



VMRC Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday August 18, 2026

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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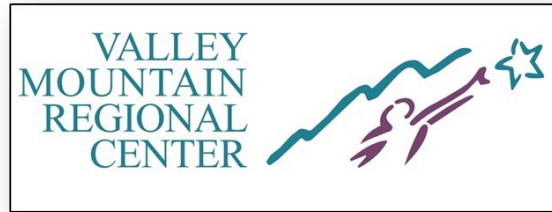
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VMRC Board of Directors Meeting

AGENDA

August 18, 2026

A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Reading Mission Statement – Jeff Turner, Vice President

- *Empowering people with developmental disabilities and their families with access to services, support, and advocacy.*

B. Review of Meeting Agenda – Jeff Turner

C. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes 6/17/26 – Jeff Turner

Action

D. Public Comment – Jeff Turner

- *Each member of the public will have 2 minutes for comment. If an interpreter is needed, 4 minutes will be given. Public comment can address items on the agenda that have been properly noticed for action and/or items that are not on the agenda, however, items not on the agenda cannot be responded to or discussed in the public board meeting because they are not properly noticed items (7 days advance notice).*

B. Consent Calendar Items – Jeff Turner

Action

1. Finance Committee Minutes of July 8, 2026
2. Executive Committee Minutes of July 8, 2026
3. Consumer Services Minutes of July 22, 2026

E. Committee Reports (3-5 minutes maximum to report)

1. Consumer Advisory Council, SAC6 – Crystal Enyeart
2. Self-Determination Advisory Committee – Gricelda Estrada
3. Coalition of Local Agency Service Providers (C.L.A.S.P.) – Candice Bright
4. Finance Committee – Dominique Mellion, Treasurer

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| A. VMRC Financial Reports – Aiko Blancaflor
5. Consumer Services Committee – Crystal Enyeart
6. Legislative Committee – Kenneth Huntley
7. Governance Committee – Jody Burriss
8. Popplewell Review Team –

F. Executive Director’s Report - Leinani Walter

G. President’s Report – Jeff Turner, Vice President on behalf of Jody Burriss

H. Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. In-Person and Zoom

I. Adjournment – Jeff Turner | Action |
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Minutes for VMRC Board of Directors Meeting

August 18, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

VMRC Stockton Office, Cohen Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference

Board Members Present: Kimo Kamakaalohaama, Kenneth Huntley, Monica Soria, Dominique Mellion, Kyle Cox, Candice Bright, Jessica Quesada, Nora McGonigle, Cantrina Castro, Tammy Giardina, Jeff Turner

Board Members Not Present: Dr. Judy Burriss, Crystal Enyeart (excused absence), Jose Lara, Mann Kaur Bajwa, Marjorie Andi Burrise (unexcused absence)

VMRC Staff Present: Aiko Blancaflor, Amanda Versti, Brian Bennett, Mayra Ochoa, Leinani Walter, Julie deDiego Dr. Tom Kelly, Nathan Sioson Donna Sioson, Mary Duncan, Emily Orth, Gabriela Lopez, Gregoria Gonzalez, Vickie Cahoon

Public Present In-Person or Zoom: Tamara Hernandez, James Fore, Chanel Murray, Mark Findley

A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Reading of the Mission Statement

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Jeff Turner. Gabriela Lopez took roll call and a quorum was established.

B. Review of the Meeting Agenda

Jeff asked if there were any questions or comments on the agenda. Jeff and moved on to board minutes for approval.

C. Approval of the Board of Directors Meeting minutes of 6/17/26

Jeff asked for a motion to approve the Board of Directors Meeting minutes of 6/17/26. Kimo Kamakaalohaama motioned to approve the minutes, Kenneth Huntley seconded the motion. The board of directors meeting minutes of 4/22/26 were approved unanimously.

D. Public Comment

1. Chanel Murray SCDD Analyst - Shared resources that starting next month. Emergency Preparedness Month training series and a Community Conversation with our Executive Director, Erin Carruthers. Flyers for both events are available.
2. Emily Orth, VMRC Employee & SEIU Steward – Hoping to set-up dates for the contract reopener and to convey the desperate need that our members have a COLA adjustment to their salary schedule. Shared that some members are finding it hard to put gas in their cars between pay periods and are having to resort to a “side hustle” to get by.
3. Carolina – Shared support for the letter sent by the self-determination committee regarding the obstacles families face on a daily basis.

4. Griselda Estrada – Asked to be promoted to a panelist as she was admitted into the meeting as an attendee and she will be giving a report from the self-determination committee.
5. Sylvia Esquivel– Shared she is also here to lend her support to the self-determination committee's letter. She stated that the obstacles families face are ongoing, and she feels there's a lack of experienced staff to help.
6. Helen Perez – Mother of a 6-year-old VMRC client – She is here to support the self-determination letter and to share they are experiencing barriers, time conflicts, and also there is a need for workload sustainability for the workers. She sees delays in VMRC
7. Jeanette Marisel Cardenas – Mother of VMRC client – She asks for expansion of services, especially those having to do with adaptive needs. Children continue growing and their needs change as well. They need these type of service and supports, not only to help them grow, but to help them develop their own self of sense, excuse me, of autonomy and independence in their communities. She referred to skills such as their own personal hygiene, being able to prepare their own meals, safety, communication, being able to manage their own money, community participation, and making their own purchases. She would like to collaborate and work together to modernize these services and keep helping our children together.
8. Aurora – Also wants to support the self-determination letter sent and shares the obstacles parents face, especially as they make the transition into the self-determination program. She feels there's a lack of staff and at time a lack of professionalism.

E. Consent Calendar Items

1. Finance Committee Minutes of June 4, 2026
2. Executive Committee Minutes of June 4, 2026.
3. Consumer Services Minutes of May 27, 2026.

Jeff brought as an action item and asked for a motion to approve. Kenneth Huntley motioned to approve committee minutes, Kimo Kamakaalohaama seconded the motion. The consent calendar items were approved unanimously.

F. Committee Reports

1. VMRC Professional Advisory Committee, Coalition of Local Agency Service Provider (C.L.A.S.P.)

Kenneth Huntley - There was no report

2. Self-Determination Advisory Committee

Gricelda Estrada – For the month of August 2026, she shared the total number of participants and demographics. She shared the budget in the account. She stated our regional center, as it stands now, VMRC has one of the lowest percentages and numbers of SDP participants. ICC has committed to transition 80 families into the program. She spoke to the ICC Director earlier today, and she was told verbally, that as of now, they have 22 out of 80 families fully transitioned and the rest are currently still held up at some other part of the process.

For example, some are waiting for a PCP presentation date, some are awaiting their budget, and some are waiting at their expenditure plan. She

feels the largest bottleneck seems to be waiting on a date for their PCP presentation. She stated the self-determination letter that there was public support for will be sent to the Board of Directors following the committee meeting scheduled on Thursday August 20, 2026.

She also shared she attended a state meeting and the only matter addressed was a vote to add more co-chairs to direct the committee. On August 5th, she went to the Capitol along with many, many other families, to express our opinion regarding the matter of cost effectiveness and the language that's being used for the trailer bill.

Jeff reminded everyone - 3-5 minutes maximum to report, hand-outs need to be submitted at least 1 day in advance and agenda items need to be submitted 7 days in advance to be reviewed.

3. Consumer Advisory Committee

Tamara Hernandez reported CLASP membership numbers and account balance. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month and is interested in joining, there's a link on the VMRC website. Membership cost is \$35/year.

4. Finance Committee

- a. Dominique Million – Met as scheduled in July but did not have a quorum. The contract status report was presented, but no action could be taken due to the lack of a quorum.
- b. VMRC Financial Report - Aiko Blancaflor, CFO reported on the Contract Status report as of July 15th. She provided information on year-to-date costs for Purchase of Service and Operations. Totals do not yet include the annual CalPERS payment and some June payroll and service expenses, because those payments were made after July 15th. We received our 1st allocation from DDS but are still waiting for a second allocation, expected in September.

Jeff reported this comes as a motion Kenneth Huntley motioned to approve, Kimo Kamakaalohaama seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consumer Services Committee

Kenneth Huntley - There was no report

6. Public Policy Committee

There was no report.

7. Governance Committee

There was no report.

8. Popplewell Committee

There was no report

Leinani gave additional information regarding the legislative and Popplewell committees.

H. Executive Director's Report

- Leinani welcomed the new board members and thanked those for participating in the onboarding process. She hopes the Board Meetings are informative and also an opportunity to connect with one another, VMRC leadership team and

members of the public that might be participating. Leinani also thanked those that attended the Board's annual dinner.

- In response to the recent fires in the foothills, Leinani shared appreciation for VMRC staff -- Community Services, Emergency response, IT team, our case management teams for keeping us informed and also keeping our community of families, individuals served, service providers and staff updated. Special shout out to Aaron, Brian, and Aiko for helping lead efforts to keep us informed with Everbridge notification gets out to families and staff that are affected, because we have many staff members who also live in the same communities in which we're serving families
- VMRC Strategic Plan updates will be provided by our leadership team in an end of year report in the fall.
- Invited Board Members to attend the Cultural Disability and Resources Fair October 9th and consider sitting at the Board Table to talk about your work and recruit new board members.
- Congratulations to Tara on her retirement after 40 years of dedication to VMRC and those we serve. Wishing Tara the best!
- Congratulations to Julie de Diego on being promoted to Director of Children's Services!! Julie brings more than 27 years of dedicated service to VMRC with a deep understanding of children's services, educational rights, foster care, clients' rights and everything in between. She is also a longtime advocate in the Special Education in meetings. Julie began as a service coordinator and then went through case management specialist, senior service coordinator, program manager, and division manager, and now so proud to welcome her on my leadership team. Throughout her career, Julie has been a driving force in cross collaboration through agencies, and I can't tell you how many times I have heard her name in service on our county AB 2083. Welcome to my team Julie!
- Julie shared her appreciation for this wonderful opportunity.

I. President's Report

Jeff Turner reached out to our president Dr. Judy Burris, and she attended the orientations for the new Board members, which she enjoyed.

ARCA is not until late this week so there was nothing to share at this point.

Lastly, he asked for volunteers on the committees and if you have any interest or questions, please reach out to Jody or Jeff.

J. Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 28th , at 6:00pm Hybrid (In-Person and Zoom)

K. Adjournment – 6:51 p.m.



Minutes for VMRC Finance Committee Meeting July 8, 2026 | 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Valley Mountain Regional Center, Stockton Office, Cohen Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference

Committee Members Present: Dominique Mellion, Connie Uychutin

Committee Members not Present: Dr. Jody Burriss (Informed Absence), Jeff Turner (Informed Absence), Jose Lara (Uninformed Absence)

VMRC Staff Present: Amanda Versti, Mayra Ochoa, Midori Perez, Nathan Sioson, Sean Keyes, Christine Couch, Lizzie Valerio,

Public Present: Xavier Chin, Kiara Grace, Evelyn Ledesma

A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Review of Meeting Agenda

Dominique Mellion called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m., Lizzie took roll call, there was no quorum.

B. Review and Approval of the Finance Committee Minutes of 6/4/26

As there was no quorum, no action or vote was taken.

C. Public Comment

No public comment

D. Fiscal Department Update

Lizzie read the Contract Status Report on behalf of Aiko Blancaflor. The CRS provides information on the total amount of contract allocations received from DDS, the expenditure, and remaining balances of the current and two prior fiscal years.

As of June 30, 2026, year-to-date expenditures are approximately \$553.9 million for Purchase of Service and \$60.2 million for Operations, these do not include June POS, which are paid in July after services are delivered.

VMRC received additional FY 25-26 funding to support additional workspace in the Modesto office. Construction will begin in August and will add 28 workstations, converting 8x8 to 6x6 workstations. An additional \$41,100 for the Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program.

The State budget for FY 26-27 has been finalized, there are no impacts to our system. Several Medi-Cal related proposals have been delayed until July 1, 2027, as well as proposed goal to reinstate a Medi-Cal asset limit with the limit of \$21,000 instead of \$2,000.

Dominique stated since there was no quorum, the committee is unable to take an action or vote on the report.

E. Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in-person and Zoom

F. Adjournment at 4:41 p.m.



Minutes for VMRC Executive Committee Meeting June 4, 2026 | 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Valley Mountain Regional Center, Stockton Office, Cohen Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference

Committee Members Present: Jeff Turner, Dominique Mellion, Crystal Enyeart, Kenneth Huntley

Committee Members Not Present: Dr. Jody Burriss (informed absence), Kyle Cox (informed absence)

VMRC Staff Present: Amanda Verstl, Mayra Ochoa, Christine Couch, Sean Keyes, Midori Perez, Nathan Sioson, Lizzie Valerio,

Public Present: Kiara Grace, Evelyn Ledesma, Delia Sanders

A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Review of Meeting Agenda

Jeff Turner called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Lizzie did a roll call, a quorum was not established. The agenda was reviewed with no changes. Following roll call, Kenneth Huntley joined the meeting, establishing a quorum.

B. Review and Approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 6/4/26

Jeff asked for a motion to approve the board minutes of June 4, 2026. Kenneth Huntley made a motion to approve, Dominique Mellion seconded the motion. Jeff called for a vote. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Public Comment

There is no public comment.

D. Items for Discussion Menu

1. Executive Director's Report

Lizzie Valerio reported on behalf of Leinani Walter, who was out of the office. She shared that the Save the Date for the Culture and Resource Fair has been posted on the VMRC website and social media. The event will be held on Friday, October 9, at the VMRC Stockton office. We will be reaching out to new and current Board members to

schedule orientation sessions. She also reminded Board members to RSVP for the Annual Board Dinner, where outgoing Board members will be recognized and new Board members welcomed. Lastly, we are thankful there were no budget cuts to our system.

2. Consumer Updates:

Tara reported Early Start numbers are still low. We did an outreach event and engagement plan to get in more referrals. There is a slow down in the summer. For children services, we are working on the missing Medi-Cal and Social Security Numbers project so the system can gain funding from feds or services.

Christine added that Case Management are working on this project. As regional centers, we do not have individual social security numbers in our system. The Department of Developmental Services has provided a list of individuals served and we are asking families for the information to enter into the system. They do not have to provide that information, if they do DDS can bill for federal reimbursement dollars which bring a significant amount of dollars to our system.

There is another project we are working on streamlining processes to increase efficiency for all service coordinators and program managers.

She also shared, Crystal Enyeart, VMRC board member have been selected to present at the Supported Life Conference on October 8th and will be focused on Person-Centered IPP training session. We are very proud of you!

3. Community Services

Brian is out of office. No report.

4. Self Determination:

Mayra reported there are 155 SDP participants in the program. She shared the summary report which includes ages, ethnicity, and counties they reside in.

Jeff asked if the number is growing and Mayra shared it has grown since the beginning and will provide a graph highlighting increase of participants.

5. Human Resources:

Amanda shared employee updates which include current headcount is at 607, including promotions and open positions. She shared information from individuals who are in background check and scheduled to begin in the coming weeks.

E. President's Report – Jeff Kaalund

Jeff reported there is no report given anything to report from Dr. Jody Burriss.

G. Next Meeting - Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (In Person and Zoom)

H. Adjournment at 5:44 p.m.



Minutes for VMRC Consumer Services Committee Meeting

July 22, 2026 | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Valley Mountain Regional Center, Stockton Office Cohen Board Room and via Zoom Video Conference

Committee Members Present: Crystal Enyeart, Megan Ybarra, Jessica Quesada (joined late)

Committee Members Not Present: Dominique Mellion (Unformed Absence), Kenneth Hentley (Informed Absence), Sarah Howard (Uniformed absence), Liz Herrera-Knapp (Informed absence)

Board Members: Catrina Castro

Public Present: Delia Evans, Kimberlee Hartzog, Dena Hernandez, Esther Fagbolu, Jessica Veraga

VMRC Staff Present: Midori Perez, Brian Bennett, Christine Couch, Lizzie Valerio, Nathan Sioson, Donna Sioson, Tara Sisemore Hester, Jason Toepel, Aaron McDonald

A. Call to Order, Roll Call, Review of Meeting Agenda

Crystall Enyeart called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM. Lizzie took roll call. There was no quorum.

B. Review and Approval of the Consumer Services Committee Meeting Minutes of 5/27/26 - Unable to approve as there was no quorum.

C. Public Comment

1. Dena Hernandez shared Proclamation received on behalf of VMRC from City of Stockton. She shared dates for celebrations Disability Pride Month with panelists from Self-advocates across the state. In addition, information for the California Memorial Project Day, emergency preparedness events in September. SAC6 is having their area meeting on August 7 and left information.

D. Case Management

Christine thanked 24 Hour Cares for providing backpacks for children and adults served by VMRC. Backpacks will be distributed to all offices from those who requested. She shared hospital visits for folks served are under vendor care and emergency room visits from June 16th to July 15th.

She also shared information about the Popplewell funds, as of June 30 \$18,287.12

E. Intake & Early Start

Tara thanked Christine for leading the backpack drive to all office. She shared a couple of Service Coordinators that were highlighted in a DDS video for their work.

The video is on social media. Tara shared that Early Start is shifting to the new Clinical Director, Dr. Tom Kelly.

Tom shared that in 2025 there were over 4,000 intakes (2,200 being Lanterman). He is working on that they are bringing in clinicians and working on timely intakes. He thanked Christine for bringing in a dental provider, additional time to support the specialized needs of our community. He shared we have new physicians who are supporting individuals in hospitals and those unable to advocate for themselves.

F. Case Management

Christine thanked 24 Hour Cares for providing for backpacks for children and adults served by VMRC. Backpacks will be distributed to all offices from those who requested. She shared hospital visits for folks served remain under vendor care and emergency room visits

G. Self-Advocacy Council Area 6 (SAC6) Update

Crystal shared that she applied to be a presenter at the Supported Life conference and was accepted to present on the panel.

F. CLASP

Liz Herrera Knapp was unable to attend, no CLASP representative. Lizzie read the report on their behalf. The last meeting was held on June 22, via zoom and Mayra Ochoa hosted a training on vendor training opportunities through CircleUp. Current balance is \$25,605.38, there are 110 paid members. They are discussing the use of funds to CEU opportunities, hosting quarterly in-person meetings. CLASP has a public page in FB & IG, if you want to post something there, send to Kirsten via email: ksea9@aol.com. Day Program met in June to discuss challenges with DDS. The next meeting is July 27th.

F. Community Services

1. Resource Development

Brian reported there were no updates.

2. Quality Assurance

Brian shared an update, the team held training for personal and incidental funds, how their funds are managed and record keeping. August 20th & 21st the QA team will be hosting training for new providers. He shared statistics of QA alerts from May to June.

H. Transportation Update

Anel was not able to attend the meeting

I. Next Meeting - Wednesday, September 2026 at 4:00 PM, Hybrid (In-Person and via Zoom Video Conference)

J. Adjournment at 4:19 pm

Valley Mountain Regional Center
Contract Status Report
July 15, 2026

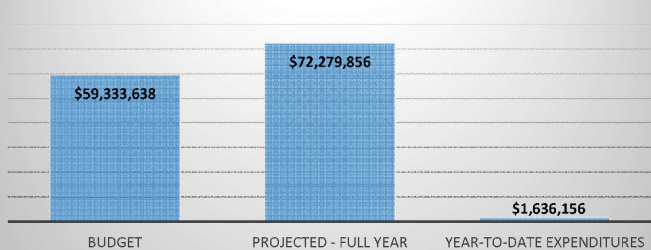
FY	Amount Description	Operation	Purchase of Services (POS)	CPP/CRDP POS	LACC Grant	Foster Grandparents & Senior Companions	Total
24-25	Allocation - A-3	\$ 64,631,825	\$ 504,398,061	\$ 3,008,982	\$ 659,403	\$ 586,865	\$ 573,285,136
	YTD Expenses	64,047,018	503,219,455	2,380,704	636,330	552,716	570,836,223
	Balance	\$ 584,808	\$ 1,178,606	\$ 628,278	\$ 23,073	\$ 34,149	\$ 2,448,913
25-26	Allocation - B-5	\$ 67,672,646	\$ 652,905,561	\$ 2,076,120	\$ 707,066	\$ 642,444	\$ 724,003,837
	YTD Expenses	62,113,694	586,280,657	1,995,783	697,200	411,694	651,499,029
	Balance	\$ 5,558,952	\$ 66,624,904	\$ 80,337	\$ 9,866	\$ 230,750	\$ 72,504,808
26-27	Allocation - B-5	\$ 59,333,638	\$ 573,753,187	\$ -	\$ 760,889	\$ -	\$ 633,847,714
	YTD Expenses	1,636,156	33,040	-	-	117	1,669,313
	Balance	\$ 57,697,482	\$ 573,720,147	\$ -	\$ 760,889	\$ (117)	\$ 632,178,401
Amount Change FY 24-25 to FY 25-26		\$ 3,040,821	\$ 148,507,500	\$ (932,862)	\$ 47,663	\$ 55,579	\$ 150,718,701
Amount Change FY 25-26 to FY 26-27		\$ (8,339,008)	\$ (79,152,374)	\$ (2,076,120)	\$ 53,823	\$ (642,444)	\$ (90,156,123)
% Change FY 24-25 to FY 25-26		4.70%	29.44%	-31.00%	7.23%	9.47%	26.29%
% Change FY 25-26 to FY 26-27		12.22%	12.42%	100.00%	7.61%	100.00%	12.45%

The contract status report provides information on the total amount of contract allocations received from DDS, the expenditures, and remaining balances for the current and two prior fiscal years. The report also compares the contract allocations between fiscal years in both dollars and percents.

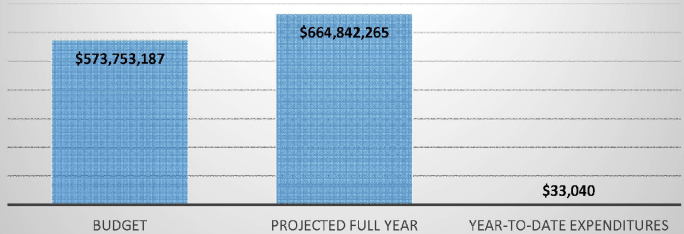
FY 26-27 Operations & Purchase of Services Expense by Category as of July 15, 2026

OPS Expense Category		YTD Expense	POS Expense Category		YTD Expense
Salary & Benefits		\$ 1,063,619	Out of Home		\$ -
Facility Rent and Maintenance		\$ 270,186	Day Programs		\$ 238
Information Technology		\$ 86,431	Respite & Day Care		\$ -
General Expenses		\$ 11,458	Non-Medical Services		\$ -
Communication		\$ 204	Supported Living Services		\$ -
Insurance		\$ 72,739	Transportation		\$ -
Accounting & Legal Fees		\$ -	Prevention Services		\$ -
Consultants		\$ -	Other Services		\$ 32,802
Staff Mileage/Travel		\$ -	Personal Assistance		\$ -
ARCA Dues		\$ 131,598	Medical Services		\$ -
Equipment		\$ -	Supported Employment		\$ -
Board Expenses		\$ -	Camps		\$ -
ICF Admin Fee, Interest, & Other Income		\$ (79)	CPP/CRDP		\$ -
Total YTD Operations Expense:		\$ 1,636,156	Total YTD POS Expense:		\$ 33,040

FY 26-27 Operations



FY 26-27 Purchase of Services



FY 2025–26 expenses through July 15 totaled approximately \$62.1 million for Operations and \$586.3 million for Purchase of Services (POS). These totals do not yet include the annual CalPERS payment and some June payroll and service expenses because those payments were made after July 15.

We received the first FY 2026–27 allocation of approximately \$574 million for POS and \$60 million for Operations. Additional funding is expected in September. Once the second allocation is received, we can better assess funding available for growth positions. FY 2026–27 expenses through the first half of July totaled approximately \$1.6 million for Operations and \$33,000 for POS. Because POS payments are made after services are provided, July service costs are not yet reflected. Current POS expenses primarily include purchase reimbursement and State Supplemental Program (SSP) payments.