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**HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
HAMILTON COUNTY
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Hamilton County General Health District
Hamilton County
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To the Members of the Board of Health:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the Hamilton County General Health District, Hamilton County, Ohio (the District), which comprises the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2A.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District, as of December 31, 2023, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 2A of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the District on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2A and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted to opine on the financial statements as a whole.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The schedule is the responsibility of management and derives from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 24, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio
September 24, 2024

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**HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
HAMILTON COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
Cash Receipts			
Charges for Services	\$ 2,219,027	\$ 241,868	\$ 2,460,895
Fines, Licenses and Permits	2,102,049	3,279,310	5,381,359
Intergovernmental	891,569	17,340,155	18,231,724
Miscellaneous	(904)	3,191	2,287
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>5,211,741</u>	<u>20,864,524</u>	<u>26,076,265</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
Health:			
Salaries	2,834,492	5,821,906	8,656,398
Benefits	997,406	2,095,678	3,093,084
Travel and Mileage	73,443	219,262	292,705
Office Supplies	420,468	2,061,476	2,481,944
Furniture & Equipment	28,997	35,790	64,787
Repair and Maintenance	93,941	96,755	190,696
Contract Services	722,909	9,520,487	10,243,396
State and Other Agency Fees	514,230	602,178	1,116,408
Capital Outlay	87,801	72,061	159,862
Other	92,357	1,671,340	1,763,697
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>5,866,044</u>	<u>22,196,933</u>	<u>28,062,977</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(654,303)</u>	<u>(1,332,409)</u>	<u>(1,986,712)</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2023</i>	<u>5,127,754</u>	<u>3,195,629</u>	<u>8,323,383</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2023	<u><u>\$ 4,473,451</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,863,220</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,336,671</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
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COMBINED STATEMENT OF ADDITIONS, DEDUCTIONS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Custodial</u>
Additions	
Other Amounts Collected for Distribution	<u>\$ 643,854</u>
<i>Total Additions</i>	<u>643,854</u>
Deductions	
Other Distributions	<u>605,490</u>
<i>Total Deductions</i>	<u>605,490</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	38,364
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2023</i>	<u>127,778</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2023</i>	<u><u>\$ 166,142</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
HAMILTON COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

1. Reporting Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Hamilton County General Health District, Hamilton County, (the District) as a body corporate and politic. A five-member Board and a Health Commissioner govern the District. Members of the Board are appointed to serve five-year terms by the District Advisory Council. Members of this Council include the chief executive of each municipal corporation not constituting a city health district, the chairman of the board of township trustees of each township in the District or their alternates selected by their respective governing bodies, and the President of the Board of County Commissioners. The Hamilton County Auditor is responsible for fiscal control of the resources of the District. The Hamilton County Treasurer is the custodian of these funds. Services provided by the District include public health care, inspections, issuing health related licenses and permits, and the prevention or restriction of diseases.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Presentation

The District's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types and a combined statement of additions, deductions and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all fiduciary fund types which are both organized on a fund type basis.

B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The District recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate coverage of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit.

C. Deposits and Investments

As required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Hamilton County Treasurer is custodian for the District's deposits. The County's deposit and investment pool holds the District's assets, valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

D. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entry with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the District are presented below.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

1. General Fund

The General Fund balance is available to the District for any purpose, provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The District had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

Board of Health Grants - Accounts for the receipts and disbursements relating to state and federal grants received by the District.

3. Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds and custodial funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments which are not available to support the District's own programs.

Custodial funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to report fiduciary activity that is not required to be reported in a trust fund. The District's custodial fund accounts for fees paid in advance by the District's customers for permits to be requested in the future or vital statistic certificates to be provided in the future.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to budget each fund annually (except certain custodial funds).

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund level, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The District Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must approve estimated resources

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be re-appropriated.

A summary of 2023 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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F. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

1. Nonspendable

The District classifies assets as *non-spendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

2. Restricted

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

3. Committed

The Board can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The District must adhere to these commitments unless the Board amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

4. Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

5. Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used. For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 8.

G. Capital Assets

The District records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

**HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
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DECEMBER 31, 2023**

H. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2023 is as follows:

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$6,100,582	\$5,211,741	\$(888,841)
Special Revenue	24,119,164	20,864,684	(3,254,480)
Total	\$30,219,746	\$26,076,425	\$(4,143,321)

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$6,714,671	\$6,634,052	\$80,619
Special Revenue	31,365,344	25,588,844	5,776,500
Total	\$38,080,015	\$32,222,896	\$5,857,119

4. Intergovernmental Funding

The County apportions the excess of the District's appropriations over other estimated receipts among the townships and municipalities composing the District, based on their taxable property valuations. The County withholds the apportioned excess from property tax settlements and distributes it to the District. The financial statements present these amounts as intergovernmental receipts.

5. Retirement Systems

The District's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2023, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2023.

6. Post-Employment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment plan. OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax-free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents.

**HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
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DECEMBER 31, 2023**

For calendar year 2023, the portion of OPERS employer contributions allocated to health care was 0 percent for members in the traditional pension and plan and 2 percent for members in the combined plan. For 2023, the portion of employer contributions OPERS allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent; however, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

7. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

Workers' Compensation coverage is provided by the State of Ohio. The District pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

The District is a member of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (the Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the District's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31.

	<u>2023</u>
Cash and Investments	\$43,007,442
Actuarial Liabilities	\$19,743,401

8. Fund Balances

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilities effective cash planning and control. At year end, the balances of these amounts were as follows:

Fund Balances	General	Special Revenue	Total
Outstanding Encumbrances	\$768,008	\$3,391,911	\$4,159,919

The fund balance of special revenues is either restricted or committed. These restricted, committed, and assigned amounts in the special revenue funds would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

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HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i>	Federal AL Number	Pass Through Entity Number	Passed Through To Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES - CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION</u>				
Injury Prevention and Control Research and State and Community Based Programs	93.136	1NU17CE924979-01-04-00		\$ 6,084,315
	93.136	6NH28CE003567-01-01		407,266
Total Injury Prevention and Control Research and State and Community Based Programs				6,491,582
Racial & Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH)	93.304	1 NU58DP007602-01-00		43,998
Assistance Programs for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control (SDOH)	93.945	6 NU58DP007274-01-01		112,549
Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) & Sudden Death in Young (SDY) Case Registry	93.946	1 NU58DP 007680-01-00		11,264
National Network of County and City Health Officials				
Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health	93.421	2022-040414		33,912
	93.421	2023-041301		76,922
	93.421	2020-032305		276
Sustaining Peers in Emergency Departments	93.421	2023-041803		135,737
Total National Network of County and City Health Officials				246,847
American Public Health Association - Data Science Demonstration Project	93.421	2023-0010		46,207
Safe States Alliance - Alliance to Strengthen the Practice of Injury & Violence Prevention - Partnership in Acton Program	93.136	5 NU17CE924917-05		27,594
<u>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health</u>				
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069	31-1-001-2PH-1120/1221/1322/1423/1524		753,975
Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) & Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Aligned Cooperative Agreements	93.074	31-1-001-2PH-1019		1
HIV Prevention Activities Health Department Based	93.940	31-1-001-2-HP-1023		676,524
Implementing Enhanced HIV P&S for Health Departments	93.940	31-1-001-2-EE-0121/0222/0323		1,249,713
Public Health Emergency Response: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Response (Prescription Drug Overdose)	93.354	31-1-0014PD-0319		68,538
Public Health Emergency Response: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response (Coronavirus)	93.354	31-1-001-2-WF-0122	\$ 178,241	385,340
Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Prevention and Control Grants	93.977	31-1-001-2-ST-0922/1023		561,236
Innovative Approaches to STD Prevention	93.977	31-1-001-2-IL-0122		30,831
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States (Ohio Equity Institute)	93.994	31-1-001-1-OE-0119/0220/0321/0523		277,872
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States (Maternal & Child Health)	93.994	31-1-001-1-MP-0218/0420/0521/0622		43,062
Immunization Cooperative Agreements (COVID 19)	93.268	31-1-001-2-CN-0122	17,030	385,943
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases	93.323	31-1-001-2-EO-0222/0323	76,673	2,059,981
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases	93.323	31-1-001-2-LV-0123	292,500	325,000
National and State Tobacco Control Program	93.387	31-1-001-4-TU-0722/0823/0924		20,400
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Investigations and Technical Assistance	93.283	31-1-001-4-TU-0419		1,947
Opioid STR	93.788	31-1-001-4-IN-0120/0221/0322/0423		15,871
Opioid STR	93.788	31-1-001-4IH-0123/0224		34,617
State Physical Activity and Nutrition	93.439	6 NU58DP006505-04-00 (50710-10)/ NU58DP006505 (53188-11)		35,357
Total U.S. Department of Health & Human Services - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention			564,444	13,906,248
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY</u>				
<u>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health</u>				
Coronavirus Relief Fund - COVID-19 Care Resource Coordination Support	21.019	31-1-001-1-RC-0121		(730)
<u>Passed through Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners</u>				
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Reovery Funds	21.027	Agreements w/ BOCC		401,758
Total U.S. Department of Treasury				401,029
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT</u>				
Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program	14.905	OHLHD0433-20		181,362
<u>Passed Through Hamilton County Department of Planning & Development</u>				
Community Development Block Grants	14.228	MOU w/ HCP+D		121,077
Total U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development				302,439
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</u>				
Comprehensive Secure & Responsible Drug Disposal Program (COSSAP)	16.838	2022-DISPOSAL-010 (2017-AR-BX-K003)		99,258
BJA FY23 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, & Substance Use Site-Based Program (COSSUP)	16.838	15BPJA-23-GG-02335-COAP		31,979
Total U.S. Department of Justice				131,237
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY</u>				
<u>Passed through Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services</u>				
BioWatch Funding 2022	97.091	06OHBIO0020-17-01		11,000
BioWatch Funding 2023	97.091	06OHBIO0020-18-00		16,000
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security				27,000
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 564,444	\$ 14,767,953

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.51 (b) (6)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Hamilton County General Health District, Hamilton County, Ohio (the District), under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the District.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

3. Indirect Cost Rate

The District has elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate under the Uniform Guidance.

4. Subrecipients

The District passes certain federal awards received from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients). As note 2 describes, the District reports expenditures of Federal awards to subrecipients when paid in cash.

As a pass-through entity, the District has certain compliance responsibilities, such as monitoring its subrecipients to help assure they use these subawards as authorized by laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and that subrecipients achieve the award's performance goals.

5. Matching Requirements

Certain Federal programs require the District to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The District has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Hamilton County General Health District
Hamilton County
250 William Howard Taft Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

To the Members of the Board of Health:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements of the Hamilton County General Health District, Hamilton County, (the District), and have issued our report thereon dated September 24, 2024 wherein we noted the District followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(C) permit.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio
September 24, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Hamilton County General Health District
Hamilton County
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To the Members of the Board of Health:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Hamilton County General Health District's, Hamilton County, (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Hamilton County General Health District's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. Hamilton County General Health District's major federal programs are identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, Hamilton County General Health District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District's and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

The District's Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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Applicable to Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over
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Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio
September 24, 2024

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**HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
HAMILTON COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Adverse GAAP, unmodified under the regulatory basis
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	AL 93.069 Public Health Emergency Preparedness AL 93.136 Injury Prevention
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?	No

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None.

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None.

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

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AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



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