steven Sanchez*

Board Members:
Johnny Deng
Tom Hopkins
Anwar Safvi

Visitors:
Adam Ali
Maureen Fitzgerald
Terri Scheufele

Facilitators:
Amy Fulk
Naomi Smith

Staff:
Lori Banales, Executive Director
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Operating Officer
Tracy Brown, Associate Client Services Director
John Decker, Director of Community Services
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake & Clinical Services
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client Services
Jaspreet Mann, Associate Client Services Director
Faye McKenzie, Associate Client Services Director
Jeff Nguyen, IT Specialist
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Board Development Committee (BDC) met on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss: 1) Review & Approve Slate of Officers for 2026-27 FY; 2) Approve New Board Applicant; and 3) April Retreat/Training.

Without objection, Kelly Pennington made the motion to adopt the Board Development Committee meeting minutes of February 9, 2026, as submitted.

1. ***Review & Approve Slate of Officers for 2025-26 FY***
   - Ms. Pennington shared that the Nominating Committee met and drafted the Slate of Officers for the 2026-27 fiscal year (FY). It is as follows:
     - President – Dan Lake
     - Vice President – Kelly Pennington
     - Secretary – Steven Sanchez
     - Treasurer – Anwar Safvi
     - ARCA Delegate – Kelly Pennington
     - Alternate ARCA Delegate – Dan Lake
     - ARCA-CAC Delegate – Amy Lampe
     - Alternate ARCA-CAC Delegate – Steven Sanchez

Without objection, Carmen Aguilar made the motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the Slate of Officers for the 2026-27 FY.

2. ***Approve New Board Applicant – Terri Scheufele***
   - Terri Scheufele has submitted her application for Board membership. The Nominating Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the BDC to move her application to the full Board for approval.

   Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of Terri Scheufele at the March 26th Board meeting.

3. ***April Retreat/Training***
   - Ms. Pennington would like to move this half-day retreat to May 2026. She will send out a doodle poll to determine the date.

The next Board Development Committee's meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 11, 2026**. The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales

Alta California Regional Center
Board Development Committee Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2026
Minutes

Present:
Kelly Pennington, Chair
Carmen Aguilar
Jackie Armstrong
Garrett Broadbent
Dan Lake
Amy Lampe

Absent: (* excused)
EunMi Cho*
Steven Sanchez*

Board Members:
Johnny Deng
Tom Hopkins
Anwar Safvi

Visitors:
Steve Andrews
Loretta Duncan-Fowler
Maureen Fitzgerald
Terri Scheufele

Facilitators:
Amy Fulk
Naomi Smith

Staff:
Lori Banales, Executive Director
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Operating Officer
Nicholas Bagwell, Federal Programs Manager
Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client Services
Jordan Cody, Legal Services Manager
John Decker, Director of Community Services
Jon Horbaly, IT Support Technician
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake & Clinical Services
Kenisha Hurd, Associate Client Services Director
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client Services
Jaspreet Mann, Associate Client Services Director
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Board Development Committee (BDC) met on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. to review/approve proposed bylaw revisions.

Without objection, Kelly Pennington made the motion to adopt the Board Development Committee meeting minutes of November 10, 2025, as submitted.

1. ***Review/Approve Proposed Bylaw Revisions***
   - Mr. Lake conducted an annual review of our agency's bylaw and is proposing the following revisions:
     - Section 1.02 – updating our agency's Sacramento address.
     - Sections 5.01 and 5.08 – removing the Strategic Planning Committee from the agency's Standing Committees.
       - If and when the Board works on a Strategic Plan, we will establish an ad-hoc committee.

Without objection, Garrett Broadbent made the motion to approve and recommend to the full Board the proposed bylaw revisions.

The next Board Development Committee's meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 9, 2026**. The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
Minutes

Present:
Amy Lampe, Chair
Tom Hopkins, Design. Dir.
Lisa Cooley
Tiffany Johnson
Jacie Oakley
Amanda Parker
Steven Sanchez
Kimberly Terrell

Facilitators:
Amy Fulk
Naomi Smith

Visitors:
Robert Levy
Ashley Robertson

Absent: (* excused)
Patty Wallace*
Karen Young*

Staff:
Lori Banales, Executive Director
Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client Services
John Decker, Director of Community Services
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake & Clinical Services
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client Services
Reyva Johnson, Client Advocate
David Lopez, Client Advocate
Jacob Miller, Client Advocate
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss: 1) Message from Lori; 2) Strategic Thinking; 3) Updates; and 4) Public Comments/Announcements. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Amy Lampe made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of February 10, 2026, as submitted.

1. ***Message from Lori***

- Lori shared that the Senate Hearing has been rescheduled to May 7th and the Assembly Hearing will be held on April 15th. There are no policy positions that have been forwarded to the Governor, aside from the Trailer Bill Language (TBL) that the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) released at the beginning of February.
  - Lori explained that TBL does not have to go through the formalized process, although it can be enhanced or deleted.
  - Within the TBL, there are certain requirements that are being proposed to "professionalize" regional center's Boards. Currently, every regional center operates differently, following their own bylaws. Lori believes the state is looking to formalize this process with required competencies. The TBL is also proposing a limited number of Board members – ten to 13 members. The department is also looking to change the current requirement that 25% of membership be clients served. They are proposing that two

representatives from the CAC be seated on the Board. The TBL would also require that at every Board meeting where decisions are made, a Board attorney must be present to ensure that the agency's bylaws, statute and open meeting rules are followed.
    - Alta is a $1 billion corporation, and DDS is wanting to ensure that all the competencies are covered, along with client and family member representation.
- The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Grassroots Day was held last Tuesday to move forward the priorities of ARCA. Alta had 12 people in attendance and covered ten meetings.

2. ***Strategic Thinking***

- Lori noted that the group's discussions have been valuable.
- Amy L. shared that Alta will be creating a Client Advocates Corner on their website. This space will be shared by Alta's Client Advocates and the CAC. It will include:
    - The mission of the CAC, information on how to become a CAC member, spotlights on CAC members, and a place to share CAC presentations.
    - Information about Alta's Client Advocates and the presentations that they have shared throughout our community.
    - People First Chapter information.
    - Outreach and opportunities throughout our catchment area.
    - Information about other advocacy groups that you are a part of.
- Suggestions include:
    - Possibly holding another CAC Open House.
    - Explaining different disabilities – Alta's Clinical staff could provide a brief explanation alongside a video of a client who would provide their own perspective of living with that disability.
        - Alta's Client Advocates will work with Alta's Communication Specialist so that a mock-up can be shared/reviewed at the next meeting.
- Another idea that came from the last meeting was different ways to highlight peer advocacy. Lori thought that CAC members may wish to develop small modules to educate the client network. We could use the production team at Futures Explored to develop these modules, which could be posted on our website.
    - Suggestion to develop an audio presentation of "What is the CAC?"
        - These two ideas connect and will keep the CAC busy this year. Alta's team will reach out to Futures Explored.

3. ***Updates***

- PAN
    - The next meeting is scheduled for June.

- ARCA-CAC
  - The March meeting has been cancelled.
  - They are holding a face-to-face meeting on May 18th & 19th in Sacramento.

4. ***Public Comments/Announcement***

- The Supported Life Institute's (SLI's) 30th California Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference will be held on May 8th & 9th – now is the time to speak with your Service Coordinator (SC) if you would like to attend.
- During their meeting earlier this month, Robert Rogers, Chair of the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN), mentioned all the great work that Amy L. has done.
- The California Autistic Self Advocates (CASA) group is hosting a social event on April 18th, from 12 to 2 p.m., at RoundTable Pizza, located at 3327 Watt Ave. – you must R.S.V.P. by April 11th.
- The MIND Institute is accepting applications for the Northern California Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) program for the 2026-27 training year. The last day to apply is Sunday, March 15th.
- At the May CAC meeting, the group will be electing the CAC Chair and CAC designated representative to Alta's Board of Directors for the 2026-27 fiscal year (FY). If you are interested, please reach out to Lisa W.
- Alta is holding our Annual Purchase of Service (POS) Data Meeting on Friday, March 13th, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. On March 18th, from 2 to 4 p.m., we will be reviewing the data and gathering feedback from our community. Both meetings are virtual.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 12, 2026**. The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 2026
Minutes

Present:
Amy Lampe, Chair
Tom Hopkins, Design. Dir.
Lisa Cooley
Tiffany Johnson
Jacie Oakley
Amanda Parker
Steven Sanchez

Facilitators:
Amy Fulk
Naomi Smith

Visitors:
Robert Levy
Alexis Martinez

Absent: (* excused)
Kimberly Terrell*
Patty Wallace*
Karen Young*

Staff:
Lori Banales, Executive Director
Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client Services
John Decker, Director of Community Services
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Without objection, Amy Lampe made the motion to adopt the CAC meeting minutes of January 13, 2026, as submitted.

1. ***Message from Lori***

- Lori shared that the Association of Regional Center Agencies' (ARCA's) Grassroots Day is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3rd. This day provides an opportunity to meet with local legislators to present our priorities for the statewide service system. Lisa W. works to schedule the appointments for the day. If you are interested in participating, please contact her so that you can be included. It is important to share your stories – there is no more valuable information to share then stories from those individuals who receive regional center services.
- The proposed budget that came from the Governor's office included growth funding for regional centers.
  - The Senate's Budget Subcommittee Hearing is scheduled for March 26th, at 9:30 a.m.
  - The Assembly's Budget Subcommittee Hearing is scheduled for April 15th, at 1:30 p.m.
- During last month's meeting, Kim Terrell spoke about direct support professionals (DSPs) that come to her home every day and help her and

her husband. She asked why regional centers do not lean into increasing the DSPs for clients instead of focusing on the mandated caseload ratios for Alta staff. Kim's concerns impacted Lori and she wanted to share Alta's efforts in this area.

- Alta and Valley Mountain Regional Center (VMRC) have been working together for four years to lift the DSP Collaborative. After COVID, there was a decrease in the number of individuals who were working for clients. The DSP Collaborative works to professionalize the workforce, with the assistance of the Department of Developmental Services' (DDS') DSP University. Lori wanted CAC members to know that we know of the need. Alta's funding is to employee regional center staff, not DSPs.
- The DSP Collaborative now includes the seven Los Angeles regional centers and will be launched statewide by the end of this calendar year. Lori heard what Kim said and wants everyone to know that Alta is making efforts to affect change for the clients that need staff to assist them.
- Lori noted that the California Policy Center for Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (CPCIDD) is also working to research and elevate the issue to influence state policy.

- John, Lisa C. and Peter Mendoza have been chosen to sit on a client-centered panel for the Annual Housing California Conference in March, which is the biggest conference on affordable housing development. Lending your voice to advocate for others with developmental disabilities is valuable. It is such a better message when you have those that are impacted join in on the presentation.

2. ***Strategic Thinking***

- Lori reminded everyone that Strategic Thinking is about planning for the future but allows for some flexibility. At last month's meeting, CAC members were asked to bring forward ideas for each focus area.
  - Client and Family Supports
    - Self-advocacy
      - Peer support
      - Self-advocacy that reaches the youth
  - Employment
    - Making internships easier to get for clients (Paid Internship Program [PIP])
      - Invite Carly to speak about employment and include the CAC in projects
  - Housing and Living Options
    - Helping increase housing opportunities for those clients outside of the Sacramento area
  - Community Inclusion and Engagement

- Create a "CAC Corner" on Alta's website
- Lori, John, David, Jacob and Reyva will meet with Amy L. and Amy F. prior to next month's meeting, to discuss ideas for CAC projects.

3. ***Updates***

- PAN
  - The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23rd, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.
- Alta Board
  - The Board met on January 22nd.
    - Alta recognized staff that have worked at the agency for five, ten, 15, 20 and 25 years.
    - The Board approved the independent audit report and the financial report.
    - Camelia Houston, Alta's Intake & Clinical Services Director, shared a presentation entitled "Intake, Assessment & Eligibility Determination – Lanterman Eligibility."
    - Lori noted that the state is in the early stages of the budget process. She also reviewed the Regional Center Performance Measures (RCPMs) for the fiscal year (FY) 2024-25.
- ARCA-CAC
  - The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 20th, from 11 a.m. to noon.

4. ***Public Comments/Announcement***

- Amy L. shared that the Women's Club held a Valentine's Dance last Sunday – it was awesome!
- David, Jacob and Reyva will be sharing an announcement with Alta's Service Coordinators (SCs) about the upcoming Supported Life Conference in May. If you are interested in attending, please reach out to your SC.
- Alta is holding four more virtual Supported Decision-Making (SDM) Training Sessions throughout the year for clients and families – information is posted on our website.
  - The next training session is scheduled for March 2nd, from 1 to 2 p.m. Registration is required.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 10, 2026**. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026
Minutes

Present:
Dan Lake, President
Kelly Pennington, Vice President & ARCA Rep
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair
Steven Sanchez, Secretary
Amy Lampe, ARCA-CAC Rep
Carmen Aguilar, Member-at-Large

Board Members:
Garrett Broadbent
Johnny Deng
Tom Hopkins

Facilitators:
Amy Fulk
Naomi Smith

Visitors:
Maureen Fitzgerald
Terri Scheufele

Staff:
Lori Banales, Executive Director
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Operating Officer
Tracy Brown, Associate Client Services Director
John Decker, Director of Community Services
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake & Clinical Services
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client Services
Jaspreet Mann, Associate Client Services Director
Faye McKenzie, Associate Client Services Director
Jeff Nguyen, IT Specialist
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 5:24 p.m. to discuss: 1) Review/Approve Revised Resource Development Policy; 2) President's Report; and 3) Executive Director's Report.

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of February 9, 2026, as submitted.

1. ***Review/Approve Revised Resource Development Policy***
   - Mr. Decker noted that the section related to the utilization of Artificial Intelligence has been deleted from this revision. Regional centers are speaking amongst themselves to determine the way to move forward to implement the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Directive.

   Without objection, Amy Lampe made the motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the revised Resource Development Policy as presented.

2. ***President's Report***
   - Mr. Lake expressed appreciation to those in attendance today.

- He also thanked Mr. Safvi and Mr. Broadbent for participating in the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Grassroots Day.

3. ***Executive Director's Report***
   - Ms. Banales shared that there was a tremendous turnout by regional centers at the State Capitol on March 3rd for ARCA's Grassroots Day – 118 meetings were held with over 200 delegates in attendance. In addition to Mr. Safvi and Mr. Broadbent, ten staff from ACRC participated in our ten meetings with our catchment's legislators and their staff.
     - Ms. Banales also expressed appreciation to Ms. Pennington and her son, Bradley, who presented Assemblymember Nguyen with an award the night before.
   - ACRC's Annual Purchase of Service (POS) Data Meeting will be held on Friday, March 13th, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. On March 18th, from 2 to 4 p.m., we will be reviewing the data and gathering feedback from our community. We want to be informed and influenced by the community that we serve. Both meetings are virtual.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 11, 2026**. The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2026
Minutes

Present:
Dan Lake, President
Kelly Pennington, Vice President & ARCA Rep
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair
Steven Sanchez, Secretary
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Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client Services
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Jon Horbaly, IT Support Technician
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake & Clinical Services
Kenisha Hurd, Associate Client Services Director
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client Services
Jaspreet Mann, Associate Client Services Director
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 5:09 p.m. to discuss: 1) President's Report; and 2) Executive Director's Report.

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of January 12, 2026, as submitted.

1. ***President's Report***
   - Mr. Lake expressed appreciation to those in attendance today.

2. ***Executive Director's Report***
   - Ms. Banales shared that the Association of Regional Center Agencies' (ARCA's) Grassroots Day is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3rd. This day is an opportunity for individuals to meet with our local legislators to share the importance of the services that regional centers provide.
     - If you are interested in participating, please contact Ms. West.

  - The night before, ARCA hosts an opportunity for Board members to review the talking points at an advocacy briefing dinner.
- The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) released a summary of the Trailer Bill Language (TBL) which was released earlier this month; the summary is posted on their website. The Budget Subcommittee Hearings on Developmental Services have been set:
  - The Senate's Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services is scheduled for March 26th, at 9:30 a.m.
  - The Assembly's Subcommittee No. 2 Human Services is scheduled for April 15th at 1:30 p.m.
- ACRC staff have created a new housing brochure that will be shared with the Board.
- Mr. Bagwell, ACRC's Federal Programs Manager, shared a presentation entitled "DDS Audit 2025 – ACRC Cycle 14", which highlighted the outcomes from ACRC's recent audit. He noted that these audits are conducted every two years.
  - Self-Determination
    - DDS pulled 16 records (with an additional ten Supplemental Records to evaluate level of care [LOC]) – 97% in overall compliance in this area.
    - Seven clients (or parents) were interviewed and observed; all indicated satisfaction.
    - All regional center staff that were interviewed were knowledgeable about the desires, preferences, life circumstances and service needs of the individual they support.
    - DDS reviewed Special Incident Reports (SIRs) for 16 individuals – 100% reported in required timeframes.
  - 1915(c) Developmental Disabilities Waiver (Medicaid Waiver)
    - DDS pulled 95 records (with an additional ten Supplemental Records to evaluate LOC) – 97% in overall compliance in this area.
    - For the Community Care Facility (CCF) Record Review, 12 CCFs were visited and 12 records were pulled – 93% in overall compliance in this area.
    - For the Day Program Record Review, 14 Day Programs were visited and 19 records were reviewed – 94% in overall compliance in this area.
    - For the Observations & Interview with clients, 60 clients/parents were interviewed and 58 indicated satisfaction with their living situation, day program, work activities, health, choice and regional center.
    - 12 CCFs and ten Day Programs Vendor Staff were interviewed – all staff are familiar with and respect the individuals they are supporting.

  - 19 Service Coordinators (SCs) were interviewed – all SCs are knowledgeable about the desires, preferences, life circumstances and service needs of the individuals they support.
  - Clinical Services and Quality Assurance conduct routine monitoring.
  - For Vendor Program Monitoring Review, all of the 12 CCFs and 14 Day Programs were found to be in good condition with no immediate health and safety concerns.
  - DDS reviewed 95 SIRs (and ten Supplemental Records) – 100% compliant in required timeframes.
  - A supplementary issue was found with the Standardized Individual Program Plan (IPP).
- 1915(i) SPA (State Plan Amendment)
  - DDS pulled 27 records – 98% in overall compliance in this area.
  - 27 SIRs were reviewed – 100% compliant in required timeframes.
- Vendor Monitoring Review
  - DDS pulled 27 records – 94% in overall compliance in this area.
- Targeted Case Management (TCM)
  - 50 records were pulled, containing 4,415 billed units:
    - Criterion 1 – TCMs match information transmitted to DDS – 100% compliant.
    - Criterion 2 – TCM service documentation is consistent with definition of TCM service – 99% compliant.
    - Criterion 3 – TCM documentation identifies individual who wrote the note and date it was completed - 100% compliant.
- Nursing Home Reform (NHR)
  - DDS pulled ten records for individuals who were in the hospital and were referred to ACRC due to a possible developmental disability – 100% compliant.
- Ms. Johnson noted that there are ongoing issues with the completion of ongoing quarterlies (face-to-face documentation and reports). We will be reviewing this presentation at next week's Team Unity Meeting with all of ACRC Client Services Managers (CSMs) stressing the need to complete the quarterly reports.
- Mr. Decker noted that DDS has enforced regional center biennial reviews. All regional centers throughout the State of California received 0% for their CCF Records and have updated their procedures for client's admissions agreements.
  - Ms. Banales believes it is important to note that although this audit shows a deficiency in quarterly reporting, this does not mean that clients were not seen. If the meeting took place a day outside of the timeline, then it is marked as a deficiency. The next step is for ACRC to submit our Plan of Correction.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 9, 2026**. The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales

Alta California Regional Center
Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026
Minutes

Present:
Anwar Safvi, Chair
Johnny Deng
Tom Hopkins
Dan Lake
Kelly Pennington
Akkia Pride-Polk

Board Members:
Carmen Aguilar
Amy Lampe
Steven Sanchez

Facilitators:
Amy Fulk
Naomi Smith

Visitors:
Maureen Fitzgerald
Terri Scheufele

Staff:
Lori Banales, Executive Director
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Operating Officer
Tracy Brown, Associate Client Services Director
John Decker, Director of Community Services
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake & Clinical Services
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client Services
Jaspreet Mann, Associate Client Services Director
Faye McKenzie, Associate Client Services Director
Jeff Nguyen, IT Specialist
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Finance Committee met on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 5:07 p.m. to discuss: 1) Monthly Financial Report; and 2) Contracts of $250,000 and above.

Without objection, Anwar Safvi made the motion to adopt the Finance Committee meeting minutes of February 9, 2026, as submitted.

1. ***Monthly Financial Report***

Issue: The monthly financial report is reviewed by the Finance Committee prior to presentation to the Board.

Discussion and Action: The January 31, 2026 financial report indicates that with 58.3% of the year elapsed, ACRC has expended 54.7% of Purchase of Services (POS) and 54.1% of Operations (OPS) for the current fiscal year (FY).

Mr. Ahmad noted that ACRC received another allocation from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) which will largely fund the service provider rate increases that were applied in January 2026. He expects that ACRC will fully exhaust the POS budget for this FY. Some late expenditures will apply to our OPS budget.

Cashflow remains an issue for regional centers across the state.

Without objection, Kelly Pennington made the motion to recommend to the full Board the acceptance of the monthly financial statement as submitted.

ACRC 2026 Caseload Reporting

Date	Complex Needs	Low to No POS	Medicaid Waiver	Age 0-5	Moved from DC within Last 12 Months	All Others	Internal Early Intervention Tracking (Age 0-2)
3/1/2023 Ratio	23	36	81.0	64	53.6	77	
3/1/2024 Ratio	21.2	32.4	74.7	52.1	20.9	73.2	
3/1/2025 Ratio	24.1	34.3	71.7	42.7	10.7	71.1	
3/1/2026 Ratio	15.1	34	72.2	43	4	71.4	36.0
Required Ratio	25	40	62	40	45	66	40

**** Per WIC 4640.6 certain positions are not allowed to be counted towards the ratio even when fully staffed. If this restriction was not in place, ACRC noted there were 21 recently hired staff members that would have been reflected in these ratios; thus, improving them further.**

Annually, regional centers are required to send their caseload ratio report to DDS on March 1st. This chart shows four years of trends for ACRC's caseload ratios; we are trending downward.

It is important to note that any staff who have been hired within the last 60 days are not included in these ratios. ACRC has 21 new hires that are not factored into these ratios, which would bring the ratios down further.

Internally, ACRC tracks Early Intervention (birth to 2 years old) ratios – we are currently at a 1:36 ratio.

Ms. Banales noted that under Ms. Bloom and Ms. McKenzie's leadership, ACRC created intentional Early Childhood units carry children ages three through five. If ACRC focused on meeting the required ratio of 1:40 for children birth through five years, it would be to the detriment of clients six years and over. Ms. Banales discussed this with DDS and even though they direct regional centers to report on what is in statute, it is up to each center to do determine where to allocate resources based on their community needs.

With the growth that is coming through our Intake Departments, we have been able to keep ratios steady. Ms. Banales wants the Board, our community and staff to understand that this is a delicate balance and we are doing what is best for those that we serve, to equalize ratios and workload.

2. ***Contracts for $250,000 and above***
Issue: Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH) for Children

Discussion and Action: In looking at the needs of our agency, Mr. Decker shared that ACRC is seeking to enter into contract with Brilliant Corners for the purpose of locating, acquiring, and renovating a property that will operate as a 4-bed EBSH for children. ACRC received Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) funding for this project as our agency has young children that have been assessed as needing an EBSH due to exhibiting sexual maladaptive behaviors.

Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to recommend to the full Board the approval of the $950,000 contract for Brilliant Corners as presented.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 11, 2026**.
The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales

Alta California Regional Center
Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2026
Minutes

Present:
Anwar Safvi, Chair
Johnny Deng
Tom Hopkins
Dan Lake
Kelly Pennington

Board Members:
Carmen Aguilar
Jackie Armstrong
Garrett Broadbent
Amy Lampe

Facilitators:
Amy Fulk
Naomi Smith

Visitors:
Steve Andrews
Loretta Duncan-Fowler
Maureen Fitzgerald
Janelle Lewis
Terri Scheufele

Staff:
Lori Banales, Executive Director
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Operating Officer
Nicholas Bagwell, Federal Programs Manager
Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client Services
Jordan Cody, Legal Services Manager
John Decker, Director of Community Services
Jon Horbaly, IT Support Technician
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake & Clinical Services
Kenisha Hurd, Associate Client Services Director
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client Services
Japree Mann, Associate Client Services Director
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Finance Committee met on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 5:04 p.m. to discuss the Monthly Financial Report.

Without objection, Anwar Safvi made the motion to adopt the Finance Committee meeting minutes of January 12, 2026, as submitted.

1. ***Monthly Financial Report***

Issue: The monthly financial report is reviewed by the Finance Committee prior to presentation to the Board.

Discussion and Action: The December 31, 2025 financial report indicates that with 50% of the year elapsed, ACRC has expended 52.3% of Purchase of Services (POS) and 46.5% of Operations (OPS) for the current fiscal year (FY).

Mr. Ahmad noted that we are working closely with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) as we look at our spending trends – $82 million in POS expenditures and $9 million in OPS for the month. It appears that we will remain within our allocation for this FY. He noted that ACRC had an extra payroll in January, which happens twice a year.

DDS has indicated that they will soon be sending additional allocations to regional centers for previous FYs. All regional centers are in discussions with the department regarding cashflow issues – around July 15th is when centers receive their initial allocation for the next FY. Although ACRC has a $40 million line of credit with U.S. Bank., Mr. Ahmad will request that DDS enhance our cashflow in March/April.

Without objection, Kelly Pennington made the motion to recommend to the full Board the acceptance of the monthly financial statement as submitted.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 9, 2026**. The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales

Alta California Regional Center
Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 12, 2026
Minutes

Present:
Lindsey Dyba, Futures Explored, Inc., Chair
Garrett Broadbent, Creative Living Options, Co-Chair & Design. Dir.
Taylor Berry, 24 Hour Home Care
Janet Brandon, A.I.M. & Associates
Eric Ciampa, UCP of Sacramento
Andrea Croom, InAlliance
Bonnie Douglas, Turning Point
Kate Halecky, Southside Unlimited
Joe Jaquez, EGACT
Jay Kolvoord, STEP, Inc.
Christa McClure, Tri-County Respite Care Service
Michelle Ramirez, On My Own
Antonio Ranit, Antelope Hills Manor
Carole Watilo, Progressive Employment

Absent: (* excused)
James Astorga*, F&A Astorga Care Home
Laleh Sharpe*, Maxim Healthcare Services

Interpreters
Cory Watson
Jonathan Webb

Board Members:
Dan Lake

Visitors
Sheila Abrams
Jessica Anderson
Stephanie Berberich
Meddie Cueva
Bill Duncan
Maureen Fitzgerald
Melanie Gonzales
Michael Hayes
Braydon Holtzinger
Dawn Horwath
Jessica Knuth
Michael Lyman
Marie McConnell
Bryan Neider
Cody Newport
Branae Owens
Amy Parkin
Vicki Phillips
Becca Pressnell
Paul Quiroz
Jen Roney
Pamela Slinkard
Sarah Verity
Jasmine Vollenweider
Max Woodford

Staff:
Scott Barr, Quality Assurance and Compliance Manager
Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client Services
John Decker, Director of Community Services
Michelle Duchene, Community Services & Supports Manager
Jordan Eller, Specialized Services Manager
Camelia Houston, Director of Intake & Clinical Services
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client Services
Carly Moorman, Client Employment Specialist
Helen Neri, Community Services & Supports Manager
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) met on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss: 1) Executive Director's Report; 2) Board Report; 3) Resource Sharing/Vendor Collaboration; 4) ACRC Vendor Forum Representative Updates; 5) System Reform and Legislative Updates; 6) PAC Committee Reports; and 7) Announcements/Comments. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Lindsey Dyba made the motion to approve the Provider Advisory Committee meeting minutes of January 8, 2026, as submitted.

**change in agenda was noted*

1. ***Executive Director's Report***
    - Mr. Decker shared that the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has provided a summary of the Trailer Bill Language (TBL), which was released earlier this month. This summary is posted on the department's website.
    - Ms. Moorman shared that the Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Collaborative has expanded to the Los Angeles area. On March 5th, she will be attending the Disability Career Expo in Pasadena to share more information with job seekers. We are excited to see how this expansion goes.
        - Any service provider can join in on this opportunity by registering their profiles on the website.
        - We are looking to see how we can make the website more user friendly by offering job seekers the ability to filter results. ACRC is asking service providers that have joined to add "searchable" options to their profiles.
    - ACRC has begun the standardized vendorization process. So far, we have received 100 applicants; 53 in requirement state and 47 in submission stage. We have had to close out some provider applications due to not receiving documentation that is required to be submitted within the first 15 days. We have reached out to DDS for them to add In-Home Respite as an option, as well.
    - Rate reform is an ongoing process at ACRC.
        - ACRC has provided Service Coordinators (SCs) instructions on how to write Purchase of Services (POS') for the new rate models.
            - A provider is having delays in receiving their POS' due to their multiple ratios.
        - Mr. Ciampa noted that DDS proposed a new methodology on how 875 Transportation providers submit their billing. These rates are effective March 1st. He encourages those affected providers to review this proposal.
        - For 880 Transportation, non-ambulatory (wheelchair) is tied to the individual, per trip. Further clarification from DDS is being sought.
            - Mr. Ciampa has been working with DDS for over ten years on transportation issues. He believes one of the struggles is that

the department does not engage with the entire transportation community. The test will be if these "pain points" come out, DDS will look at the data and will hopefully be amenable to change.

- ACRC has a new housing brochure, which highlights the multi-family housing developments that we have supported on behalf of the clients that we serve.
- Mr. Decker will be speaking at the Cal-TASH conference later this month. He, along with two client advocates, were chosen to sit on a client-centered panel for the Annual Housing California Conference in March.
- Regarding DDS' Quality Incentive Program (QIP), if you have any questions, please contact your Community Services Specialist.
- Ms. Bloom noted that ACRC is working in collaboration with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) office to engage the Black and African American community. SCDD hosted a Listening Session in September 2025, and the follow-up session is scheduled for February 25th, at ACRC's Sacramento office. Registration is required.
    - A suggestion was made for ACRC to hold a Self-Determination Program (SDP) Listening Session.
        - Ms. Bloom noted that the Self-Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) meetings are a forum for this.
- Ms. Johnson shared that ACRC is holding our Annual POS Data Meeting virtually on March 13th, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. A virtual community input session is also scheduled for March 18th, from 2 to 4 p.m. Registration is required for both meetings.
- Important dates regarding the Governor's proposed 2026-27 budget include:
    - The Senate Subcommittee No. 3 Hearing is scheduled for March 26th at 9:30 a.m.
    - The Assembly Subcommittee No. 2 Hearing is scheduled for April 15th at 1:30 p.m.

2. ***Board Report***

- Mr. Broadbent shared that ACRC's Board of Directors met on January 22nd:
    - ACRC recognized staff that have worked at the agency for five, ten, 15, 20 and 25 years.
    - The approval of the revised Resource Development Policy was tabled, so that the PAC had a chance to review it.
    - The Independent Audit Report and the financial report were approved.
    - Ms. Houston shared a presentation entitled "Intake, Assessment & Eligibility Determination – Lanterman Eligibility" which helped the Board understand how an individual moves through this process.
        - Some individuals are in this process past the required timelines due to the number of applicants and resource needs in the area of psychological assessment. ACRC has vendored 42 clinical

psychologists and continues to need more to keep pace. These efforts continue.
    - The Association of Regional Center Agencies' (ARCA's) Grassroots Day will be held on March 3rd.
    - Ms. Pennington shared information on the state's first Dementia Care Home, which is in the San Andreas Regional Center's (SARC's) catchment area.
- The proposed revisions to ACRC's Resource Development Policy include standardizing insurance requirements, adding a mutual indemnity clause to all contracts, and adding safeguards to the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI).
    - Mr. Broadbent has discussed these proposed revisions with Mr. Decker and suggested adding a definition of GenAI and clarifying the terms and definitions of the agreement by adding or referencing DDS' Directives, Guidance and/or Best Practices.
        - This will be discussed in more detail at the March 9th Board Executive Committee meeting.

3. ***Resource Sharing/Vendor Collaboration***
- AI Presentation from Bryan Neider of AbilityPath.
    - Mr. Neider has been in the technology field for over 30 years. He just recently did a deeper dive into AI, which is already embedded in our lives.
    - GenAI enables computers to create original content, including images, video, music, and 3D models.
    - AI platforms have "personalities" – outcomes vary for each AI tool. They are unique.
    - Concerns about AI:
        - Myth #1 – "GenAI reduces staff and volunteer engagement"; Reality – AI enhances efficiency and impact.
        - Myth #2 – "AI prevents staff from learning essential skills"; Reality – AI serves as a coach, not a replacement for skill-building.
        - Myth #3 – "AI tools always provide accurate responses"; Reality – AI tools produce errors, or "hallucinations".
    - AI's framework – strategic benefit is that AI accelerates team productivity to drive mission impact.
    - Creating a great prompt requires being specific and direct. Users should also consider creating AI governance guidelines.
- Mr. Neider noted that he has attended the DDS meetings regarding their new online system, the Life Outcomes Improvement System (LOIS). He has concerns and believes the department needs to rethink this project. This is our moment to make this opportunity meaningful to direct care staff, as well as clients and families. He believes a more robust imagination would be more beneficial to the statewide service system.
    - Mr. Neider can be reached at: Bryan@abilitypath.com

- Update on StationMD and IntellectAbility Presentations
  - We discussed having these at PAC meetings, while they were already scheduled to present at upcoming "Coffee with Community Services" meetings – committee members agree that they will not be scheduled for PAC meetings.
- Mr. Ciampa will present the "PAC's Role in the I/DD System" at the March 12th PAC meeting.

4. ***ACRC Vendor Forum Representative Updates***
   - The list of upcoming vendor forums includes:
     - Day Services – February 19th, from 1 to 2 p.m.
     - Employment Services – February 26th, from 1 to 2 p.m.
     - Transportation – March 23rd, from 1 to 2 p.m.
     - Independent Living Services (ILS) – April 7th, from 1 to 2 p.m.
     - Residential – April 23rd, from 1 to 2 p.m.
     - Supported Living Services (SLS) – May 21st, from 1 to 2 p.m.
   - Ms. Dyba requested that PAC members who attend these share a summary at the next scheduled PAC meeting.
     - Ms. Duchene will forward the PowerPoints to Ms. West so that she can distribute as well.

5. ***System Reform and Legislative Updates (Capital Coalition, CCLN, CDSA, CRA, PAVE, CaAPSE & Master Plan Workgroup)***
   - Capital Coalition
     - The group is currently consolidating their positions which they will be reviewing at today's meeting.
   - CCLN
     - The California Community Living Network (CCLN) continues to work with DDS regarding In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), specifically on an eight-hour day versus a 40-hour week. The concern is that currently, per state law, there is no overtime for Supportive Living Services (SLS) DSPs.
       - This past year, the federal government released a policy to stop enforcing those rules. CCLN believes that if this overtime option is no longer a requirement, it will destabilize the workforce. Although the intent is to preserve the status quo, it is much more significant.
         - Ms. Dyba will add this to the March PAC meeting agenda.
     - The group is currently trying to gather data regarding service providers who are having issues with the QIPs.
     - The CCLN Annual Leadership Conference is scheduled for May 6th-8th, at the Paradise Point Island Resort & Spa in San Diego.
   - CDSA
     - The California Disabilities Services Association (CDSA) is holding their Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Conference on May 27th & 28th, in

collaboration with ARCA and the California Policy Center for Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities (CPCIDD).
    - The group plans to hold their Legislative Conference and Lobby Day in March.
    - They support SB 969 (Reyes) - Developmental services: remote services and supports. This bill would make the remote service delivery model a permanent option.
- CRA (The California Respite Association)
    - Effective February 1st, the rate table includes 1:2, 1:3 and 1:4 ratios.
    - They are still working to cosponsor a bill to clean up the language in Title 17 so that in-home respite will be allowed in or around the family home.
    - CRA continues to work with DDS on the Respite Assessment Tool. The assessment is much shorter, but they still have concerns about how it will be implemented.
- PAVE (Person-centered Advocacy Vision Education)
    - ACRC held training last month for SCs and are currently recruiting clients and families. A meeting is scheduled for later this month to review how many might be interested in participating in this pilot.
- CaAPSE
    - The California branch of the National Association of People Supporting Employment First (CaAPSE) held their annual Board planning meeting last week.
    - The group is reviewing the DDS TBL. They are also coordinating with other states to see how they are working on rate setting and options.

6. ***PAC Committee Reports***
    - Ms. Dyba requested that these reports be shared via email.

7. ***Announcements/Comments***
    - Yvonne Soto has retired; she is no longer a PAC member.

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 12, 2026**. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales

Alta California
Regional Center

SLATE

TO: Members, ACRC Board of Directors
FROM: Kelly Pennington, Board Development Committee Chair
RE: Candidates for 26-27 FY
DATE: March 10, 2026

ACRC's Board of Directors will vote on the 2026-27 fiscal year's (FY's) Slate of Officers and Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Representatives at the May 28th Board meeting.

The Board Development Committee submits the following for the Board's consideration:

President:	DAN LAKE, Sacramento County
Vice President:	KELLY PENNINGTON, Sacramento County
Secretary:	STEVEN SANCHEZ, Placer County
Treasurer:	ANWAR SAFVI, Sacramento County
ARCA Rep:	KELLY PENNINGTON, Sacramento County
ARCA Rep (alternate):	DAN LAKE, Sacramento County
ARCA-CAC Rep:	AMY LAMPE, Yuba County
ARCA-CAC Rep (alternate):	STEVEN SANCHEZ, Placer County

AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS
OF ALTA CALIFORNIA REGIONAL CENTER, INC.

ARTICLE 1. OFFICES

Section 1.01. Name of the Corporation. The name of this corporation is Alta California Regional Center, Inc. ("the Corporation.") For certain purposes, the Corporation shall do business as "Alta California Regional Center."

Section 1.02. Principal Office and Other Offices. The principal office of the Corporation for the transaction of its business is located at 4151 E Commerce Way, Suite 100, Sacramento, California. The Board of Directors may change the principal office from one location to another within the State of California by resolution. Any change of location of the principal office shall be noted by the Secretary on these Bylaws opposite this Section, or this Section may be amended to state the new location. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places as its business may require and as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

ARTICLE 2. MEMBERS

Section 2.01. Members are Directors. There shall be one class of members who shall be the directors of the Corporation, and the directors shall be the only members of the Corporation. Any person who becomes a director, whether an Elected Director or a Designated Director (as defined in Section 3.01 below), shall become a member upon the assumption of office as a director, and

Executive Director, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors as the chief executive officer of the Corporation. The Executive Director shall have the authority and responsibility for the day-to-day management and administration of the affairs, employees and resources of the Corporation. The Executive Director shall employ, supervise, manage, control and discharge the employees of the Corporation. The Executive Director shall present, advise and counsel the Board of Directors in matters of policy and shall act as a representative of the Corporation at community, state and national meetings. The Executive Director shall attend to such other business as may be assigned and perform all other duties prescribed by the Board, by these Bylaws, or by the law. The Board shall review the performance of the Executive Director at least on an annual basis.

ARTICLE 5. COMMITTEES

Section 5.01. Standing and Advisory Committees. The Corporation shall have the following standing and advisory committees, each of which (with the exception of the Provider Advisory Committee and the Client Advisory Committee) shall be chaired by a designated Officer of the Corporation:

a. Executive Committee

b. Board Development Committee

c. Finance Committee

d. Provider Advisory Committee

e. Client Advisory Committee

~~f. Strategic Planning Committee~~

chairperson. The Client Advisory Committee shall designate one of its members to serve on the Board and that individual shall be voted on by the Board in May of each year.

~~**Section 5.08. Strategic Planning Committee.** The Strategic Planning Committee shall be composed of not less than five directors, with one of those directors being a client. The Chairperson of the Strategic Planning Committee shall be selected by the Board President from among the members of the Board of Directors. The Strategic Planning Committee is responsible for strategic planning, including, but not limited to, the development of a written, multi-year strategic plan for the Corporation.~~

Section 5.09. Audit Committee. The Corporation acknowledges that Subdivision (e) of Section 12586 of the Government Code states that every charitable corporation that receives or accrues in any fiscal year gross revenue of two million dollars ($2,000,000) or more, exclusive of grants from, and contracts for services with, governmental entities for which the governmental entity requires an accounting of the funds received, must have an audit committee. At the time that these Bylaws are approved, the Corporation does not receive or accrue gross revenue of two million dollars ($2,000,000) or more, exclusive of grants from, and contracts for services with, governmental entities for which the governmental entity requires an accounting of the funds received in a fiscal year, and, thus, is not required to have an audit committee. If, in the future, however, the Corporation does meet this threshold, and is required by subdivision (e) of Section 12586 of the Government Code to have an audit committee, the Board shall amend these

Alta California Regional Center
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Board Approved: November 18, 2010
Effective Date: January 1, 2011
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Revised/Board Approved: November 18, 2021
Effective Date: November 18, 2021
Revised/Board Approved: November 21, 2024
Effective Date: January 1, 2025

Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) desires to develop resources to serve its clients. All funds utilized for the development or start-up of services and supports must be necessary for the establishment of new resources for the direct benefit of ACRC clients.

Insurance Requirements

ACRC seeks to reach industry standards and best practices related to insurance coverage policies to protect the vendors' interests; as well as the interests of ACRC and the individuals ACRC serves. In order to transact business with ACRC, vendors must satisfy the insurance requirements noted in ACRC's Vendor Insurance Requirement Listing and provide verification of coverage. Each vendor shall, at its own expense, carry and maintain the required minimum insurance to fully protect both the vendor and ACRC from all liability, losses, claims, demands, damages, judgements, legal expenses, and/or costs of any nature for arising out of the performance of vendor's ongoing operations.

Mutual Indemnification

ACRC requires mutual indemnification language be added to all new and existing service provider contracts and agreements. This allows ACRC to manage risk, protect public funds, comply with statutory obligations, and ensure service providers are legally and financially accountable for their actions, including emerging risks associated with technology and data use. See attached proposed contract language.

Request for Proposal

It is the policy of ACRC to require a Request for Proposal (RFP) for all development of resources* with an estimated annual expenditure in excess of $250,000 as well as for any project where StartUp Funds will be provided by ACRC. ACRC may also require an RFP for resource development where the estimated annual expenditure is less than $250,000 if, in the discretion of the Executive Director or designee, determine that the use of an RFP will result in the creation of better resources for clients.

ACRC may use POS funds as Start-Up for developing new community resources to protect the clients' health and safety or because of other extraordinary circumstances, and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has granted prior written authorization.

All start-up funds shall be supported by a contract that shall include, but is not limited to the following:

- sufficient detail and measurable performance expectations and results
- disbursement requirements

- maintenance of accounting records
- language on a fair and equitable recovery of start-up funds should the provider cease to provide services to clients within a specified period of time

ACRC will issue Requests for Proposal (RFP) based upon the need for services and supports as assessed by the Regional Center. The RFPs will:

- be posted on the website
- provide instructions for the process, including timelines, submissions, evaluation, and selection
- specifications for the disbursement of start-up monies
- instructions to the provider to maintain accounting and other records to document the use of these monies

* Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) – Multi-Family Housing development proposals

- No RFP will be required when start-up funding for multi-family housing development is available through the CRDP.
    - o Pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 4418.25 and 4679, regional center requests to DDS for CRDP multi-family housing funding must result from a need identified by the CRDP stakeholder process. Awards for multi-family housing development proposals may only be for those entities identified in ACRC's CRDP request to DDS and approved by DDS.
- Prior to submission to DDS, the proposed multi-family housing development will be presented to the board of directors for their review.

Exceptions to the policy:

Exceptions must be approved by the Executive Director and will only be granted in extraordinary circumstances and must be in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Enclosure: ACRC's Vendor Insurance Requirement Listing, Contract Indemnification Language

Alta California's Regional Center's Vendor Insurance Requirement Listing

Coverage	Requirement	Details/Values
General Liability	Each Occurrence General Aggregate Limit *Should not have any limitations to abuse/molestation/harassment/malpractice	$1,000,000 $3,000,000
Auto Liability	Combined single limit	$1,000,000
Professional Liability	Each Occurrence General Aggregate Limit *Should not have any limitations to abuse/molestation/harassment/malpractice	$1,000,000 $3,000,000
Workers Compensation & Employers Liability	Each Occurrence Each Employee Limit	$1,000,000 $1,000,000

Other Certificate of Insurance (COI) Requirements:	
Additional Insured Entities noted on policy:	Alta California Regional Center
Please send Insurance Certificates to:	Mailing Address: Alta California Regional Center ATTN: Community Services Department 4151 E Commerce Way Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95834 Email: vendorization@altaregional.org

Covering Service Codes:

All service codes excluding service code 895

Alta California's Regional Center's Vendor Insurance Requirement Listing - 895

Coverage	Requirement	Details/Values
General Liability	Each Occurrence General Aggregate Limit *Should not have any limitations to abuse/molestation/harassment/malpractice	$3,000,000 $5,000,000
Auto Liability	Combined single limit	$5,000,000
Professional Liability	Each Occurrence General Aggregate Limit *Should not have any limitations to abuse/molestation/harassment/malpractice	$3,000,000 $5,000,000
Workers Compensation & Employers Liability	Each Occurrence Each Employee Limit	$1,000,000 $1,000,000

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Alta California Regional Center Additional Contractual Requirements

Indemnification

1.01 Contractor's Indemnity.

A. Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Regional Center, DDS the State of California and their respective officers, agent, and employees (collectively, the "**Regional Center Indemnitees**") from every claim or demand made by reason of:

(a) Any personal injury or property damage sustained by any person, or entity, caused by or resulting from any act, neglect, default, or omissions of Contractor or of any person, or entity performing any services in connection with this Agreement on behalf of Contractor; and

(b) Claims under workers' compensation laws or other employee benefit laws by Contractor's agents or employees; and

(c) Contractor's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement in strict accordance with its terms, including Contractor's breach of any representations or covenants given in this Agreement; and

(d) A violation of any local, state, or federal law, regulation or code by Contractor or by any of Contractor's employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors in connection with the conduct of their activities performed in connection with this Agreement.

B. Contractor at his own expense and risk, shall defend any action, legal proceeding, arbitration, or other mediation proceeding, that may be brought against the Regional Center Indemnitees or any of them on any such claim or demand as set forth above. Contractor shall defend such matter by counsel reasonably satisfactory to Regional Center. The Regional Center Indemnitees need not have first paid any such claim in order to be so indemnified. Contractor shall also pay and satisfy any settlement, or any judgment which may be rendered against the Regional Center Indemnitees or any of them arising from any injuries described in this Section I.01 including, but not limited to, those claims and demands resulting from the negligence of the Regional Center Indemnitees or any of them; provided, however, Contractor shall have no duty to indemnify any particular Regional Center Indemnitee for those injuries caused to Contractor or a third party by the gross negligence of such Regional Center Indemnitee.

1.02 Regional Center's Indemnity.

A. Regional Center agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Contractor and its respective officers and employees (collectively, the "**Contractor Indemnitees**") from every claim or demand made by reason of:

(a) Any personal injury or property damage sustained by any person, or entity, caused by or resulting from any gross negligence of Regional Center or of any person, or entity performing any services in connection with this Agreement on behalf of Regional Center; and

(b) Regional Center's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement in strict accordance with its terms, including Regional Center's breach of any representations or covenants given in this Agreement; and

(c) A violation of any local, state, or federal law, regulation or code by Regional Center or by any of Regional Center's employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors in connection with the conduct of their activities performed in connection with this Agreement.

B. Regional Center at his own expense and risk, shall defend any action, legal proceeding, arbitration, or other mediation proceeding, that may be brought against Contractor Indemnitees or any of them on any such claim or demand as set forth above. Regional Center shall defend such matter by counsel reasonably satisfactory to Contractor. Contractor Indemnitees need not have first paid any such claim in order to be so indemnified. Regional Center shall also pay and satisfy any settlement, or any judgment which may be rendered against Contractor Indemnitees or any of them arising from any injuries described in this Section 1.02; provided, however, Regional Center shall only have a duty to indemnify any particular Contractor Indemnitee for those injuries caused to Contractor or a third party by the gross negligence of Regional Center or its officers, agents, or employees.

1.03 Survival. The indemnities set forth in this Section 1 shall apply during the term of this Agreement and shall also survive the expiration, rescission, or termination of this Agreement, until such time as action against the Regional Center Indemnitees and Contractor Indemnitees on account of any matter covered by each such indemnity is barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

Alternate Contract Language: Vendors may propose alternate contract language for ACRC's consideration. ACRC may accept such language if it is deemed acceptable and consistent with applicable legal, regulatory, and risk management requirements.

Alta California Regional Center
Financial Report 2025-26 Fiscal Year
January 31, 2026

PURPOSE: Review of monthly financial report by service category and contract allocation to ensure expenditures are inline with expectations and project

REQUESTED ACTION: Motion to Accept by Finance Comm/Full BODs (Motion/Second/Commit to Accept) - The Board formally accepts the monthly financial report as subm

Percent of Year Elapsed:	**58.3%**
Percent of POS Expended	**54.7%**
Percent of OPS Expended	**54.1%**

Purchase of Services (POS)	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Projected Expenditures Feb-Jun	Actual YTD + Projected	Surplus (Unallocated)
Out of Home	*$24,977,159*	*$159,237,165*			
Day Programs	*$5,971,385*	*$67,730,779*			
Transportation	*$9,282,510*	*$55,431,820*			
Respite	*$12,436,998*	*$61,109,263*			
Behavior Intervention	*$57,533*	*$780,767*			
Community Integration Training	*$6,716,559*	*$35,513,350*			
Supported Living Services	*$23,876,894*	*$108,596,758*			
Other Services	*$12,197,261*	*$91,380,183*			
Total POS	**$95,516,299**	**$579,780,086**	*$470,219,914*	$1,050,000,000	**$9,146,205**
Comm. Placement Plan (CPP)	*$68,914*	*$384,344*	*$699,454*	$1,083,798	**$699,454**
Total POS & CPP	**$95,585,213**	**$580,164,430**	**$470,919,368**	**$1,051,083,798**	**$9,845,659**

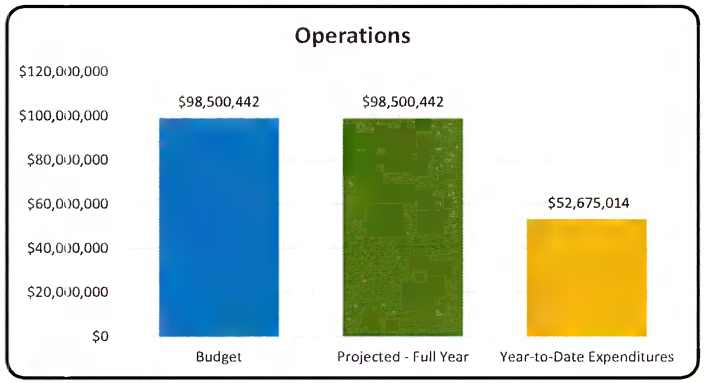
Operations (OPS)	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Projected Feb-Jun	Actual YTD + Projected
Salary & Benefits	*$6,552,421*	*$45,881,869*		
Equipment	*$32,756*	*$79,306*		
Facility Rent and Maintenance	*$364,087*	*$2,915,943*		
Communication	*$191,213*	*$804,781*		
Insurance	*$29,550*	*$1,081,762*		
Information Technology	*$28,835*	*$820,460*		
Legal Fees	*$13,485*	*$88,279*		
Board Expenses	*$134*	*$5,990*		
Accounting Fees	*$0*	*$720*		
Professional Services	*$43,492*	*$376,650*		
Staff Mileage	*$47,097*	*$498,142*		
ARCA Dues	*$0*	*$144,099*		
General Expenses	*$40,782*	*$273,094*		
Other Income	*($8,764)*	*($58,343)*		
Interest Income	*($642)*	*($237,737)*		
Total OPS	**$ 7,334,445**	**$ 52,675,014**	**$45,825,428**	**$98,500,442**
Grand Total	**$ 102,919,658**	**$ 632,839,443**		

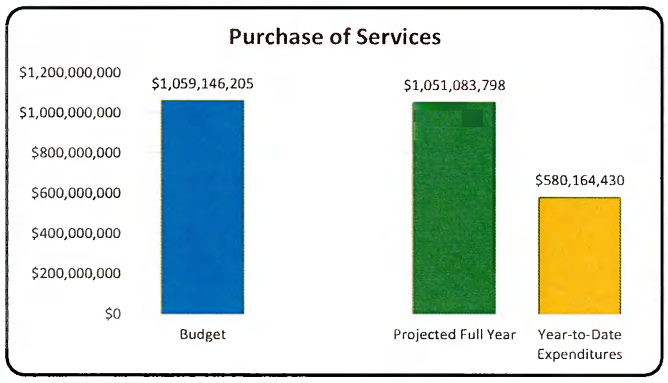
Alta California Regional Center
Financial Report 2025-26 Fiscal Year
January 31, 2026

Budget/Allocation Detail:	OPS	POS	CPP	Total
B1 (Preliminary Allocation)	$91,103,206	*$833,769,770*	*$0*	*$924,872,976*
B2 - 1st amendment	*$6,313,438*	*$91,350,733*	*$1,083,798*	*$98,747,969*
B3 - 2nd amendment	*$0*	*$0*	*$0*	*$0*
B4 - 3rd amendment		*$134,025,702*		*$134,025,702*
				$0
Total Allocation	**$97,416,644**	**$1,059,146,205**	**$1,083,798**	**$1,157,646,647**

Notes:

This report represents payments made through January 31, 2026, or 7 months of the 2025-26 fiscal year. Purchase of Service (POS) expenditures were approx $95.5 million and Operations (OPS) expenditures were approx $7.3 million for the month. The allocation is reflected through the B-4 Allocation and represents 97%-99% of the fiscal year funding, the remaining anticipated amounts in further allocations will be mainly in restricted programs or rent allocations. Through the B-4 allocation, our budget reflects our partial approved rent allocation, caseload growth, specialized caseload funding, CCP/CRDP funding, funding to support the rate reform implementation, special policy positions, SDP outreach, and Cultural competency focus among other continuing items from previous year. We have set a strong hiring plan for new positions along with targeted funding of our unfunded liabilities, based on an expectation of what our allocation will be. Now as the year comes to a close ACRC has almost reached the 900 employee mark. Inflation has started to taper from a growth perspective, we continue to monitor operation costs. Some key ongoing and support costs will be related to: new case management system and related technological transitions and rising salaries as more than half staff have growth in their salary scales; however, this helps coverage and rising caseloads. We also have consciousness on the current LAO budget projections and anticipation of a budget deficit and are taking measures to ensure we are ready for any adjustments on our end. The current presentation is mainly to show projected expenses and our total allocation through the B3. Much of the new funding is for reduced caseloads in ages 0 to 5 years old. In POS, we project a total budget of approx $100 billion. The main component of POS funding are the provider rate increases that were implemented on April 1, 2022 and we had the last phase implemented this current month of January 2025, this will be the last 25% to the rate model inclusive of the 10% incentive. B4 Amendment was provided to cover additional POS funding. The OPS budget does have expenses that are set to incur later after fiscal year, such as the key costs mentioned along with our audit fees. Overall the CY budget appears to be inline with the allocation provided. ACRC will work with DDS to ensure our future projections are within expectations.





Indicates Budget Amount

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Indicates Year-to-Date Expenditures

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CONTRACTS $250,000 and over REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Alta California Regional Center

Vendor #	Vendor Name	Service Code	Type of Service	Clients Served	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Fiscal Year	Contract Amount	Comments
TBD	Brilliant Corners	999	EBSH for Children	4	3/1/2026	3/31/2028	2025-2026	$950,000	HDO Acquisition and Renovation Funds

ACRC received Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP) funding for this project as our agency has young children that have been assessed as needing an Enhanced Behavioral Support Home (EBSH) due to exhibiting sexual maladaptive behaviors. ACRC is developing this home to meet the long-term needs of a youth that is currently at a state operated Stabilization, Training, Assistance, and Reintegration (STAR) facility . The remaining beds will be utilized for other children that are either stepping down from a restrictive setting (out-of-state placement, Community Crisis Home, hospital, etc.) or that are currently residing in the family home or a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) and need a higher level of care.

The funding will be utilized by the non-profit Housing Developer Organization (HDO), Brilliant Corners, to locate, acquire, and renovate a property that will operate as a 4-bed EBSH for children. Brilliant Corners has successfully worked with ACRC and DDS developing EBSH's for nearly a decade. This funding is only for the development of the home.

REQUESTED ACTION: The Board of Directors formally approve the requested contract(s). (Motion to approve/Second/Commit).