

Alta California Regional Center
Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, November 8, 2021
Minutes

Present:

Yang Sun, Chair
Johnny Deng
Dan Lake
Ron Mainini
Kelly Pennington
Retha Seabron
Rita Walker

Absent: (* excused)
Michelle Rewerts*

Board Members:

Carmen Aguilar
Jackie Armstrong
Michelle Ramirez

Facilitators:

Amy Fulk

Visitors:

Steve Andrews
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 Monday, November 8, 2021, at 5:02 p.m. by Webex/teleconference to discuss: 1) Monthly Financial Report; and 2) State Budget Update.

Without objection, Retha Seabron made the motion to adopt the Finance Committee meeting minutes of October 12, 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 September 30, 2021 financial report indicates that ACRC has expended 20.2% of Purchase of Services (POS) and 25.6% of Operations (OPS) for the current fiscal year (FY).

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has notified ACRC that the C-1 allocation is not the total allocation expected as we are still waiting for more general operation funding and specific policy items. In OPS, we are waiting for Community Placement Plan (CPP), Self-Determination Program (SDP), growth and rate reform funding.

DDS will be relaying more information regarding the service provider rate increases related to AB 136. Mr. Ahmad shared the rate model implementation timeline from a DDS presentation:

- April 1, 2022 – 25% of difference between March 31, 2022 rate and applicable rate model
- July 1, 2023 – 50% of difference between March 31, 2022 rate and applicable rate model
- July 1, 2025 – full implementation of rate models with two payment components
 - Base rate equaling 90% of the rate model
 - Quality incentive program component of up to 10% of the rate model

Without objection, Johnny Deng 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: On July 1st, DDS lifted the suspension of social recreation services. The department sent a letter to regional centers on October 7th, requesting that they review their service policy. Ms. Banales sent our policy to DDS and asked for any suggested revisions. She and Ms. Johnson also met with the department last week and asked additional questions which DDS staff are researching.

The DDS letter requires regional centers to submit their outreach plan and revised POS policy to the department by December 15th. Ms. Banales has informed DDS that ACRC will not meet this deadline since we are waiting for more guidance from them.

ACRC staff are planning for community outreach, but this will only happen after our policy is confirmed approved by the department. Ms. Banales clarified that there is no age limit to this service; Planning Teams will be looking at what will benefit all Lanterman eligible clients.

- **Information only.**

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 10, 2022**. The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Lisa West
Executive Secretary

cc: ACRC Board of Directors
Lori Banales