Alta California Regional Center
Board of Directors Meeting
4151 E Commerce Way, Sacramento 95834
Thursday, September 24, 2026 – ***5:00 P.M.***
Registration Link
AGENDA

Call to Order

Introductions – Reading of ACRC's Mission & Vision

Service Recognitions

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 7/23/26 *[Tab 1]*
c. Committee Minutes
    1. CAC *[Tab 2]*
    2. Executive *[Tab 3]*
        - 2026-27 Board Committee Assignments *[Tab 4]*
    3. Finance *[Tab 5]*
    4. PAC *[Tab 6]*

New Business

▶ a. Approve Conflict of Interest Mitigation Plan for Jackie Armstrong *[Tab 7]*

- b. Finance Committee
    1. Monthly Financial Report *[Tab 8]*

c. Committee Updates
    1. CAC
    2. PAC

d. President's Report – Dan Lake, President
e. Executive Director's Report – Lori Banales, Executive Director
f. ARCA-CAC Report – Amy Lampe, ARCA-CAC Rep.
g. 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, November 19, 2026 @ 5 p.m.

Alta California Regional Center
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, July 23, 2026
Minutes

Present: Jackie Armstrong, EunMi Cho, Johnny Deng, Lindsey Dyba, Dan Lake, Amy Lampe, Amanda Parker, Kelly Pennington, Steven Sanchez, Terri Scheufele

Absent (* excused): Carmen Aguilar*, Akkia Pride-Polk*, Anwar Safvi*, Ceasar Seabron

Staff: Lori Banales, Iqbal Ahmad, Jennifer Bloom, Tracy Brown, Candice Calero, Thalia Castro-Vega, John Decker, Jon Horbaly, Camelia Houston, Mechelle Johnson, Jaspreet Mann, Faye McKenzie, Ryan Patchin, Lisa West

Facilitators: Amy Fulk, Naomi Smith

Visitors: Mikaal Ahmad, Mizaan Ahmad, Steve Andrews, Sarah Anthony, Katelyn Cook, Dawn Dingman, Maureen Fitzgerald, Amber Hauck, Mary Ann Hauck, Patricia Kamlley, Emili Lua

1. ***Call to Order – Reading of ACRC's Mission & Vision*** – The Board of Directors met at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2026. Ms. Parker read aloud ACRC's Mission and Vision (**this took place prior to the CAC Update)*.

2. ***Meeting Our Mission*** *(*this took place after New Business – Finance Committee)*
   - Ms. Bloom introduced Mary Ann and Amber Hauck, mother and ACRC client, as well as Amber's Service Coordinator (SC), Candice Calero. Ms. Bloom praised Ms. Calero for her expertise in navigating the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) process. Through the installation of a ceiling track system, the use of slings and a bathroom modification, Amber can navigate her home with greater independence and safety.
     - Ms. Hauck is grateful to ACRC – she is now able to assist Amber without worry. She also praised Ms. Calero, who is very responsive and understanding.

3. ***Community Comments/Announcements***
   - No comments were shared.

4. ***Consent Agenda*** – **By consensus, the following consent agenda items were approved: a) excused absences of Carmen Aguilar, Akkia Pride-Polk and Anwar Safvi; b) regular session Board meeting minutes of May 28, 2026; and c) Board Development Committee (BDC), Client Advisory Committee (CAC), Executive Committee, Finance Committee, and Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) minutes.**

5. ***New Business***
   - *Finance Committee*
     Issue 1: Monthly Financial Report

     Discussion and Action: Mr. Ahmad shared that regional centers received their first allocations from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), which equates to approximately 80% of their budgets.

     Mr. Ahmad commends ACRC's Accounting Department for their dedication and hard work as they just closed out the 2025-26 fiscal year (FY). Staff are currently working on Quality Incentive Program (QIP) payments which are tied to the state's rate reform. 63% of ACRC's service providers are at the full benchmark rate.

     - **Information only**

     Issue 2: Independent Auditor

     At the June Finance Committee meeting, Mr. Ahmad noted that ACRC can engage Paul Stroub, from Devant Certified Public Accountants (CPAs), to complete our independent audit. ACRC will need to rotate auditors after the fifth year. Devant's bid came in at $63,500.

     M/S/C **(Deng/Lampe) To engage Devant CPAs for ACRC's independent audit.**

   - *Committee Updates*
     - CAC
       - Ms. Parker shared that the CAC met on July 14th.
         - Ms. Banales gave an update on the Trailer Bill Language (TBL) related to Regional Center Oversight as it relates to the CAC.
         - Michelle Rewerts, a former CAC and Board member, shared a presentation entitled "My Disability and The Person Behind It".
         - The CAC will be holding an Open House on Tuesday, October 13th, prior to the CAC meeting.
         - Five volunteers will meet at ACRC on Tuesday, August 11th, and participate in a roundtable discussion: regardless of their disabilities, they live full and active lives. This will be filmed and posted on the CAC's page on ACRC's website.

- PAC
  - Ms. Dyba shared that the PAC met on June 11th and July 9th.
    - In June:
      - Mr. Ahmad presented on the current Purchase of Services (POS) process and the new pilot system. This will be rolling out to all service providers this winter.
      - ACRC staff shared a presentation on the Self-Determination Program (SDP) and All's Well shared another about the Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Internship Program.
      - The Northern CA Workforce Summit was held at the end of May and provided a wonderful opportunity to build support amongst service providers and to advance the initiative to professionalize the disability workforce.
      - Beza Admassu was voted onto the PAC to replace Laleh Sharpe, both from Maxim Healthcare.
    - In July:
      - ACRC staff provided updates on Day Program Rate Reform.
      - The group discussed services to recruit high-level leaders.
      - The Vendor Relations Committee plans to survey the broader service provider community to gather topics that the committee can address.
      - The Resource Development Policy Workgroup met and will continue to discuss the policy.
      - A grand jury recently made recommendations to SacRT regarding access to transportation.

♦ *President's Report*
- Mr. Lake expressed appreciation to all in attendance and welcomed Ms. Parker and Ms. Dyba to the Board.

♦ *Executive Director's Report*
- Ms. Banales believes it is critical to highlight the good that is happening across our service system. Taking time in a public setting is valuable. We need to ensure that we do not lose sight of the critical services that individuals receive every day and how these services promote independence and safety.
- On July 14th, DDS released the Directive regarding the TBL, which provides some guidance on implementation, but most of the document refers to future implementation guidance.

    - Related to Board of Directors governance: DDS to develop the curriculum for the Board training.
    - Within the proposed TBL, there were three items that were deferred to the August legislative hearings:
        - The needs assessment which will require input from the community.
        - The department is seeking to operationally define substantial disability. These definitions will support standardization across the state with eligibility.
        - Combining the Community Placement Plan (CPP) with the Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP).
    - The Assembly Subcommittee #2 Hearing is scheduled for August 5th. The Senate Subcommittee #3 Hearing is likely to be on August 12th or 13th. Both hearings will provide an opportunity for public comments.
- Disability Pride Month is celebrated every July, to commemorate the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The 2026 theme is "The World Works Better With Us."
    - ACRC has participated in several outreach events, and Ben, an abstract and geometric artist, is highlighted on our agency's website.
- DDS requested that ACRC arrange two visits for new members of their Early Start Appeals and Complaints team so that they could learn about Early Start services. These visits are scheduled for tomorrow, where they will attend two home visits and observe an annual Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) and speech therapy session and an intake.
- Ms. Bloom and Ms. McKenzie saw a need to create an informal Early Start Quarterly Newsletter, which is a new way to share information and highlight the service areas in need with our Early Start service providers.
    - This newsletter will be shared with the Board.
- Registration opens on August 1st for the MIND Institute's Conference, Aprendiendo Juntos 2026, which will be held entirely in Spanish on Saturday, September 19th. ACRC has vendored this conference and we are sharing this information with our Community-Based Organizations (CBOs).
- ACRC has developed a Post Social Assessment Guide, which reminds applicants/families about what is needed to support the Intake process. This is provided to the applicant/family after the Social Assessment is completed.
- Effective August 1st, DDS is requiring regional centers to provide a Post Intake Survey to everyone that goes through the Intake process, regardless of eligibility determination.

  - Ms. Houston noted that we are working to link this to Atlas so that it can automatically be sent out to individuals.
  - This survey is available in 19 languages; it will be sent out per the individual's identified primary language.
  - The intent of the data that DDS is gathering is to assist with the Intake Standardization Process.
- Mr. Decker provided an overview of ACRC's Ray-Ban Meta Supported Employment Pilot. This six-month pilot was set up to test the use of Ray-Ban Meta smart glasses as a job-coaching and workplace-support tool for up to ten individuals with developmental disabilities.
  - ACRC received a small grant and chose to work with Odyssey Life Center on this employment pilot project. The goal was to explore how wearable artificial intelligence (AI) technology can enhance on-the-job independence, task completion, safety and communication. ACRC staff are finalizing the draft project findings and will be presenting the information, along with DDS, at the October Supported Life Conference.
    - Odyssey Life Center would like to expand this opportunity to 40 individuals.
  - We have established a relationship with Meta. When the state releases their assistive technology guidance, this information will be included. Mr. Decker is thankful that ACRC was able to steer Meta to the developmentally disabled population. He has been invited to speak at Meta's AI Glasses Impact Grant Celebration & Community Summit in New York City from July 27th to 29th. He noted that job coaches have the ability to look through the client's Meta glasses and see what they are seeing. This is all emerging opportunities – we are all learning what these glasses can assist with.
  - Ms. Banales shared that everything that we do helps build opportunities for those that we serve. Employment is an area that continues to be a focus for our agency.
- For the past four years, DDS has awarded ACRC Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) grants, which create opportunities for service providers to expand accessibility to those served.
  - The DSP Collaborative is being expanded to all 21 regional centers.
- On Wednesday, July 29th, ACRC is holding backpack giveaways at all our offices, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We have 1,000 backpacks donated by Aveanna Healthcare.
  - Registration is required – we currently have 700 individuals registered.

- *ARCA-CAC Rep. Report*
  - Ms. Lampe shared that the group is meeting tomorrow, July 24th, from 10:30 to noon via Zoom.

- *ARCA Delegate Report*
  - Ms. Pennington shared that the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) is holding their next ARCA Academy on September 25th & 26th, in Torrance.
  - Elections were held and Ms. Pennington is serving as the Delegates Chair for her third and final year.
  - The August meetings will be held in Torrance.

6. ***Closed Session*** – At 6:07 p.m. the Board adjourned to closed session to discuss legal and personnel issues.

7. ***Announcement of Closed Meeting Discussion*** - At 7:24 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 7:24 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: Lori Banales

Alta California Regional Center
Client Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Minutes

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

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

Visitors:
Robert Levy
Emili Lua
Yadir Morales
Daniel Perez

Facilitators:
Amy Fulk
Naomi Smith

Staff:
Lori Banales, Executive Director
Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client Services
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
Reyva Johnson, Client Advocate
Sharon Kurpinsky, Victim Advocate
Jacob Miller, Client Advocate
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. to discuss: 1) Message from Lori; 2) "Abuse Prevention and Safety"; 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 July 14, 2026, as submitted.

1. ***Message from Lori***

- Lori shared that CAC members received an email on August 28th forwarded from the Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA)-CAC asking for your opinion on terms that are acceptable to use when referring to a group of people with developmental disabilities. ARCA wants to hear back from those that are served by regional centers. Years ago, this group discussed this same issue. Those that shared their thoughts landed on "clients." Lori noted that there is no wrong answer – it is whatever your desire is.
  - Prior to ARCA's request to send the survey out to regional center's CAC groups, they received over 160 responses. The preferred terms from those responses were "consumers" or "clients."
  - Lori encouraged CAC members to complete the survey. Tony Anderson, with ARCA, is tabulating the results. As a community, we want to make sure we get this right.

- Of the three deferred areas of the Trailer Bill Language (TBL), the acuity scale/needs assessment did not get signed into law. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) presented this along with the Intake process, when they are two separate issues – to operationally define "substantial disability" is part of the Intake process, whereas the acuity scale/needs assessment is part of ongoing services.
    - The intention was for Service Coordinators (SCs) to use this tool to determine the level of need for those we serve during the Individual Program Plan (IPP). The community had questions and concerns about what it would be used for. This next year, the department will work with community stakeholders and regional centers to discuss and develop next steps.

2. ***"Abuse Prevention and Safety"***

- Sharon Kurpinsky, Alta's Victim Advocate, shared a presentation on this topic.
    - Stalking is defined as a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress.
    - She discussed motivations for online harassment and encouraged everyone to always have the most up-to-date virus and firewall protection from a reputable source, to never share personal information in on-line profiles or public spaces, and password protect all accounts.
    - If you use dating websites, think about setting up a dedicated e-mail for that purpose. Never give out any personal information. If you arrange to meet someone, do so in a safe, public environment, and let someone else know what you are doing in advance. Be aware of your surroundings and be careful not to be followed home.
        - Please reach out to your SC for assistance/resources.

3. ***Updates***

- CAC Workgroups
- Open House
    - We will hold the CAC Open House prior to the CAC meeting on October 13th. The Open House will start at 12 p.m. with catered food. Members of the workgroup will present the CAC PowerPoint at 1 p.m., with the CAC meeting starting at 2 p.m.
        - This is a great way to attract new members. Please help distribute the flyer which Lisa W. will send out to everyone.
- Videos
    - On August 11th, Futures Explored videotaped a roundtable discussion, which included David Lopez, Lisa C., Amanda, Kim and Steven.

- A snapshot of the video will be ready to share at the CAC's Open House.

- PAN
  - The group will meet in the new year.
- Alta Board
  - Alta's Board of Directors met on July 23rd.
    - Our "Meeting Our Mission" segment highlighted a client and her mother who came to share how Alta has helped the client navigate their home with greater independence and safety by assisting with installing a ceiling track system and a bathroom modification.
    - Lori shared information about the TBL that DDS released on July 14th.
    - John provided an overview of Alta's Ray-Ban Meta Supported Employment Pilot – the smart glasses are being used as a job-coaching and workplace-support tool for up to ten individuals with developmental disabilities.
- ARCA-CAC
  - The group met on August 28th and discussed the ARCA Academy Breakout Session, which will share the ARCA-CAC priorities and how to ensure people with disabilities engage in Board dialogue.
  - They may change their name to "People with Lived Experience".
  - The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 18th, from 10:30 a.m. to noon via Zoom.

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

- Alta is hosting a virtual Supported Decision-Making (SDM) Training on Friday, September 11th, from 1 to 2 p.m. Registration is required.
- California Autistic Self Advocates (CASA) will be voting for their new Officers for the 2027 calendar year. Elections will be on November 2nd.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 13, 2026**. The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales

Alta California Regional Center
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2026
Minutes

Present:
Dan Lake, President
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair
Amy Lampe, ARCA-CAC Rep
Terri Scheufele, Member-at-Large

Absent: (* excused)
Kelly Pennington*, Vice President & ARCA Rep
Steven Sanchez*, Secretary

Board Members:
Carmen Aguilar
Johnny Deng
Lindsey Dyba
Amanda Parker
Akkia Pride-Polk

Visitors:
Steve Andrews
Eric Ciampa
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Facilitators:
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Camelia Houston, Director of Intake & Clinical Services
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client Services
Reyva Johnson, Client Advocate
Jaspreet Mann, Associate Client Services Director
Faye McKenzie, Associate Client Services Director
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Executive Committee met on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 5:16 p.m. to discuss: 1) Approve 2026-27 Board Committee Assignments; 2) Approve Conflict of Interest Mitigation Plan for Jackie Armstrong; 3) Approve Revised Resource Development Policy; 4) President's Report; and 5) Executive Director's Report.

- Mr. Ciampa expressed appreciation to Ms. Banales for the opportunity for service providers to work with ACRC staff to find equitable language that both sides could agree upon in the revised Resource Development Policy. The Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) is in support of the revised policy which is before the Board today.

  Without objection, Dan Lake made the motion to adopt the Executive Committee meeting minutes of July 13, 2026, as submitted.

1. ***Approve 2026-27 Board Committee Assignments***
   - Mr. Lake noted that, according to ACRC's bylaws, the Board must approve the Board committee assignments.

   M/S/C **(Safvi/Scheufele) To recommend to the full Board the approval of the 2026-27 Board Committee Assignments as presented.**

2. ***Approve Conflict of Interest Mitigation Plan for Jackie Armstrong***
   - Mr. Lake read aloud Ms. Armstrong's conflict of interest mitigation plan.

   M/S/C **(Lampe/Scheufele) To recommend to the full Board the approval of Ms. Armstrong's conflict of interest mitigation plan as presented.**

3. ***Approve Revised Resource Development Policy***
   - Ms. Banales expressed appreciation to Mr. Ciampa for providing public comment. Within the last several months, there have been many discussions about ways to mitigate liabilities for the agency. In reviewing the statute, which just passed this fiscal year, we have made the one modification to the revised policy to reflect the requirement of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for all development of resources with an estimated annual expenditure in excess of $350,000. Based on multiple opportunities that we have had to publicly share this process, Ms. Banales is requesting that the Executive Committee approve this policy on behalf of the full Board.

   M/S/C **(Scheufele/Safvi) For the Executive Committee to approve the Revised Resource Development Policy as presented on behalf of the full Board with the modification of $350,000 (instead of $250,000).**

4. ***President's Report***
   - Mr. Lake expressed appreciation to all that worked on this policy to come to an agreement with our service providers.
   - He also thanked everyone for their attendance today.

5. ***Executive Director's Report***
   - Ms. Bloom introduced Reyva Johnson, one of ACRC's Client Advocates, who has been working with transition-aged youth to be successful after high school.
     - This summer, Reyva had the opportunity to teach 80 students the People Planning Together (PPT) training at Luther Burbank High School. Each year, the number of students grows. During these three-day sessions, students are taught how to advocate for themselves in the workplace, meetings, community, etc., and how to tap into supports.

On the last day, the students complete their one-page description that they can share with potential employers. They hold a graduation ceremony at the end of training. Reyva noted that the students are happy that someone is taking the time to look to their future.
    - Ms. Banales publicly acknowledged the value of Reyva's efforts.
- This week is Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) Recognition Week. ACRC will be reflecting on the great workforce that helps to implement clients' Individual Program Plans (IPPs). We are grateful for the DSPs in our service system. We are working every day on legislation and ways to professionalize the field.
- Under ACRC's initiative, the Language Access and Cultural Competencies (LACC) Program, there is a line item in the budget that supports the Caregiver Community Network (CCN) series:
    - On Wednesday, September 30th, from 5 to 6 p.m., ACRC is collaborating with United and Guided, Inc. and hosting an event to help build community and learn about resources.
    - In January 2027, a collaboration with the Sierra Native Alliance.
    - The Gender Health Clinic will be held in March 2027.
    - Another collaboration with the Asian Resource Center next spring.
- On September 15th, ACRC is hosting our 2nd Annual Emergency Resource Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at our Sacramento office.
- The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) is holding an Open House on Tuesday, October 13th, prior to their 2 p.m. meeting. The intention of this is to share their activities as an advisory committee and provide opportunities for self-advocates to share initiatives that they would like to work on. They want to grow the CAC's membership and build the excitement of self-advocacy.
- Over the last few months, ACRC has received several complaints regarding ACRC's Self-Determination Program (SDP) processes. Ms. Banales sought to review our internal process and met with several staff who are subject matter experts in SDP. The intention was to walk through the process and identify areas that could be streamlined and to identify areas that are required under DDS Directives and then see if we can refine our process with customer service focus. Staff are continuing to meet monthly to review some of the strategies that are being implemented, so that the process can go as smoothly as possible. She understands that there are some things that we do not have control over and we need to find ways to connect with our community to work to mutual understanding. With the program growing and the recertifications annually, the workload has grown substantially. ACRC currently has one manager who is an expert in understanding the process and has a staff of ten Participant Choice Specialists (PCSs). Even though DDS no longer includes funding in regional center's budgets for these specialized positions, ACRC has kept PCSs, who are helping people in all points of the process. We also are hiring another manager to share the load, and Ms. Hurd will be the Associate Director (AD) overseeing SDP. An additional AD will be hired to focus on the Children's Department. Ms. Banales wants the Board and community to understand that we hear their concerns and are taking

steps to better serve those in the program. There needs to be collaborative process and culture of support.

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 5, 2026**. The meeting adjourned 5:49 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales

Alta California
Regional Center

2026/27 BOARD COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Art. 5, §5.03)	**County**
Dan Lake, President	Sacramento
Kelly Pennington, Vice President & ARCA Rep	Sacramento
Steven Sanchez, Secretary	Placer
Anwar Safvi, Finance Comm. Chair	Sacramento
Amy Lampe, ARCA-CAC Rep	Yuba
Terri Scheufele, Member-at-Large	Sacramento

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Art. 5, §5.04)	
Kelly Pennington, Chair	Sacramento
Jackie Armstrong	Sacramento
Lindsey Dyba	Designated Provider
Amy Lampe	Yuba
Akkia Pride-Polk	Sacramento
Steven Sanchez	Placer
Terri Scheufele	Sacramento

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Art. 5, §5.05)	
Anwar Safvi, Chair	Sacramento
EunMi Cho	Sacramento
Johnny Deng	Sacramento
Amanda Parker	Designated Client
Kelly Pennington	Sacramento
Akkia Pride-Polk	Sacramento
Terri Scheufele	Sacramento

NOMINATING SUBCOMMITTEE	
Kelly Pennington, Chair	Sacramento
Jackie Armstrong	Sacramento
Johnny Deng	Sacramento
Dan Lake	Sacramento
Terri Scheufele	Sacramento

PERSONNEL AD-HOC COMMITTEE

Dan Lake, Chair	Sacramento
Johnny Deng	Sacramento
Lindsey Dyba	Designated Provider
Kelly Pennington	Sacramento
Steven Sanchez	Placer
Anwar Safvi	Sacramento

The President is a member of all committees except PAC and CAC.

ARCA REPRESENTATIVE (Art. 4, §4.03) – Kelly Pennington
Alternate: Dan Lake

ARCA CAC REPRESENTATIVE – Amy Lampe
Alternate: Steven Sanchez

PARLIAMENTARIAN –

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Finance Committee Meeting
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Minutes

Present:
Anwar Safvi, Chair
Johnny Deng
Dan Lake
Amanda Parker
Akkia Pride-Polk
Terri Scheufele

Absent: (* excused)
EunMi Cho*
Kelly Pennington*

Board Members:
Carmen Aguilar
Jackie Armstrong
Lindsey Dyba
Amy Lampe

Visitors:
Steve Andrews
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Jaspreet Mann, Associate Client Services Director
Faye McKenzie, Associate Client Services Director
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Finance Committee met on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 5:00p.m. to discuss: 1) Monthly Financial Report; 2) Review DDS Vendor Audit Requirement for Current FY; and 3) Review Annual Vendor Audit Report.

Without objection, Anwar Safvi made the motion to adopt the Finance Committee meeting minutes of July 13, 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 July 31, 2026 financial report indicates that with 8.3% of the year elapsed, ACRC has expended 7.8% of Purchase of Services (POS) and 7.8% of Operations (OPS) for the current fiscal year (FY).

Prior to receiving the second allocation from the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), ACRC's budget is approximately $1.1 billion. ACRC's Accounting Department will be closing out August soon.

Mr. Ahmad is currently projecting a deficit and will be keeping DDS informed. This amount will become more accurate as we move into the FY. He expects that ACRC will fully expend our OPS budget. As in years past, some OPS expenditures are paid at the beginning of the FY.

M/S/C **(Lake/Scheufele) To recommend to the full Board the acceptance of the monthly financial statement as submitted.**

2. ***Review DDS Vendor Audit Requirements for Current FY***
Issue: The committee will review DDS vendor audit requirements for the current FY.

Discussion and Action: On May 22nd, DDS notified ACRC that we are required to conduct 22 vendor audits in FY 2026-27. These audits consist of billing audits, cost verification and/or staffing audits and Early Start audits.

- **Information only.**

3. ***Review Annual Vendor Audit Report***
Issue: The committee will review the DDS' annual vendor audit report from the previous FY.

Discussion and Action: Mr. Ahmad shared a summary of the ACRC audits that were completed in FY 2025-26. Of the 19 audits that were conducted, 11 of them had financial findings; five of which were under $1,000. He reviewed the details of the recoveries and shared that ACRC has collected monies from audits conducted in prior years, as well.

- **Information only.**

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 5, 2026**. The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales

Alta California Regional Center
Provider Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 10, 2026
Minutes

Present:

Andrea Croom, InAlliance, Chair
Lindsey Dyba, Futures Explored, Inc., Co-Chair & Design. Dir.
Beza Admassu, Maxim Healthcare Services
James Astorga, F&A Astorga Care Home
Janet Brandon, A.I.M. & Associates
Garrett Broadbent, Creative Living Options
Eric Ciampa, UCP of Sacramento
Bonnie Douglas, Turning Point
Kate Halecky, Southside Unlimited
Joe Jaquez, EGACT
Jay Kolvoord, STEP, Inc.
Antonio Ranit, Antelope Hills Manor
Carole Watilo, Progressive Employment
Max Woodford, Learning to Thrive

Absent: (* excused)

Taylor Berry, 24 Hour Home Care
Christa McClure*, Tri-County Respite Care Service
Michelle Ramirez*, On My Own

Interpreters

Sharon Neumann Solow
Renee Souleret

Visitors

Bakhodir Ahmedov
Rosanna Aragon
Erica Avila
Catherine Carulli
Crisel Centeno
Beth Conn-Ossenfort
Meddie Cueva
Erica Escalante
Maureen Fitzgerald
Pam Haney-Slinkard
NaTasha Harden
Erica Horn
Dawn Horwath
Brett Klaumenzer
Jessica Knuth
Susana Magana
Cody Newport
Nataline Nguyen
Elizabeth Romo
Madeline Ronchetto
Teresa Ruzi
Patricia Soulouque
Sarah Thaopaset
Jasmine Vollenweider
Robert Wiks
Joseph Zeidan

Staff:

Lori Banales, Executive Director
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
Norma Vidaurreta, Lead Community Services Specialist
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Provider Advisory Committee (PAC) met on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 9:31 a.m. to discuss: 1) FLSA & their free PAID Program; 2) Board Report; 3) Executive Director's Report; 4) Resource Sharing/Vendor Collaboration; 5) ACRC Vendor Forum Representative Updates; 6) System Reform and Legislative Updates; 7) PAC Committee Reports; and 8) Announcements/ Comments. All present provided self-introductions.

Without objection, Andrea Croom made the motion to approve the Provider Advisory Committee meeting minutes of July 9, 2026, as submitted.

1. ***FSLA & their free PAID Program***
   - Teresa Ruzi and Erica Escalante, with the Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, shared a presentation about the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) which has been in existence since 1938.
     - The current federal minimum wage is $7.25 – employers must pay the higher of the two (federal versus state). Wages must consider:
       - Suffered or Permitted (working "off the clock")
       - Waiting Time
       - On-Call Time
       - Meal and Rest Periods
       - Training Time
       - Travel Time
       - Sleep Time
       - Shifts of 24 hours or more
     - Overtime – under federal law, covered, non-exempt employees must receive one and one-half times an employee's regular rate of pay for all hours worked over forty in a workweek.
     - Every covered employer must keep basic records for each worker, with additional requirements for non-exempt workers.
   - Payroll Audit Independent Determination (PAID) is a self-audit program for employees to resolve specific FLSA and Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) violations without litigation.
     - Ms. Ruzi encourages service providers to take advantage of this free program. Ms. Escalante noted that there are requirements to be eligible for this program.

2. ***Board Report***
   - Ms. Dyba shared that ACRC's Board of Directors met on July 23rd.
     - Mr. Ahmad shared that regional centers received their first allocation which equates to approximately 80% of their budgets. 63% of ACRC's service providers are at the full benchmark rate.
     - The Board approved the auditor which will conduct ACRC's annual independent audit.
     - The Client Advisory Committee (CAC) is holding an Open House on October 13th.
     - ACRC has implemented strategies to shorten the timeline for individuals who are in the Intake process.

- The Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) is holding an ARCA Academy on September 25th & 26th for regional center Board members.

3. ***Executive Director's Report***
   - Ms. Banales clarified that over the last two and a half years, ACRC has put in place strategies to assist with Intake timelines. We currently have 53 vendored psychologists and continue to grow those resources for the individuals that require comprehensive assessments.
     - 82% of the applicants need a comprehensive assessment due to suspected autism spectrum disorder (ASD). This is one of the pressure points.
     - All our efforts have been reported at Board Committee and Board Meetings. We have made tremendous strides reducing the number of days in the Intake process. Our efforts continue.
   - The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has released several Directives:
     - They release regular updates on authorizations by regional center which need to be adjusted to align with the updated service codes.
     - On September 9th, DDS shared guidance on their online learning system entitled Employee Development, Growth, and Education (EDGE), and provided the roles and responsibilities of the department and the expectations of regional centers. EDGE can be used for the Direct Support Professionals University (DSPU) or for non-DSPs that want to get training.
     - DSPU launched in May 2026. On September 9th, the department shared information about the different types of training – Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3. They also provided information about eligibility requirements for non-DSPs. Service providers should take special note of the employer's responsibilities.
   - DDS is being transparent in the rollout of the standardized vendorization process. The department is tracking regional centers twice monthly on this process. ACRC continues to lead with 232 vendorizations in just over six months; in comparison, we completed 330 vendorizations last fiscal year.
     - Mr. Decker has also heard positive feedback from the Community Services Specialists who assist with vendorizations.
   - Service providers are encouraged to participate in UC Davis's "Improving the Employment Experience of People with Autism" study.
   - On September 15th, ACRC is hosting our 2nd Annual Emergency Resource Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at our Sacramento office.
   - ACRC is moving forward with vendoring IntellectAbility for the Health Risk Screening Tool. IntellectAbility will be conducting the assessments. The Planning Team would include this in the client's Individual Program Plan (IPP).

- Mr. Decker appreciates the stakeholder input that ACRC has received over the years to develop our Community Resource Development Plan (CRDP). DDS will be developing the priorities for regional centers moving forward.
- Residential facilities have concerns about DDS' Quality Incentive Program (QIP). Many have lost their 10%. PAC members may want to consider holding a workshop to assist residential providers who are only receiving 90% of their base rate.
    - Ms. Dyba will share this suggestion with the Communication & Outreach Committee.
- Compliance requirements will be ongoing for the QIP. There is an exemption process for the audits (for the remaining two years).
    - Ms. Duchene encourages service providers to take advantage of this.

4. ***Resource Sharing/Vendor Collaboration***
    - Today's topic is "Attendance Requirement (in-person attendance tracking and exception)."
        - Ms. Croom shared that we are tracking PAC member attendance, both in-person and virtually. Of the seven out of ten required meetings, 50% must be attended in person.
            - If you need an exception, please reach out to Ms. Croom and Ms. Dyba.
        - PAC members should also make every effort to attend the PAC Standing Committee meetings.

5. ***ACRC Vendor Forum Representative Updates***
    - The Day Services vendor forum was held on July 23rd.
        - The group discussed supporting service providers who will be affected by the June 16th DDS Directive entitled "Day Program: Updates for Length of Day and Corresponding Billing."
    - The Transportation vendor forum is scheduled for September 22nd at 11 a.m. This forum is for ACRC service providers – registration is required.

6. ***System Reform and Legislative Updates (Resource Development Policy Workgroup, Capital Coalition, CCLN, CDSA, CRA, PAVE, & CaAPSE)***
    - Resource Development Policy Workgroup
        - Mr. Ciampa reminded everyone that the PAC created a workgroup who worked with ACRC staff on the indemnification language for ACRC's revised Resource Development Policy. They came to an agreement on language a few weeks ago. The new language represents a compromised position between the regional center and service providers. This policy comes before the Board with the PAC's support.
    - Capital Coalition
        - The group is meeting today.

  - ACRC is funding the half-day Person-Centered Planning Training with Kirk Hinkleman, with Life Works. They are working to secure a venue and will then open registration for the event.
- CCLN
  - On Monday, the California Community Living Network's (CCLN's) met with legislative staffers to discuss the QIP and the speed of vendorizations across the state. They expressed concern and requested that regional centers have more guardrails on quality.
  - They also met with the Department of Finance about the Medi-Cal tax, which will affect any employer who has 250+ employees that includes employees who receive Medi-Cal. Employers would be charged a $3,000+ penalty per year. The discussion was focused on how this will affect employers. The Department of Finance is open to looking at alternatives (e.g., moving the threshold up to 1,000 employees, doing a carve out for employers that employ clients, etc.).
- CDSA
  - The California Disabilities Services Association (CDSA) is holding their annual conference later this month.
  - One of their focuses is remote services and advocating so that the legislature and DDS can make an informed decision.
  - They continue to work on their legislative priorities for the next year.
  - AB 2414 is on the Governor's desk waiting for his signature. This bill would standardize DSP definition in code.
- CRA
  - DDS hosted a webinar on the updated respite tool and shared historical information. They have extended their pilot study to include more clients. It is important to note that regional centers are not adjusting respite hours, they are using this tool and comparing it to what Service Coordinators (SCs) are currently using. Even though the tool is calculating the number of hours differently than the assessed need of the individual, DDS is still moving forward with the pilot.
- PAVE
  - ACRC has launched the Person-centered Advocacy Vision Education (PAVE) Pathfinders group. They meet weekly to provide feedback to Dr. Julie Beadle-Brown. We are still gathering a cohort of interested individuals and are providing additional training for SCs.
- CaAPSE
  - The California branch of the National Association of People Supporting Employment First (CaAPSE) is working with the legislature and Disability Rights California (DRC) on the cap issue for Medi-Cal recipients.
  - A few weeks ago, they held a Social Hour to discuss the one-to-one supports that are going away with the new service codes. Some

service providers are stating that they will not be able to remain in business.

- The group met with DDS to discuss access alignment and the Department of Rehabilitation's (DOR's) order of selection notification. DOR is now putting people on waiting lists, including people with the most support needs.
    - DDS holds weekly meetings to review service standards to align with DOR.
    - The Service Standards Taskforce is reviewing DOR's standardization process, since CARF accreditation is no longer a requirement.

7. ***Announcements/Comments***
    - On September 25th, Futures Explored is partnering with Speed Shuffle to hold a speed dating event from 4 to 6 p.m. Cost is $10; it is free for Find Love Safely members. Please help spread the word.
    - On October 1st, Futures Explored is holding a Drag Queen Bingo fundraiser at MANGOS Nightclub on K St. from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is $20. Please help spread the word.

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 8, 2026**. The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales

Alta California
Regional Center

September 25, 2026

Pete Cervinka, Director
Department of Developmental Services
P.O. Box 944202
Sacramento, CA 94244-2020

Re: Request for Approval of Conflict Resolution Plan – Jackie Armstrong

Dear Mr. Cervinka,

This letter is to present a request by the Board of Directors of Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) and Lori Banales, ACRC's Executive Director, pursuant to Section 54533 of Title 17, California Code of Regulations, for approval of its Conflict Resolution Plan regarding a potential conflict of interest for ACRC Board member Jackie Armstrong.

Enclosed please find the following as part of the request:

1. A copy of Ms. Armstrong's Conflict of Interest Reporting Statement;

2. A Summary of Law and Regulation Relating to Governing Board Conflicts of Interest;

3. A Request for Approval of Proposed Conflict Resolution Plan; and

4. A Proposed Conflict Resolution Plan, with the Board President's signature.

This Request and supporting documentation are also being served upon the Sacramento Regional Office of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities as required by Title 17.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to hearing from you soon in this regard.

Sincerely,

Lori Banales
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc: State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Summary of Law and Regulation
Relating to Governing Board Member Conflicts of Interest

Welfare and Institutions Code section 4626 sets forth the prohibition against Regional Center governing board members having a conflict of interest.

Welfare and Institutions Code section 4626(b)(3) provides: "(b) In order to prevent potential conflicts of interest, a member of a governing board or member of the program policy committee of a regional center shall not be any of the following:. . .(3) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (h) of Section 4622, an employee or member of the governing board of any entity from which the regional center purchases consumer services.

Welfare and Institutions Code section 4626(k) provides that "If a potential or present conflict of interest is identified for a regional center employee that cannot be eliminated, the regional center shall, within 30 days of receipt of the statement, submit to the department a copy of the conflict-of-interest statement and a plan that proposes mitigation measures, including timeframes and actions the regional center or the employee, or both, will take to mitigate the conflict of interest."

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 50300, contains the Department's conflict of interest code.

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 54000, et seq., sets forth the standards and procedures regarding regional center conflicts of interest.

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 54525, provides: "(a) The regional center governing board or executive director shall not allow the regional center to refer a consumer to any business entity, entity or provider in which a board member or executive director has a conflict of interest as set forth in these regulations, unless the board member or executive direction has eliminated the conflict of interest or obtained an approved Conflict Resolution Plan prior to the referral. (b) No regional center governing board member or executive director who has a conflict of interest shall continue to serve as a board member or executive director in violation of these provisions, unless the individual has eliminated the conflict of interest or obtained an approved Conflict Resolution Plan. This subdivision does not apply to the extent it is permitted by Welfare and Institutions Code sections 4622 and 4626.

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Section 54533, describes the procedure for obtaining an approved Conflict Resolution Plan.

Request for Approval of Conflict Resolution Plan

ACRC respectfully requests the Department approve the enclosed Conflict Resolution Plan to allow Ms. Armstrong to continue in her role as a member of ACRC's Board of Directors should the Department determine that Ms. Armstrong has a potential or present conflict of interest for the following reasons:

1. Ms. Armstrong is an ACRC client.

2. Ms. Armstrong was elected to ACRC's Board of Directors on January 28, 2021.

3. Ms. Armstrong's Board membership helps meet the requirements of W&I Code section 4622(c) and (e).

4. Ms. Armstrong works 12½ hours per week as an administrative assistant for Progressive Employment Concepts; she has been employed there since March 2, 2022. Progressive Employment Concepts is an entity from which ACRC purchases consumer services; and

5. Ms. Armstrong does not have any financial interest in or decision-making authority related to her employment by Progressive Employment Concepts.

Proposed Conflict Resolution Plan

ACRC's proposal to resolve this potential or present conflict of interest is as follows:

1. As a governing ACRC Board member, Ms. Armstrong will not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter involving Progressive Employment Concepts.

2. ACRC's Board of Directors and ACRC's Executive Management staff will be informed of this Conflict Resolution Plan and will be informed of the need to ensure that as a Board member, Ms. Armstrong does not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter relating to Progressive Employment Concepts.

3. ACRC's Board of Directors has been informed of and has approved the submission of this Proposed Conflict Resolution Plan.

4. ACRC's Board of Directors will be responsible for ensuring that the provisions contained in this Conflict Resolution Plan are applied and monitored.

I have reviewed the above document and attest to its accuracy and truthfulness.

I will follow the plan as described.

_____
Jackie Armstrong

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Date

_____
Dan Lake, Board President

_____
Date

Alta California Regional Center
Financial Report 2026-27 Fiscal Year
July 31, 2026

PURPOSE: Review of monthly financial report by service category and contract allocation to ensure expenditures are inline with expectations and projectio
REQUESTED ACTION: Motion to Accept by Finance Comm/Full BODs (Motion/Second/Commit to Accept) - The Board formally accepts the monthly financial report as submitte

Percent of Year Elapsed:	**8.3%**
Percent of POS Expended	**7.8%**
Percent of OPS Expended	**7.8%**

Purchase of Services (POS)	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Projected Expenditures Aug-Jun	Actual YTD + Projected	Surplus (Unallocated)
Out of Home	*$22,024,237*	*$22,024,237*			
Day Programs	*$4,030,965*	*$4,030,965*			
Transportation	*$8,557,711*	*$8,557,711*			
Respite	*$7,446,266*	*$7,446,266*			
Behavior Intervention	*$0*	*$0*			
Community Integration Training	*$5,350,410*	*$5,350,410*			
Supported Living Services	*$13,443,108*	*$13,443,108*			
Other Services	*$17,441,153*	*$17,441,153*			
Total POS	**$78,293,850**	**$78,293,850**	*$971,706,150*	$1,050,000,000	**($47,851,153)**
Comm. Placement Plan (CPP)	*$0*	*$0*	*$1,083,798*	$1,083,798	**$0**
Total POS & CPP	**$78,293,850**	**$78,293,850**	**$972,789,948**	**$1,051,083,798**	**($47,851,153)**

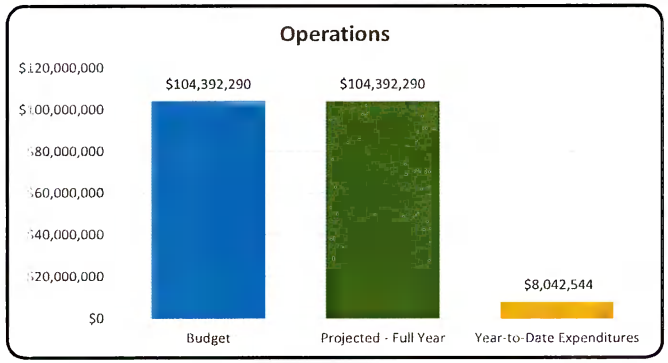
Operations (OPS)	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Projected Aug-Jun	Actual YTD + Projected
Salary & Benefits	*$6,084,790*	*$6,084,790*		
Equipment	*$6,076*	*$6,076*		
Facility Rent and Maintenance	*$438,853*	*$438,853*		
Communication	*$32,544*	*$32,544*		
Insurance	*$1,145,476*	*$1,145,476*		
Information Technology	*$78,883*	*$78,883*		
Legal Fees	*$4,689*	*$4,689*		
Board Expenses	*$0*	*$0*		
Accounting Fees	*$677*	*$677*		
Professional Services	*$28,351*	*$28,351*		
Staff Mileage	*$63,633*	*$63,633*		
ARCA Dues	*$151,338*	*$151,338*		
General Expenses	*$16,073*	*$16,073*		
Other Income	*($7,522)*	*($7,522)*		
Interest Income	*($1,316)*	*($1,316)*		
Total OPS	**$ 8,042,544**	**$ 8,042,544**	**$96,349,746**	**$104,392,290**
Grand Total	**$ 86,336,394**	**$ 86,336,394**		

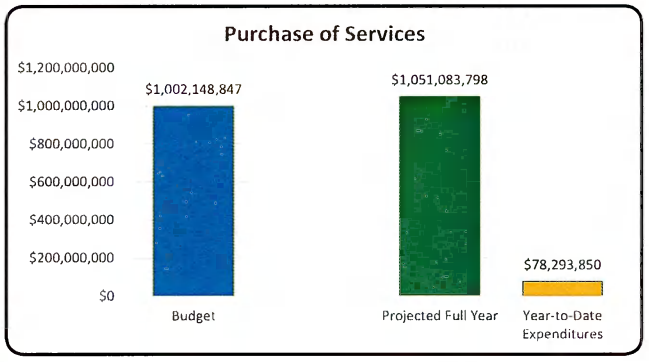
Alta California Regional Center
Financial Report 2026-27 Fiscal Year
July 31, 2026

Budget/Allocation Detail:	OPS	POS	CPP	Total
C1 (Preliminary Allocation)	$88,057,621	*$1,001,065,049*	*$0*	*$1,089,122,670*
C2 - 1st amendment	*$15,250,871*	*$1,083,798*	*$1,083,798*	*$17,418,467*
C3 - 2nd amendment				*$0*
C4 - 3rd amendment				*$0*
C5 - , 4th amendment				*$0*
				$0
Total Allocation	**$103,308,492**	**$1,002,148,847**	**$1,083,798**	**$1,106,541,137**

Notes:

This report represents payments made through July 31, 2026, or 1 month of the 2026-27 fiscal year. Purchase of Service (POS) expenditures were approx $78.2 million and Operations (OPS) expenditures were approx $8 million for the month. The allocation is reflected through the C-2 Allocation and represents 97%-98% of the fiscal year funding, the remaining anticipated amounts in further allocations will be mainly in restricted programs or rent allocations. Through the C-2 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, 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. At the beginning of the year, ACRC has surpassed the 900 employee mark and personnel expenses continue to be the largest operation costs. ACRC has a slated 4% COLA effective Jan 1, 2027 agency wide to go into place further impacting these costs, this continues to be a balancing act with retaining current staff and attracting new hires to maintain caseload ratios. 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: enhancements and development related to the case management system and intake app along with related technological transitions and security enhancements to help secure and protect client data in a changing technological landscape. 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 C2. 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 $1 billion dollars. The main component of POS funding are the provider rate increases due to the 2022 DDS rate study. Client growth continues to hover around 2,000 clients per year, approx 5% annually. 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. The State awaits for further federal impacts coming online Jan 2027; however, the full impact is unknown currently. ACRC will work with DDS to ensure our future projections are within expectations.





Indicates Budget Amount

Indicates Year-to-Date Expenditures

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