

Alta California Regional Center  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, October 12, 2021  
Minutes

**Present:**

Yang Sun, Chair  
Dan Lake  
Ron Mainini  
Kelly Pennington  
Retha Seabron

**Absent:** (\* excused)

Johnny Deng  
Michelle Rewerts\*

**Board Members:**

Jackie Armstrong  
Michelle Ramirez  
Anwar Safvi

**Facilitators:**

Amy Fulk

**Visitors:**

Steve Andrews  
DeLayna Eskridge-Brown  
Maureen Fitzgerald

**Staff:**

Lori Banales, Executive Director  
Iqbal Ahmad, Chief Financial Officer  
John Decker, Director of Community  
Services  
Mechelle Johnson, Director of Client  
Services  
Lisa West, Executive Secretary

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 4:15 p.m. by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Monthly Financial Report; and 2) State Budget Update.

**Without objection, Yang Sun made the motion to adopt the Finance Committee meeting minutes of September 13, 2021 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 August 31, 2021 financial report indicates that ACRC has expended 13% of Purchase of Services (POS) and 17% of Operations (OPS) for the current fiscal year (FY).

ACRC received the C-1 allocation, however, we have been informed by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) that it is not the total allocation expected as we are still waiting for more general OPS funding and specific policy items. ACRC currently has an aggressive hiring plan, which will be adjusted accordingly.

Mr. Ahmad noted that a report came out this morning indicating that 4.3 million people quit their jobs in August 2021. This comes on the heels of a record number of job openings. There are speculations that this might be due to a change in lifestyle. There are also added inflationary pressures arising from this.

**Without objection, Yang Sun made the motion to recommend to the full Board the acceptance of the monthly financial statement as submitted.**

## 2. **State Budget Update**

**Issue:** The committee needs to review the Governor's State Budget.

**Discussion and Action:** The state's budget is robust this year. Ms. Banales just finished an Association of Regional Center Agencies (ARCA) Directors meeting where the group discussed the restoration of social recreational services. ACRC will be reviewing our Service Policy at the November Board meeting. With that in mind, this service option is available to clients as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, as long as it is incorporated into their Individual Program Plans (IPPs).

ACRC hired our Emergency Response Coordinator, Hewitt Matanari, who will be assisting Planning Teams to make sure that clients are prepared for possible disasters in our ten-county catchment area. Even with the recent fires, staff stepped up to assist our clients/families, while balancing the needs of themselves and their own families. It's really heartwarming.

As mentioned earlier, ACRC received the C-1 allocation. In addition to all of the positions that we are hoping to fill, we received funding for growth positions to assist our staff with the ever-increasing caseloads. Next FY, we should receive funding for an additional 45 to 55 Service Coordinator (SC) positions. Ms. Banales formed an internal recruitment/retention workgroup to assist with this process.

We are starting to change the model that we are using for Early Start so that the transition to Lanterman services is smoother. ACRC is also adding another residential unit, and we will have two full units in our Woodland and Yuba City offices.

ACRC is finalizing the job description for the Participant Choice Specialists. These positions will be consultative in nature and will support transition into the Self-Determination program (SDP). Additionally, these staff will be versed in participant directed services to educate clients to this option if SDP isn't a good fit. We currently have 25 clients participating in the SDP.

- **Information only.**

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 8, 2021**. The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Lisa West  
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors  
Lori Banales