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Alta California Regional Center
Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2026
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
Eric Ciampa
Maureen Fitzgerald
Eloise Flores
Arvin Jay
Emili Lua

Facilitators:
Amy Fulk
Naomi Smith

Staff:
Lori Banales, Executive Director
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Operating Officer
Jennifer Bloom, Director of Client Services
John Decker, Director of Community Services
Jon Horbaly, IT Support Technician
Kenisha Hurd, Associate Client Services Director
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 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