



Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 25, 2023
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		Kevin Gosselin	6:00 – 6:05 p.m.
2. Approval/Additions to Agenda	Action	Kevin Gosselin	6:05 – 6:07 p.m.
3. Review and approve minutes of meeting held on March 28, 2023 (Attachment 1)	Action	Kevin Gosselin	6:07 – 6:10 p.m.
4. Supports for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals and Outcomes	Info.	Ashley Fontes, KRC Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist and Celia Pinal, KRC Director, Client Services	6:10 – 6:40 p.m.
5. Public Input	Info.		6:40 – 6:45 p.m.
Reports			
6. Grass Roots Report (Attachment 2)	Info.	Tracey Mensch	6:45 – 7:00 p.m.
7. Board President Report	Info.	Kevin Gosselin	7:00 – 7:05 p.m.
8. Executive Director Report	Info.	Dr. Michi Gates	7:05 – 7:20 p.m.
9. Financial Report a. POS Report for February 2023 (Attachment 3) b. Operations Report for February 2023 (Attachment 4)	Info	Tom Wolfgram	7:20 – 7:25 p.m.
10. Vendor Advisory Committee Report	Info.	Tamerla Prince	7:25 – 7:30 p.m.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84787923204?pwd=QzNsZHZvVzR1RjQvZmpvdi9MZE9qdz09>

Webinar ID: 847 8792 3204 Passcode: 967732
Dial-In Number: (206) 337-9723

Next Board Meeting:

May 23, 2023, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

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Attachment 1

**Kern Regional Center
Board of Directors Meeting
March 28, 2023
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Zoom Webinar**

3200 N. Sillect Avenue ∞ Bakersfield, CA 93308 ∞ 661-327-8531

MINUTES

KRC BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oscar Axume, Treasurer
Kevin Gosselin, President
Carlos Isidoro, Board Member
Ryan Jones, Board Member
Martin Vasquez, Secretary
Simon Verdugo, Board Member
Ruth Watterson, Board Member

KRC STAFF PRESENT:

Michi Gates, PhD, Executive Director, KRC
Enrique Roman, Director of Community Services
Tom Wolfgram, Chief Financial Officer

KRC BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tracey Mensch, ARCA Delegate/KRC Board Vice
President
Donald Tobias, Board Member
Mark Tolentino, Board Member
Tamerla Prince, VAC Representative

GUESTS:

Elva Darrett
Lisa Jo Gage
Adeyinka Glover
Jill Green
Yesenia Mackie
Lori Molhook
Edwin Pineda
Mitzi Villalon
Shawn White

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Nidya Madrigal Navia

ASL INTERPRETERS: Alexandra Leyva, Liz Brambila

CALL TO ORDER

President Kevin Gosselin called the meeting of the KRC Board of Directors to order at 6:13 p.m. Introductions of board members and KRC staff were made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board of Directors had previously received tonight's agenda for review. There were some errors on the first agenda, that was posted on the KRC website and sent to board members, with regard to the time schedule. The corrected agendas were distributed at the meeting. Also, Tamerla Prince was not able to be at the meeting, so the VAC Committee presentation was deleted.

President Gosselin asked for a motion to approve the agenda, with changes, of March 28, 2023.

M/S/C: (Watterson, Vasquez)

Ayes: 7

Motion Carried

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board of Directors had previously received the minutes of the Board Meeting held on February 28, 2023, for review. No additions or edits were requested. President Gosselin asked for a motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2023.

M/S/C: (Watterson, Axume)

Ayes: 7

Motion Carried

PRESENTATION – RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, CPP/CRDP, VENDORIZATION, QUALITY ASSURANCE

Enrique Roman, KRC Director of Community Services

Mr. Roman gave a presentation to the Board of Directors outlining Community Services' role in Resource Development, CPP/CRDP Outcomes, Vendorization, and Quality Assurance. The PowerPoint used by Mr. Roman during this presentation is attached to these minutes.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input presented at this meeting.

2021 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

Enrique Roman, Director of Community Services

Mr. Roman presented the 2021 Performance Contract to the Board of Directors. The 2021 Performance Contract is attached to these minutes.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kevin Gosselin, President

1. President Gosselin thanked the board members for their investment and dedication.
2. He encouraged everyone to think about recruitment of new board members. President Gosselin and Mr. Axume, Treasurer, will be leaving the Board in January 2024, having fulfilled their 7-year maximum term limit. It is important to look at our cultural population in our catchment areas and seek representation that reflects these cultures. We are looking at continued officer training for those who might be taking offices on the Board in the future.
3. Autism Awareness Day in Arvin will be held on April 15. The Arvin City Council is meeting tonight and they are very excited about this effort. Dr. Gates will provide more details in her presentation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Michi Gates, Executive Director

Arvin Autism Awareness Day

Arvin Autism Awareness Day will take place on Saturday, April 15 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Smothermon Park, 800 Walnut Drive in Arvin. KRC is working with Mayor Trujillo on this and we are sending out communications to our vendors. Flyers have been sent out and vendors are invited to attend and participate. There is a registration form on the flyer. The event will include food, drinks, and fun activities. We are hoping for a big turnout and that autism awareness spreads to other communities that KRC serves.

Vendor Fair

In the VAC Committee today, Tamerla Prince touched on the upcoming Vendor Fair that will take place sometime in May in the KRC parking lot. It will be an opportunity for our service coordinators, many who are

new, to meet face-to-face with providers and learn about their programs. It is equally a time for vendors and providers to meet with KRC service coordinators in person so they can learn from each other how to better work together to meet the needs of our clients. We are excited about this event. Dr. Gates will send information about the Vendor Fair to board members as soon as the date is finalized.

Grass Roots Day

Tomorrow is the annual Grass Roots Day. It is a virtual meeting which allows more people to participate due to space limitations in the legislature. Grass Roots is a wonderful day to talk about the individuals we serve and for our individuals to talk about themselves, tell their stories, and speak about what's important to them. It is also a great opportunity to educate our legislators who may not know that much about our system, as well as reinforce what we are really focused on and to present our budget needs to achieve our goals.

Senate Subcommittee 3 Budget Hearing

Last week, Dr. Gates attended the Senate Subcommittee 3 hearing that reviews the Health and Human Services budgets, which includes DDS. DDS's Safety Net proposal received a lot of focus. The Safety Net is a proposal to address the needs of individuals, served by regional centers, who have high-intensity needs. Dr. Gates met yesterday as a member of the DDS Regional Center Work Group on individuals with high intensity needs. These individuals have ever-increasing challenges that regional centers struggle to meet and support. There were positive developments from the DDS Safety Net Plan that came out of the Developmental Center Task Force held several years ago. The focus then was on what resources need to be developed for individuals in developmental centers and what they would need to live in the community. What do we need to do to keep people in the community and to move people out of institutional settings, like IMDs and larger settings out of state? More on this as we progress.

Regional Center Performance Measures

Dr. Gates gave an update on the Regional Center Performance measures enacted this fiscal year. These measures are contingent to the additional funding received to reduce caseload ratios. For receiving the additional money, we also agree to show that reducing the caseload ratios is making a difference in the quality of services and supports we provide. This also applies to our providers for their rate increases and is called the Quality Incentive Plan.

Although many of the measures are not yet operationalized, there are a few that are active:

1. Early-Start Measures

Child Find

This shows how regional centers are going out into the community and providing outreach to children and families, educating them on how to access services. All Regional Centers submitted a Child Find Plan to DDS.

Timely Access

Regional centers to provide timely access to services in Early Start. From the time a referral is received, regional centers have 45-days to do an assessment and develop the individual family service plan. One obstacle that we face is the lack of clinicians to do the eligibility assessments. We are working to be competitive in recruiting clinicians to KRC.

2. Cultural Humility Training

Regional centers are required to submit a plan by June 1. This will involve creation of the plan and input from stakeholders.

3. Linguistic Diversity

A report detailing how many service coordinators, intake staff, and program managers are bilingual. In the future, this will expand to a study of language distribution among the clients we serve in our counties.

4. Person-Centered Services Training

DDS requires one certified Person-Centered Services trainer per 10,000 clients. KRC serves a little more than 12,000 clients with one established certified trainer and another person who will be graduating soon. When that happens, KRC will have two certified trainers.

Dr. Gates will send the Child Find Plan and the Linguistic Diversity report to the Board Members for review. She will also send information on the Cultural Humility training as more develops on this program.

The DDS Bi-Annual Audit will take place at KRC on April 24, 2023. The audit will cover Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Dr. Gates and Mr. Roman announced the upcoming POS Expenditure Public Meeting. The meeting will be held in English on March 29 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. and in Spanish on March 30 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. The details and links are available to the public on the KRC Website.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Tom Wolfram, CFO

Purchase of Services Report as of January 31, 2023

Total spent for month ending January 31, 2023: \$16,258,468

YTD: \$128,584,336

KRC has spent approximately \$16 Million more for services than by this time last year. With an estimated \$2 Million in unbilled services, this would bring us to approximately \$130 Million more purchased services than this time last year.

Operations Report as of January 31, 2023

Total expenses for month ending January 31, 2023: \$2,301,852

YTD: \$15,021,328

The Purchase of Services Report and the Operations Report ending January 31, 2023 are filed with these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, President Gosselin adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

The next public meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Darlene Pankey
Executive Assistant*

Attachment 2

An aerial photograph of a lush green landscape, likely a park or natural area. A winding path or stream cuts through the dense vegetation, creating a series of curves and bends. The colors range from vibrant green to dark, almost black, in the shadows of the trees and along the path. The overall texture is highly detailed, showing individual trees and the intricate patterns of the terrain.

GRASSROOTS DAY ADVOCACY BRIEFING

MARCH 28, 2023

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

BY TRACEY MENSCH

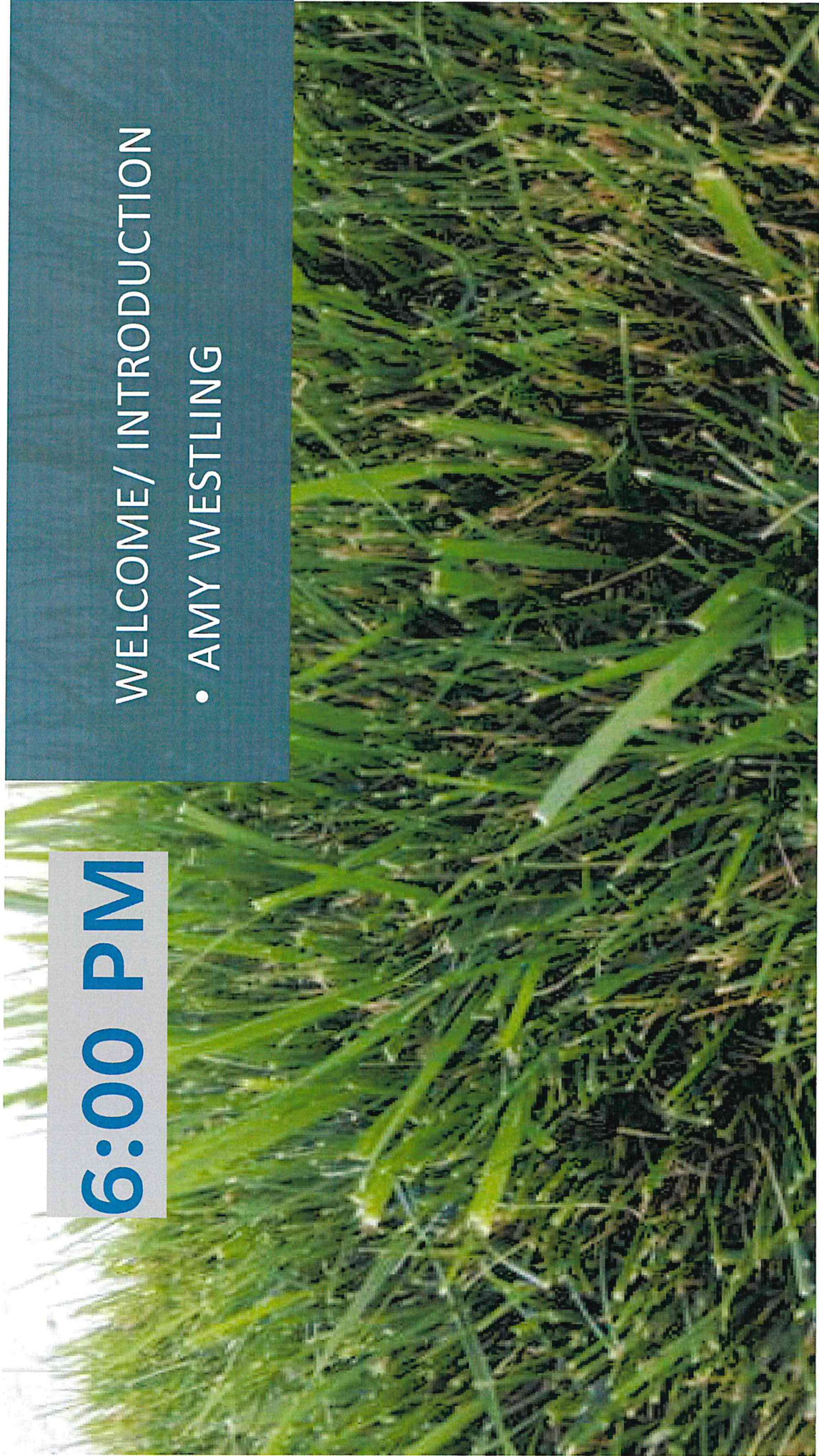


5:45 PM MEETING OPENS

6:00 PM

WELCOME/ INTRODUCTION

• AMY WESTLING



6:05 PM

YOUR DAY OF EXPERIENCE

- LOGISTICS, TEAM LEADS
- ZOOM BEST PRACTICES

SHARING YOUR STORY

- BEING AN EFFECTIVE TEAM MEMBER
- YOUR STORIES
- MAYA, MITSUNO, GLENDORA, SARA,
PATRICK

6:45 PM

PRESENTATIONS

- **HOW A MEETING WORKS (ONLINE)**
- **TALKING POINTS**
- **BILL REVIEW**
- **MEETING PRACTICE (KRC)**

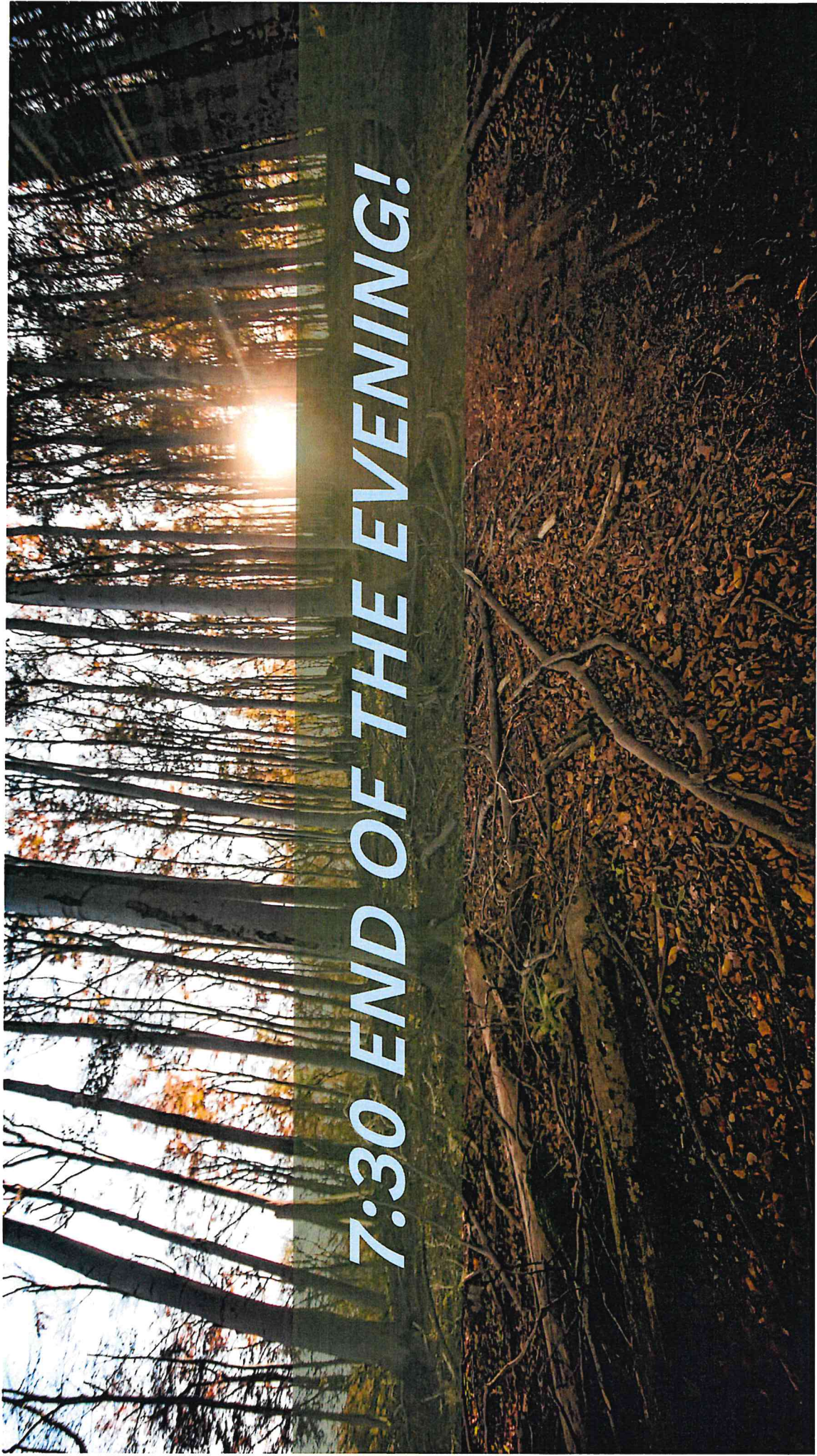


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MEETING PRACTICE PART II



7:25 INSIDER TIPS AND TRICKS



7:30 END OF THE EVENING!

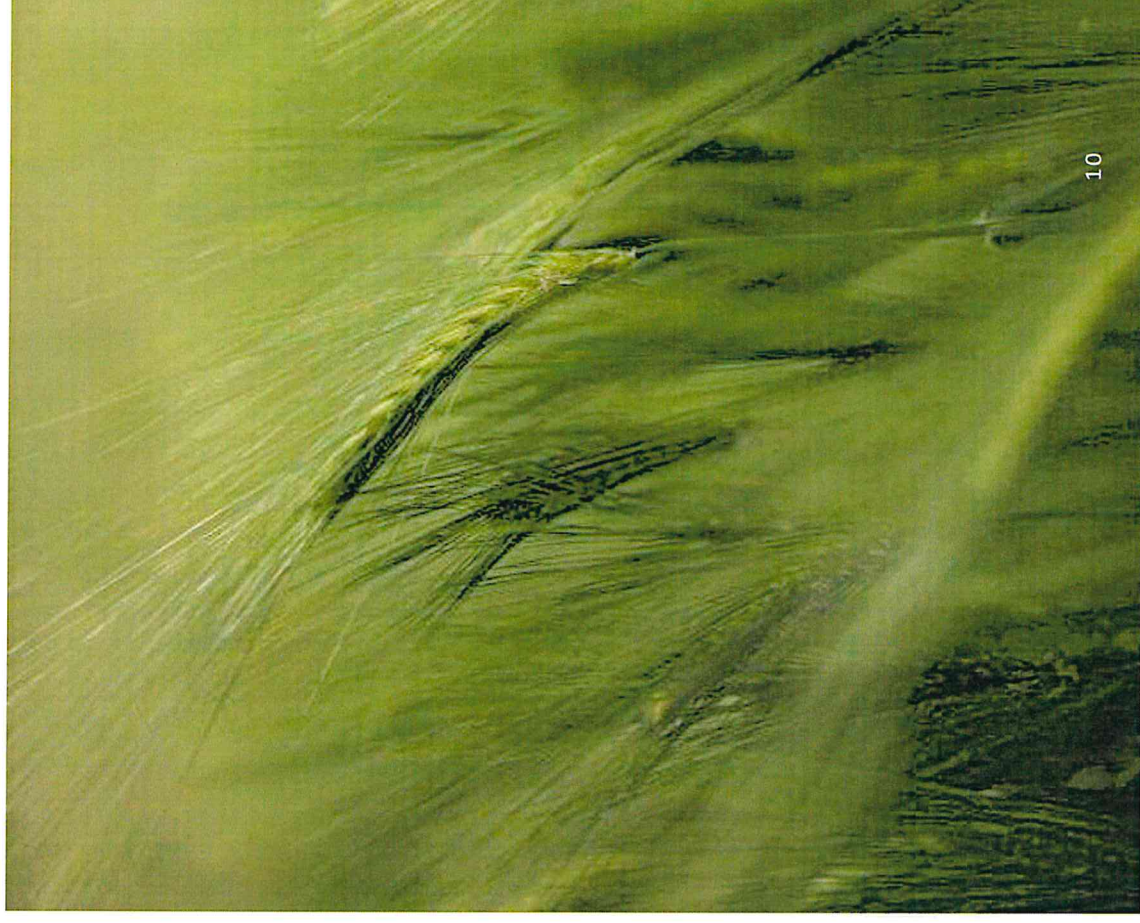


SENATOR SHANNON GROVE

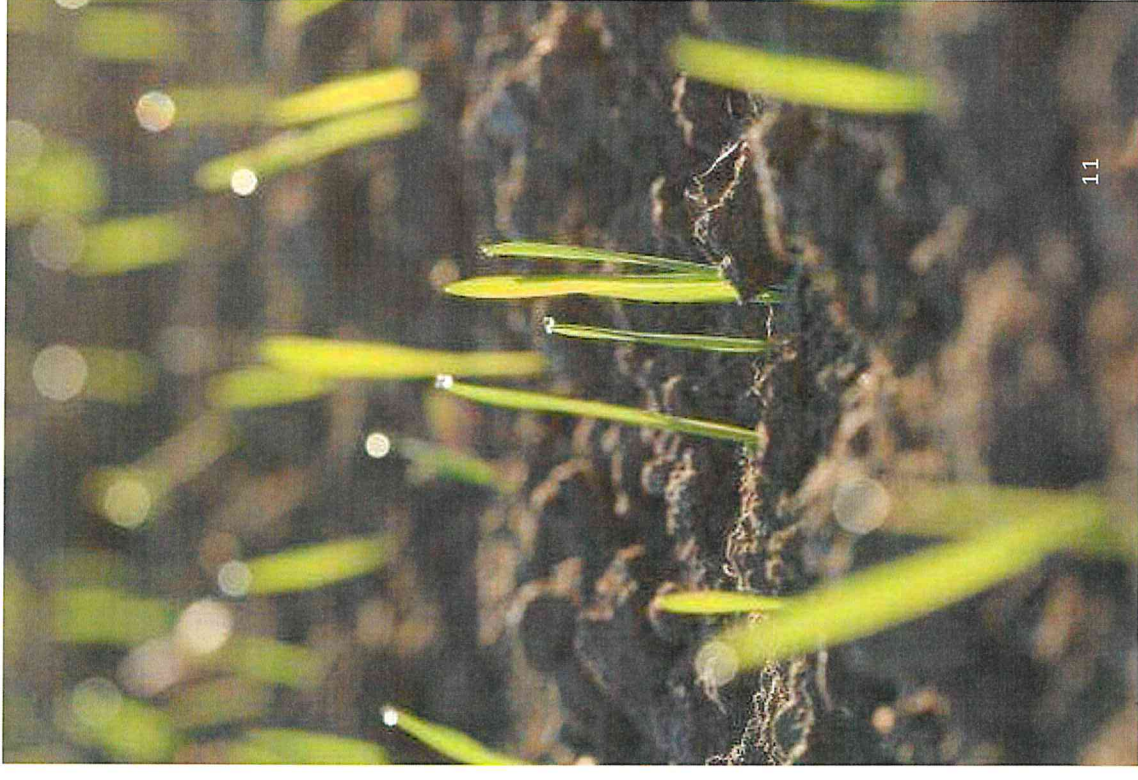
Hello Team. We have confirmed sessions with Senator Shannon Grove at 10:30. We are the host RC and share Senator Grove with CVRC.

ASSEMBLYMAN JIM PATTERSON

Our next meeting with her Assemblyman Jim Patterson at 11am. Looks like we will be meeting with his staff Gavin Bieha. We are also the host RC and share Assemblymember Patterson with VMRC. Assemblymember Patterson's 12th District includes Inyo and Mono Counties as well as Fresno and Tulare Counties.

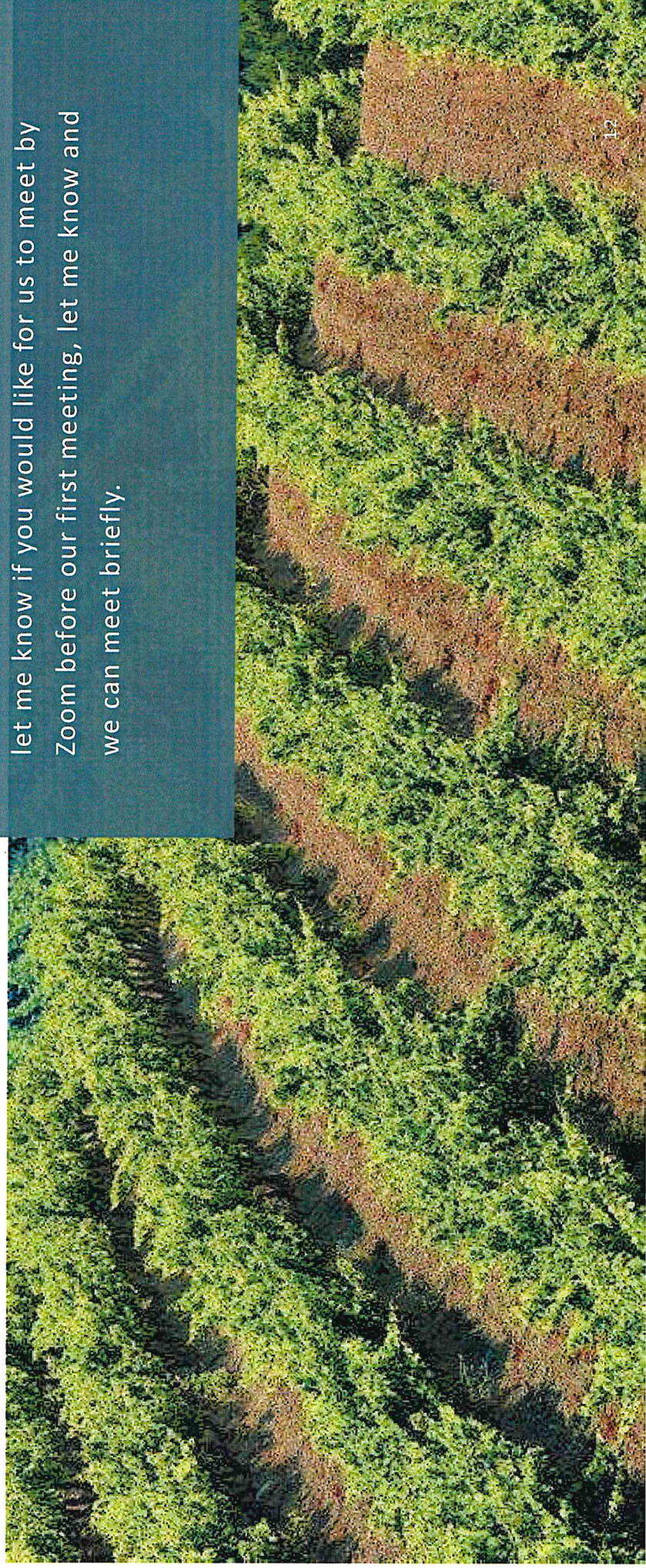


SENATOR MALISSA HURTADO
AT 2:00PM WE MEET WITH
ASHLEY CORDERO, STAFF
MEMBER FOR SENATOR
MELISSA HURTADO. WE
SHARE SENATOR GROVE
WITH VMRC.



ASSEMBLYMAN TOM LACKEY

Last at 3:30, we will meet with Assemblymember Tom Lackey. I have included their biographies for you to read and get acquainted with them. Please let me know if you would like for us to meet by Zoom before our first meeting, let me know and we can meet briefly.





THANK YOU

BY TRACEY MENSCH
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Attachment 3

KERN REGIONAL CENTER
PURCHASE OF SERVICE
FY 2022-2023
AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2023

PURCHASE OF SERVICES	July 2022	August 2022	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	January 2023	February 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	2022-2023 Total
OUT-OF-HOME													
Community Care Facility	5,374,088	5,447,968	5,415,511	5,436,841	5,459,080	5,464,484	5,551,417	5,315,339					43,464,728
ICF/SNF Facility	140,599	185,145	228,152	211,320	216,154	211,189	226,930	225,354					1,644,843
TOTAL OUT OF HOME	5,514,687	5,633,113	5,643,663	5,648,161	5,675,234	5,675,673	5,778,347	5,540,693					45,109,571
DAY PROGRAMS													
Day Care	51,627	53,088	49,271	48,862	48,627	48,224	46,456	45,124					391,279
Day Training	2,784,245	3,241,387	2,063,930	3,031,159	3,023,609	2,847,268	2,860,102	2,798,880					22,650,560
Supported Employment	419,447	476,591	458,631	424,318	424,318	342,754	452,291	422,148					3,420,759
Work Activity Program	8,562	9,740	10,097	8,755	7,685	7,655	7,740	8,412					68,646
SUBTOTAL DAY PROGRAMS	3,263,881	3,780,806	2,581,929	3,513,355	3,504,239	3,245,901	3,366,589	3,274,564					26,531,264
OTHER SERVICES													
Non Medical Services Prof	384,327	417,080	409,811	413,253	398,593	364,842	374,287	384,893					3,147,086
Non Medical Services Prog	1,302,059	1,521,747	1,504,428	603,388	1,542,870	1,569,416	1,531,824	1,509,415					11,065,147
Home Care Services Prog	13,804	18,410	20,175	17,768	12,962	11,679	11,890	2,075					108,763
Transportation	468,895	481,166	479,407	435,540	469,141	463,067	350,563	347,899					3,495,678
Transportation Contracts	628,588	528,076	648,888	514,387	526,467	522,848	501,524	388,503					4,259,301
Prevention Services	536,747	634,912	613,621	670,081	663,293	659,001	682,105	255,638					4,715,398
Other Authorized Services	3,544,849	3,697,549	3,618,792	3,695,481	3,610,900	3,506,458	3,501,892	3,379,693					28,545,614
P & I Expense	16,418	10,140	11,372	11,064	19,218	10,910	11,682	11,346					102,150
Hospital Care	7,500												7,500
Medical Equipment	2,337	9,562	9,458	7,193	4,393	9,905	1,107	1,515					45,470
Medical Services Prof	200,220	206,572	235,285	268,815	237,552	157,841	219,602	191,624					1,717,511
Medical Services Prog	34,005	38,749	36,593	30,105	25,596	25,964	25,462	22,580					239,054
Respite Care - In Home	2,105,541	2,164,396	2,137,493	2,178,079	2,220,705	2,147,418	2,209,225	1,330,412					16,493,259
Respite Care - Out of Home	18,656	9,600	9,017	15,768	11,882	21,389	26,439	27,663					140,414
TOTAL OTHER SERVICES	9,263,946	9,737,959	9,734,330	8,850,922	9,743,592	9,470,738	9,447,602	7,853,256					74,102,345
TOTAL PURCHASE OF SERVICES	18,042,514	19,151,878	17,959,922	18,012,438	18,923,065	18,392,312	18,592,538	16,668,513					145,743,180
COMMUNITY PLACEMENT PLAN													
Community Care Facility	44,362	44,362	100,299	152,418	142,559	142,559	142,446	339,510					1,108,515
ICF/SNF Facility													-
Day Training													-
Non-Medical Services													-
Non-Medical Services-Programs	1,550			2,115	5,023	5,640		3,367					17,695
Transportation													-
Other Authorized Services	951	1,313	3,677	963									6,904
Other Services													-
Medical Care - Prof													-
Community Care Facility													-
TOTAL COMMUNITY PLACEMENT PL	45,313	47,225	103,976	155,496	147,582	148,189	142,446	342,877					1,133,114
TOTAL PURCHASE OF SERVICE	18,087,827	19,199,103	18,063,898	18,167,934	19,070,647	18,540,511	18,734,984	17,011,390					146,876,294

Attachment 4

KERN REGIONAL CENTER
 OPERATIONS
 FY 2022/2023
 AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2023

	PROPOSED EXPENDITURE	YEAR TO DATE	07/31/22	08/31/22	09/30/22	10/31/22	11/30/22	12/31/22	01/31/23	02/28/23	03/31/23	04/30/23	05/31/23	06/30/23	TOTAL	(OVER)/UNDER
OPERATIONS																
Salaries & Benefits	20,378,826	14,108,418	1,427,790	1,567,602	2,011,650	1,261,290	1,116,049	1,915,921	1,620,048	1,597,623					12,517,972	1,590,446
Operating Expenses	5,668,000	3,924,000	306,691	363,842	403,645	530,362	629,596	537,121	544,486	596,390					3,912,133	11,867
SUBTOTAL OPS	26,046,826	18,032,418	1,734,481	1,931,444	2,415,295	1,791,651	1,745,645	2,453,042	2,164,534	2,194,013					16,430,106	1,602,312
COMMUNITY PLACEMENT PLAN																
Salaries & Benefits	870,375	602,567			30,170	266,852	63,808	48,818	57,638	62,728					499,844	102,723
Operating Expenses	253,082	168,721				56,416	47,670	17,708	56,092	3,517					211,573	(42,852)
SUBTOTAL CPP	1,123,457	771,289			30,170	323,268	111,478	66,526	113,731	66,245					711,417	59,871
FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM																
Salaries & Benefits	98,040	67,874	3,823	4,467	6,206	4,467	4,467	4,467	4,573	4,471					36,941	30,933
Operating Expenses	151,503	101,002	3,444	153	4,221	14,490	11,476	9,633	9,499	7,802					60,719	40,283
SUBTOTAL FGP	249,543	168,876	7,267	4,620	10,427	18,957	15,943	14,100	14,073	12,273					97,660	71,216
SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM																
Salaries & Benefits	65,360	45,249	2,557	2,978	4,137	2,978	2,978	2,978	3,049	2,981					24,636	20,613
Operating Expenses	101,002	67,335	2,565	194	2,921	8,019	6,910	5,947	6,466	4,977					37,998	29,337
SUBTOTAL SCP	166,362	112,584	5,122	3,172	7,058	10,997	9,888	8,925	9,514	7,958					62,633	49,951
TOTAL OPERATIONS	27,586,188	19,085,166	1,746,869	1,939,236	2,462,951	2,144,873	1,892,953	2,542,593	2,301,852	2,280,489					17,301,817	1,783,350