



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 27, 2026
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Kern Regional Center, 3200 N. Sillect Ave., Bakersfield CA 93308 -- Malibu Room

General Business		
1. Call to Order and Introductions		Ana Alonso, Board Vice-President
2. Review and Approve Agenda of October 27, 2026	Action	Ana Alonso, Board Vice-President
3. Review and Approve Board Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2026 (Attachment 1)	Action	Ana Alonso, Board Vice-President
4. KRC Independent Fiscal Audit Process	Info.	Tom Wolfgram, KRC Chief Financial Officer CPA / Audit firm, Farber Hass Hurley, L.L.P.
5. Public Input		
REPORTS		
6. Board President's Report	Info.	Ana Alonso, Board Vice-President
7. Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) Report	Info.	Ana Alonso, Board Vice-President
8. Executive Director's Report	Info.	Enrique Roman, Executive Director
9. Financial Reports a. POS Report through August 2026 (Attachment 2) b. Operations Report through August 2026 (Attachment 3)	Info.	Tom Wolfgram, CFO
10. Vendor Advisory Committee Report	Info.	Mario Alvarez, VAC Representative

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The next KRC Board of Directors meeting is
November 17, 2026, 6:00 – 7:30 PM



Attachment 1



Kern Regional Center Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 22, 2026 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

This was a hybrid meeting conducted in-person at Kern Regional Center, 3200 N. Sillect Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93308, in the Malibu Conference Room and online via Zoom. Spanish interpretation was provided by Orchid Interpretation and ASL interpretation was provided by Rachel Groner and Angelle Thomas of LifeSigns, Inc.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Tracey Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
Roll-call of board members was done. Quorum was established.

Board Members Present

Ana Alonso, Board Vice-President
Socorro Carrillo, Board Member
Fernando Fermin, Treasurer
Gayla Gibson, Board Member
Tracey Miller, Board President
Deborah Rico, Board Member
Tajia Rodriguez, Board Member
Donald Tobias, Board Member

Board Members Absent

Mario Alvarez, VAC Representative
Carlos Isidoro, Board Member
Kevin Johnson, Board Member
Ruth Serna, Board Member

KRC Staff Present

Lynn Clark, Director, Community Services
Tomas Cubias, Chief Equity Officer
Ana Guerra, Asst. Director
Kristine Khuu, Asst. Director, Intake
Yesenia Mackie, Asst. Director, Client Services
Cindy Martinez, Service Coordinator
Darlene Pankey, Executive Assistant
Ana Pena, Asst. Director, Early Start
Isis Rasmussen, SAE PM, Cultural Specialist
Gabby Rodriguez, Asst. Director, Transition
Ky Tran, IT Technician
Omelia Trigueros, Director, Client Services

Guest Attendees

Angelica
Briceida Almaraz
Perla Alvarez
Cindy Cox, Support Person for Donald Tobias
Daryl
Debbie Escobar
Indira Gomez
Claudia Gonzalez
Adriana Gutierrez
Kathryn Halling
Norma Jimenez
John
Katrina Landeros, 24-Hour Care
Perla Leon
Monica Lopez
Nick Lutton, SCDD
Martha
Nayely Muro
Pamela Naviamiranda
Maria Olivarez
Edwin Pineda, DDS
Scott Rice, Support Person for Tracey Miller
Beatriz Rivera
Patricia Rodriguez
Daniel Soria
Adam Stokes
Jessica Vasquez



2. Closed Session Report

1. Pursuant to **Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4663**, the Board met in closed session at 5:00 PM to discuss:
 - Executive Director evaluation and performance.
 - Pending litigation.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Presenter: Tracey Miller, President

Action: Approval of the agenda for September 22, 2026.

An amendment was requested to add **Public Comment** to the agenda due to an oversight. Motion to accept amendment:

Motion made by: Deborah Rico **Second by:** Gayla Gibson

In Favor: 8 **Nays:** 0 **Abstentions:** 0

Motion to approve amended agenda of September 22, 2026

Motion made by: Deborah Rico **Second by:** Socorro Carrillo

In Favor: 8 **Nays:** 0 **Abstentions:** 0

4. Review and Approval of Board Minutes of August 25, 2026

Presenter: Tracey Miller, Board President

Action: Approval of the board minutes from the meeting held on August 25, 2026. The minutes were provided to board members before this meeting for review.

Ms. Miller asked for a motion.

Motion made by: Ana Alonso **Second by:** Deborah Rico

In Favor: 8 **Nays:** 0 **Abstentions:** 0

5. Linguistic and Cultural Competency Activities and Current Outcomes

Presenter: Tomas Cubias, Chief Equity Officer

Training Provider: Tiffany Hoang, Circle Up

- Tomas Cubias introduced the training session
- Presentation fulfilled Department of Developmental Services (DDS) board training requirements.
- The session focused on linguistic and cultural competency activities and ongoing board development initiatives.

6. Public Comment

Claudia Gonzalez

- Expressed gratitude for services received from KRC.
- Raised concerns regarding lack of transportation services for her adult son to attend medical and dental appointments.
- Reported multiple appointment cancellations and delays obtaining transportation support.



- Requested a short-term transportation solution and a long-term plan.
- KRC leadership committed to follow-up through Client Services staff.

Angelica Gonzalez

- Parent of three KRC clients with autism.
- Reported concerns regarding:
 - Interruption of diaper and respite services.
 - Expired IPP process and communication issues.
 - Families signing IPPs before receiving copies.
- Requested:
 - Advance notice before services expire.
 - Emergency support when services are interrupted.
 - Copies of IPPs before signature.
 - Written explanations for service denials.
 - Streamlined support for single-parent households.

Enrique Roman responded by outlining existing due process protections, IPP requirements, and KRC follow-up procedures. The Director of Client Services was present at this meeting and it was announced that she would meet with these parents at the close of the meeting.

7. Board President's Report and Client Advisory Committee Report

Tracey Miller, Board President

ARCA Academy

- Upcoming ARCA Academy scheduled for September 24-25, 2026.
- Purpose is to strengthen regional center boards and board governance practices.

CAC Statewide Activities

- Statewide survey being developed regarding preferred terminology for individuals receiving services (consumer, individual, participant, etc.).
- Statewide CAC strategic priorities:
 - Dignity and Respect
 - Employment
 - Social Security Benefits

Local CAC Report

- CAC met September 8, 2026.
- Presentation provided by Vanessa Webster on the Fair Hearing Process.
- Upcoming CAC meeting scheduled for October 13, 2026, in the Malibu Room from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.



8. Executive Director Report

Enrique Roman, Executive Director

Legislative and System Updates

- ARCA and DDS continue implementation efforts related to recent Trailer Bill changes.
- New requirements being developed for Board Member training.
- Current 4731 complaint process is being replaced with a new grievance process effective February 1, 2027.
- New process intended to be more person-centered and provide faster resolution.

Accessibility and Language Access

- Update provided regarding interpretation equipment malfunction experienced during the previous board meeting.
- IT department identified system issues.
- KRC plans to replace and upgrade interpretation equipment through grant funding. Goal is to improve accessibility for future meetings and community events.

9. Financial Reports

Presenter: Tom Wolfgram, Chief Financial Officer

POS Report

- **June 2026 Spending:** \$27,656,438
- **YTD Spending:** \$408,430,200

Purchase of Services expenditures totaled approximately **\$408 million**.

Increase of approximately **\$85.6 million** over June 2025 expenditures.

- **July 2026 Spending:** \$31,721,068
- **YTD Spending:** \$31,721,068

First month of FY 2026-27:

- Approximately **\$31.7 million** paid for services.
- Services provided to approximately **14,500 consumers**.

Largest expenditure categories:

- Other Authorized Services
- Day Training
- Community Care Facilities

Operations Report

- **June 2026 Expenses:** \$3,403,549
- **YTD Expenses:** \$47,848,909
- **July 2026 Expenses:** \$5,664,709
- **YTD Expenses:** \$5,664,709



Fiscal year ended with approximately **\$2.5 million** remaining in operations funding.
Salary allocation increased from approximately **\$49 million** to **\$53 million**.
Employee count increased from approximately **432 employees** to **465 employees**.
Operating expenses remain stable compared to prior year.

10. Vendor Advisory Committee Update

Presenter: Enrique Roman for Mario Alvarez, VAC Representative

VAC Meeting Summary

- VAC met September 22, 2026.
- Vendor Luncheon scheduled for November 6, 2026, at the DoubleTree Hotel.

Community Services Updates

- Continued work on Rate Reform implementation.
- Ongoing HCBS compliance efforts.

Consultant Agency Reports

- Updates received from:
 - Bakersfield ARC
 - Positive Purpose
- Agencies continue supporting HCBS compliance activities through grant funding.

Vendor Training Initiatives

- Cybersecurity training planned for providers.
- New Grievance Process training planned to prepare vendors for implementation of the new DDS grievance procedures.

11. Next public Board of Directors Meeting:

October 27, 2026, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Kern Regional Center, Malibu Room or Hybrid via Zoom

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Attachment 2

KERN REGIONAL CENTER
PURCHASE OF SERVICE
FY 2026-2027
AS OF AUGUST 31, 2026

PURCHASE OF SERVICES	07/31/26	08/31/26	2026-2027 Total
OUT-OF-HOME			
Community Care Facility	8,165,251	7,547,804	15,713,055
ICF/SNF Facility	488,072	391,990	880,062
TOTAL OUT OF HOME	8,653,323	7,939,794	16,593,117
DAY PROGRAMS			
Day Care	68,450	8,625	77,075
Day Training	7,026,309	5,479,424	12,505,733
Supported Employment	721,107	321,590	1,042,697
Work Activity Program			-
SUBTOTAL DAY PROGRAMS	7,815,866	5,809,639	13,625,505
OTHER SERVICES			
Non Medical Services Prof	1,911,864	1,455,639	3,367,503
Non Medical Services Prog	2,578,888	2,275,637	4,854,525
Home Care Services Prog	2,297		2,297
Transportation	1,245,844	1,105,258	2,351,102
Transportation Contracts	582,792	446,478	1,029,270
Prevention Services	678,156	60,916	739,072
Other Authorized Services	5,433,237	4,315,139	9,748,376
P & I Expense	11,082	11,085	22,167
Hospital Care			-
Medical Equipment	50,123	5,191	55,314
Medical Services Prof	209,503	182,621	392,124
Medical Services Prog	62,012	3,304	65,316
Respite Care - In Home	4,825,379	2,316,598	7,141,977
Respite Care - Out of Home	59,385	54,334	113,719
Camps	42,780	14,500	57,280
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TOTAL OTHER SERVICES	17,693,342	12,246,700	29,940,042
TOTAL PURCHASE OF SERVICES	34,162,531	25,996,133	60,158,664
COMMUNITY PLACEMENT PLAN			
Community Care Facility	107,662	107,662	215,324
ICF/SNF Facility			-
Day Training			-
Non-Medical Services			-
Non-Medical Services-Programs			-
Transportation			-
Other Authorized Services			-
Other Services			-
Medical Care - Prof			-
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TOTAL COMMUNITY PLACEMENT PLAN	107,662	107,662	215,324
TOTAL PURCHASE OF SERVICE	34,270,193	26,103,795	60,373,988
Clients	16,216	10,260	

Attachment 3

KERN REGIONAL CENTER
 OPERATIONS
 FY 2026/2027
 AS OF AUGUST 31, 2026

	PROPOSED EXPENDITURES	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	07/31/26	08/31/26	TOTAL	(OVER)/UNDER
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OPERATIONS

Salaries & Benefits	43,035,780	8,276,112	4,309,804	3,094,602	7,404,406	871,706
Operating Expenses	10,282,500	1,713,750	1,354,921	901,370	2,256,291	(542,541)
SUBTOTAL OPS	53,318,280	9,989,862	5,664,725	3,995,972	9,660,697	329,165

COMMUNITY PLACEMENT PLAN

Salaries & Benefits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL CPP	-	-	-	-	-	-

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

Salaries & Benefits	108,385	20,843	11,276	8,227	19,503	1,341
Operating Expenses	197,799	32,967	5,194	9,956	15,151	17,816
SUBTOTAL FGP	306,184	53,810	16,470	18,183	34,654	19,156

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

Salaries & Benefits	66,430	12,775	6,912	5,042	11,955	820
Operating Expenses	121,699	20,283	6,011		6,011	14,272
SUBTOTAL SCP	188,129	33,058	12,923	5,042	17,966	15,092

TOTAL OPERATIONS	53,812,593	10,076,729	5,694,119	4,019,197	9,713,316	363,414
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