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**MEDINA COUNTY COMBINED GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
MEDINA COUNTY
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Medina County Combined General Health District
Medina County
4800 Ledgewood Drive
Medina, Ohio 44256

To the Board of Health:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Medina County Combined General Health District, Medina County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash-basis financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in cash-basis financial position thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with the cash-basis of accounting described in Note 2.

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.

Emphasis of Matter - Accounting Basis

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 2, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. 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 *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 that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements.

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.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied to the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic 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 basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

We applied no procedures to management's discussion & analysis as listed in the table of contents. Accordingly, we express no opinion or any other assurance on it.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 16, 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 16, 2024

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Medina County Combined General Health District

Medina County, Ohio

Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

The discussion and analysis of the Medina County Combined General Health District's (the "Health District") financial performance provides an overall review of the Health District's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2023, within the limitations of the Health District's cash basis of accounting. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Health District's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Health District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for the year 2023 are as follows:

- Net position increased \$1,397,563 from 2022.
- Total 2023 cash receipts decreased by \$27,312 compared to 2022.
- Total 2023 disbursements increased \$192,839 compared to 2022.

Using the Basic Financial Statements

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Health District's cash basis of accounting.

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the Health District as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities and conditions on a cash basis of accounting.

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and Statement of Activities – Cash Basis provide information about the activities of the whole Health District, presenting both an aggregate view of the Health District's finances, and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. Funds are created and maintained on the financial records of the Health District as a way to segregate money whose use is restricted to a particular specified purpose. These statements present financial information by fund, presenting funds with the largest balances or most activity in separate columns.

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements, and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

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**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023
(Unaudited)**

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. The Health District has elected to present its financial statements on a cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under the Health District's cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are recorded when cash is received or paid.

As a result of using the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

Reporting the Health District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis reflect how the Health District did financially during 2023, within the limitations of the cash basis of accounting. The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis presents the cash balances of the governmental activities of the Health District at year end. The Statement of Activities – Cash Basis compares disbursements with program receipts for each governmental activity. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function draws from the Health District's general receipts.

These statements report the Health District's cash position and the changes in cash position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the cash basis of accounting, you can think of these changes as one way to measure the Health District's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the Health District's cash position is one indicator of whether the Health District's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the Health District's financial condition, you should also consider other non-financial factors as well, such as the Health District's property tax base, the condition of the Health District's capital assets, the reliance on non-local financial resources for operations and the need for continued growth.

The Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis present governmental activities, which include all the Health District's services. The Health District has no business-type activities.

Reporting the Health District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the Health District's major funds – not the Health District as a whole. The Health District establishes separate funds to better manage its many activities and to help demonstrate that money that is restricted as to how it may be used is being spent for the intended purpose. All of the operating funds of the Health District are governmental.

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Governmental Funds - The Health District's activities are reported in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Health District's governmental operations and the health services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent to finance the Health District's health programs.

The Health District's most significant governmental fund is presented on the financial statements in a separate column. The information for non-major funds (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting) is combined and presented in total in a single column. The Health District's major governmental fund is the General Fund. The programs reported in the governmental funds are closely related to those reported in the governmental activities section of the entity-wide statements.

The Health District as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the Health District's net position for 2023 compared to 2022 on a cash basis:

Table 1
Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Change</u>
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u>12,173,020</u>	\$ <u>10,775,457</u>	\$ <u>1,397,563</u>
Net Position:			
Restricted for:			
Health center	276,784	186,551	90,233
Environmental health	2,079,453	2,073,268	6,185
Community health	488,487	467,556	20,931
Unrestricted	<u>9,328,296</u>	<u>8,048,082</u>	<u>1,280,214</u>
Total net position	\$ <u>12,173,020</u>	\$ <u>10,775,457</u>	\$ <u>1,397,563</u>

Net position increased due to receipts continuing to outpace disbursements during the year.

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Table 2 reflects the change in net position in 2023, and provides a comparison to 2022 amounts:

Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		
	2023	2022	Change
Receipts:			
Program receipts			
Charges for services and sales	\$ 3,074,499	\$ 3,022,204	\$ 52,295
Operating grants, contributions and interest	2,830,548	2,955,667	(125,119)
Total program receipts	<u>5,905,047</u>	<u>5,977,871</u>	<u>(72,824)</u>
General receipts			
Property taxes	3,069,831	3,068,003	1,828
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs	424,959	433,966	(9,007)
Miscellaneous	79,881	27,190	52,691
Total general receipts	<u>3,574,671</u>	<u>3,529,159</u>	<u>45,512</u>
Total receipts	<u>9,479,718</u>	<u>9,507,030</u>	<u>(27,312)</u>
Program Disbursements:			
Health center	2,830,354	2,517,472	312,882
Environmental health	1,709,312	1,487,605	221,707
Community health	2,182,164	2,376,301	(194,137)
Administrative services	1,345,448	1,485,493	(140,045)
Capital outlay	14,877	22,445	(7,568)
Total program disbursements	<u>8,082,155</u>	<u>7,889,316</u>	<u>192,839</u>
Change in net position	1,397,563	1,617,714	(220,151)
Net position beginning of year	<u>10,775,457</u>	<u>9,157,743</u>	<u>1,617,714</u>
Net position end of year	<u>\$ 12,173,020</u>	<u>\$ 10,775,457</u>	<u>\$ 1,397,563</u>

Program receipts consist primarily of charges for services for birth and death certificates, food service licenses, campgrounds, swimming pools and spas, septic and water system permits, dental and medical primary care services, and state and federal operating grants and donations. General receipts are those consisting mainly of property taxes levied for general health district purposes.

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(Unaudited)

Governmental Activities

If you look at the Statement of Activities – Cash Basis, you will see that the first column lists the major services provided by the Health District. The next column identifies the costs of providing these services. The major program disbursements for governmental activities are for the health center, which includes medical primary care and dental services, environmental health, community health, which account for the majority of all governmental disbursements, and administrative services, which includes vital statistics. Capital outlay accounts for the remaining governmental disbursements.

The next two columns of the Statement titled Program Cash Receipts identify amounts paid by people who are directly charged for the service and grants received by the Health District that must be used to provide a specific service. The net cost column compares the program receipts to the cost of the service. This “Net Cost” amount represents the cost of the service which ends up being paid from money provided by local taxpayers and state subsidies. These net costs are paid from the general receipts which are presented at the bottom of the Statement.

The Health District continually strives to reduce dependence upon property taxes and local subsidies by actively pursuing federal and state grants, donations, and charging rates for services that are closely related to costs. The Health District costs were partially supported through property taxes. The Health District continues to update the charges for all its services and review billing practices and procedures to improve reimbursements due to the Health District from Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, and fees.

The Health District's Funds

As noted earlier, the Health District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related requirements.

The focus of the Health District's governmental funds is to provide information on receipts, disbursements, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Health District's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the Health District's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

Receipts continue to outpace disbursements in the general fund accounting for the increase in fund balance.

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General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The Health District's budget is prepared according to Ohio law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

During the course of 2023, the Health District amended its budget, and the budgetary statement reflects both the original and final amounts.

For the general fund, final budget basis receipts were more than actual receipts mainly in receipts for property and other local taxes. There was no difference in original and final budget basis receipts.

Final disbursement appropriations were higher than the actual disbursements due to fully appropriating available resources. Original disbursement appropriations were lower than final disbursement appropriations.

Current Related Financial Activities

The Health District passed its levy renewal of 0.70 mills in November 2022. This will assure local operational funding to help off-set the costs of providing public health services to Medina County residents for an additional 10 years.

Contacting the Health District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and providers with a general overview of the Health District's finances and to reflect the Health District's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to David H. McElhatten, Director of Administrative Services, 330-723-9688.

Medina County Combined General Health District

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Statement of Net Position – Cash Basis

December 31, 2023

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u>12,173,020</u>
Net position:	
Restricted for:	
Health Center	\$ 276,784
Environmental Health	2,079,453
Community Health	488,487
Unrestricted	<u>9,328,296</u>
Total net position	\$ <u>12,173,020</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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Statement of Activities – Cash Basis

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Program Cash Receipts			Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants, Contributions and Interest	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:				
Health:				
Health center	\$ 2,830,354	\$ 958,300	\$ 1,352,377	\$ (519,677)
Environmental health	1,709,312	1,449,851	25,000	(234,461)
Community health	2,182,164	264,756	1,114,386	(803,022)
Administrative services	1,345,448	401,592	338,785	(605,071)
Capital outlay	14,877	-	-	(14,877)
Total	<u>\$ 8,082,155</u>	<u>\$ 3,074,499</u>	<u>\$ 2,830,548</u>	<u>(2,177,108)</u>
General receipts:				
Property taxes levied for:				
General Health District purposes				3,069,831
Grants and entitlements				
not restricted to specific programs				424,959
Miscellaneous				79,881
Total general receipts				<u>3,574,671</u>
Change in net position				1,397,563
Net position, beginning of year				<u>10,775,457</u>
Net position, end of year				<u>\$ 12,173,020</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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Statement of Assets and Fund Balances – Cash Basis

Governmental Funds

December 31, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:			
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,533,559	\$ 2,639,461	\$ 12,173,020
Fund balances:			
Restricted	\$ -	\$ 2,844,724	\$ 2,844,724
Committed	1,859,980	-	1,859,980
Assigned	1,346,036	-	1,346,036
Unassigned	6,327,543	(205,263)	6,122,280
Total fund balances	\$ 9,533,559	\$ 2,639,461	\$ 12,173,020

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes
in Fund Balances – Cash Basis – Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Receipts:			
Property and other local taxes	\$ 3,069,831	\$ -	\$ 3,069,831
Intergovernmental	547,983	2,707,524	3,255,507
Charges for services	1,994,345	1,046,512	3,040,857
Rent	33,642	-	33,642
Miscellaneous	79,881	-	79,881
Total receipts	<u>5,725,682</u>	<u>3,754,036</u>	<u>9,479,718</u>
Disbursements:			
Current:			
Health:			
Health center	1,543,295	1,287,059	2,830,354
Environmental health	643,985	1,065,327	1,709,312
Community health	1,203,213	978,951	2,182,164
Administrative services	1,154,524	190,924	1,345,448
Capital outlay	14,877	-	14,877
Total disbursements	<u>4,559,894</u>	<u>3,522,261</u>	<u>8,082,155</u>
Net change in fund balances	1,165,788	231,775	1,397,563
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>8,367,771</u>	<u>2,407,686</u>	<u>10,775,457</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 9,533,559</u>	<u>\$ 2,639,461</u>	<u>\$ 12,173,020</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balance

Budget and Actual – Budget Basis

General Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Receipts:				
Property and other local taxes	\$ 3,312,803	\$ 3,312,803	\$ 3,069,831	\$ (242,972)
Intergovernmental	591,353	591,353	547,983	(43,370)
Charges for services	2,152,192	2,152,192	1,994,345	(157,847)
Rent	36,304	36,304	33,642	(2,662)
Miscellaneous	86,203	86,203	79,881	(6,322)
Total receipts	<u>6,178,855</u>	<u>6,178,855</u>	<u>5,725,682</u>	<u>(453,173)</u>
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Health:				
Health center	2,522,819	2,505,015	1,630,720	874,295
Environmental health	937,538	1,011,592	660,958	350,634
Community health	1,888,800	1,890,649	1,227,942	662,707
Administrative services	1,964,178	1,946,101	1,233,317	712,784
Capital outlay	86,195	86,195	15,877	70,318
Total disbursements	<u>7,399,530</u>	<u>7,439,552</u>	<u>4,768,814</u>	<u>2,670,738</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,220,675)	(1,260,697)	956,868	2,217,565
Fund balance, beginning of year	8,094,711	8,094,711	8,094,711	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	<u>273,060</u>	<u>273,060</u>	<u>273,060</u>	-
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 7,147,096</u>	<u>\$ 7,107,074</u>	<u>\$ 9,324,639</u>	<u>\$ 2,217,565</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

Medina County Combined General Health District

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Note 1: Reporting Entity

A seven-member appointed Board of Health governs the Medina County Combined General Health District (the "Health District"). Two members are appointed by the District Advisory Council on behalf of the Townships, one member is appointed by the District Advisory Council as a medical representative, one member is appointed by the Licensing Council that represents vendors who are inspected or certified by the Health District, and one member each is appointed by the Cities of Brunswick, Medina, and Wadsworth. The Board appoints a health commissioner and all employees of the Health District.

The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure the financial statements of the Health District are not misleading.

Primary Government

The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the Health District. The Health District's services include certification of birth and death records, communicable disease investigations, immunization clinics, environmental health inspections, reproductive health consultation, primary medical care including limited laboratory testing, preventative and restorative dental care, women-infant-children nutritional education, the issuance of health-related licenses and permits, health education, and public health emergency response planning.

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

Public Entity Risk Pool

The Health District participates in a public entity risk pool, Public Entities Pool of Ohio. Note 5 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As discussed further in Note 2, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the Health District's accounting policies.

Basis of Presentation

The Health District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Government-Wide Financial Statements The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the Health District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. These statements usually distinguish between those activities of the Health District that are governmental in nature and those that are considered business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts or other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. The Health District has no business-type activities.

The Statement of Net Position presents the cash and cash equivalent balances of the governmental activities of the Health District at year end. The Statement of Activities compares disbursements and program receipts for each program or function of the Health District's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the Health District is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient for the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program, and receipts of interest earned on grants that are required to be used to support a particular program. Receipts which are not classified as program receipts are presented as general receipts of the Health District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental program is self-financing on a cash basis or draws from the general receipts of the Health District.

Fund Financial Statements During the year, the Health District segregates transactions related to certain Health District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Health District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type. The Health District has no fiduciary funds.

Fund Accounting

The Health District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds are used to segregate resources that are restricted as to use. All the funds of the Health District are presented as governmental funds.

Governmental Funds Governmental funds are those through which the governmental functions of the Health District are financed. The following is the Health District's major governmental fund:

The General Fund accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund balance is available to the Health District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

The other governmental funds of the Health District account for grants and other resources to which the Health District is bound to observe constraints imposed on the use of resources.

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Basis of Accounting

The Health District's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Except for modifications having substantial support, receipts are recorded in the Health District's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Any such modifications made by the Health District are described in the appropriate section in this note.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and deferred outflows and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and deferred inflows and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued liabilities and their related expenses) are not recorded in these financial statements.

Budgetary Process

All funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Board of Health may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is the Board of Health's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Board of Health. The legal level of control has been established by the Board of Health at the fund, personal services and other, level for all funds.

ORC Section 5705.28(C)(1) requires the Health District to file an estimate of contemplated revenue and expenses with the municipalities and townships within the Health District by about June 1 (forty-five days prior to July 15). The county auditor cannot allocate property taxes from the municipalities and townships within the district if the filing has not been made.

ORC Section 3709.28 establishes budgetary requirements for the Health District, which are similar to ORC Chapter 5705 budgetary requirements. On or about the first Monday of April the Health District must adopt an itemized appropriation measure. The appropriation measure, together with an itemized estimate of revenues to be collected during the next fiscal year, shall be certified to the county budget commission. Subject to estimated resources, the Board of Health may, by resolution, transfer appropriations from one appropriation item to another, reduce or increase any item, create new items, and make additional appropriations or reduce the total appropriation. Such appropriation modifications shall be certified to the county budget commission for approval.

The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statement reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources in effect when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statement reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Board of Health.

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Budgetary Process (continued)

The appropriations resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budget reflect the first appropriation resolution that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriations passed by the Board of Health during the year.

Cash and Investments

The County Treasurer is the custodian for the Health District's cash and investments. The County's cash and investment pool holds the Health District's cash and investments, which are reported at the County Treasurer's carrying amount. Deposit and investment disclosures for the County as a whole may be obtained from the Medina County Treasurer, 144 North Broadway, Medina, Ohio.

Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of their use. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Inventory and Prepaid Items

The Health District reports disbursements for inventory and prepaid items when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

Capital Assets

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Health District's cash basis of accounting.

Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The Health District recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 6 and 7, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

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Long-Term Obligations

The Health District's cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when the cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when paid. Since recording a capital asset (including the tangible right-to-use) when entering into a lease, SBITA or financed purchase transaction is not the result of a cash transaction, neither another financing source nor a capital outlay expenditure is reported at inception. Lease payments, SBITA payments, and financed purchase payments are reported when paid.

Leases and SBITAs

For 2023, GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Technology Arrangements*, was effective. This GASB pronouncement had no effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

The Health District is the lessee (as defined by GASB 87) in various leases related to buildings and equipment under non-cancelable leases. Lease payables are not reflected under the Health District's cash basis of accounting. Lease disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

The Health District has entered into noncancelable Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) contracts (as defined by GASB 96) for several types of software including contracts related to practice management, chart software, and various other software. Subscription assets/liabilities are not reflected under the Health District's cash basis of accounting. Subscription disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

Net Position

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes primarily include amounts restricted for state and federal grants.

The Health District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available.

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Health District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable The nonspendable fund balance category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash. The Health District did not have any nonspendable fund balances.

Restricted Fund balance is reported as 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.

Committed The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by formal action (resolution) of the Board of Health. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Health removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Health District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the general fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the Board of Health or a Health District official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State statute.

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

The Health 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.

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Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Internal Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular cash disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

Note 3: Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Budget Basis presented for the general fund is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis is outstanding year end encumbrances are treated as cash disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as restricted, committed or assigned fund balance (cash basis) The encumbrances outstanding at year end (budgetary basis) amounted to \$208,920 for the general fund.

Note 4: Taxes

Property taxes

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the Health District. Property tax revenue received during 2023 for real and public utility property taxes represents collections of 2022 taxes.

2023 real property taxes are levied after October 1, 2023, on the assessed value as of January 1, 2023, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State law at 35 percent of appraised market value. 2023 real property taxes are collected in and intended to finance 2024.

Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

Public utility personal property currently is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2023 public utility property taxes which became a lien December 31, 2022, are levied after October 1, 2023, and are collected in 2024 with real property taxes.

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Note 4: Taxes (continued)

Property taxes (continued)

The full tax rate for all Health District operations for the year ended December 31, 2023, was \$0.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The assessed values of real property and public utility property upon which 2023 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

Real property	\$ 7,235,827,840
Public utility property	<u>366,408,420</u>
Total assessed value	\$ <u>7,602,236,260</u>

The County Treasurer collects property taxes on behalf of all taxing districts in the County, including the Health District. The County Auditor periodically remits to the Health District its portion of the taxes collected.

Tax abatements

As of December 31, 2023, several subdivisions within the County provide tax abatements through Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Tax Abatements.

Community Reinvestment Area (CRA)

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5709, nine subdivisions of the County have established Community Reinvestment Areas to provide property tax abatements to encourage revitalization of existing buildings and the construction of new structures. Abatements are obtained through application by the property owner, including proof that the improvements have been made. The amount of the abatement is a reduction in taxable assessed valuation.

The Health District's portion of property taxes not received due to CRA's was \$45,855 in 2023.

Note 5: Risk Management

The Health District is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees. The Health District insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

The Health District belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. PEP provides property and casualty coverage for its members. American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc. (ARPCO), a division of York Insurance Services Group, Inc. (York), functions as the administrator of PEP and provides underwriting, claims loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for PEP. PEP is a member of American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by ARPCO. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund PEP. PEP pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

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Note 5: Risk Management (continued)

Casualty and Property Coverage

APEEP provides PEP with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, PEP retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreement does not discharge PEP's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

Financial Position

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31, 2023 (most recent available):

	<u>2023</u>
Cash and investments	\$ 43,996,442
Actuarial liabilities	<u>(19,743,401)</u>
	<u>\$ 24,253,041</u>

Based on discussions with PEP, the expected rates PEP charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the annual liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to PEP for each year of membership. The Health District contributed \$33,211 to PEP in 2023.

After one year of membership, a member may withdraw on the anniversary of the date of joining PEP, if the member notifies PEP in writing (via certified mail) 60 days prior to the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to PEP. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to the withdrawal.

Note 6: Defined Benefit Pension Plans

The Statewide retirement systems provide both pension benefits and other postemployment benefits (OPEB).

Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability

Pensions and OPEB are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period.

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Note 6: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

Net Pension Liability/Net OPEB Liability (continued)

The net pension/OPEB liability (asset) represents the Health District's proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension/OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension/OPEB liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the Health District's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The Health District cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions/OPEB are financed; however, the Health District does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including pension and OPEB.

GASB 68/75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires funding to come from these employers. All pension contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes pension costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits. In addition, health care plan enrollees pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. State statute requires the retirement systems to amortize unfunded pension liabilities within 30 years. If the pension amortization period exceeds 30 years, each retirement system's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension/OPEB liability (asset). Resulting adjustments to the net pension/OPEB liability (asset) would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The Ohio Revised Code permits but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients.

The net pension/net OPEB liability (asset) are not reported on the face of the financial statements, but rather are disclosed in the notes because of the use of the cash basis framework.

The remainder of this note includes the pension disclosures. See Note 7 for the OPEB disclosures.

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Health District employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system which administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan, and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan. Effective January 1, 2022, new members may no longer select the combined plan, and current members may no longer make a plan change to this plan. While members (e.g. Health District employees) may elect the member-directed plan and the combined plan, substantially all employee members are in OPERS' traditional plan; therefore, the following disclosure focuses on the traditional pension plan.

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Note 6: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) (continued)

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members in the traditional plan were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional plan as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

Group A	Group B	Group C
Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	State and Local Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	State and Local Age and Service Requirements: Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30 years	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30 years	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35 years

FAS represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount. The amount of a member's pension benefit vests upon receipt of the initial benefit payment.

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, the member is eligible for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost-of-living adjustment is 3 percent. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

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Note 6: Defined Benefit Pension Plans (continued)

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) (continued)

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	<u>Traditional</u>
2023 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates	
Employer	14%
Employee	10%
2023 Actual Contribution Rates - Traditional	
Employer:	
Pension	14%
Post-employment Health Care Benefits	<u>-</u>
Total Employer	<u>14%</u>
Employee	10%

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

For 2023, The Health District's contractually required contribution was \$572,969 for the traditional plan, \$30,011 for the combined plan and \$19,051 for the member-directed plan.

Social Security

Some Health District employees contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

Employees contributed 6.2 percent of their gross salaries. The Health District contributed an amount equal to 6.2 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Health District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2023.

Note 7: Defined Benefit OPEB Plans

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description – The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

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Note 7: Defined Benefit OPEB Plans (continued)

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) (continued)

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust. The 115 Health Care Trust (115 Trust or Health Care Trust) was established in 2014, under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The purpose of the 115 Trust is to fund health care for the Traditional Pension, Combined and Member-Directed plans. Medicare-enrolled retirees in the Traditional Pension and Combined plans may have an allowance deposited into a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) account to be used toward the health care program of their choice selected with the assistance of an OPERS vendor. Non-Medicare retirees have converted to an arrangement similar to the Medicare-enrolled retirees, and are no longer participating in OPERS provided self-insured group plans.

With one exception, OPERS-provided health care coverage is neither guaranteed nor statutorily required. Ohio law currently requires Medicare Part A equivalent coverage or Medicare Part A premium reimbursement for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents.

OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to traditional pension plan and combined plan 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.

OPERS members enrolled in the traditional pension plan or combined plan retiring with an effective date of January 1, 2022, or after must meet the following health care eligibility requirements to receive an HRA allowance:

Medicare Retirees Medicare-eligible with a minimum of 20 years of qualifying service credit

Non-Medicare Retirees Non-Medicare retirees qualify based on the following age-and-service criteria:

- **Group A** 30 years of qualifying service credit at any age;
- **Group B** 32 years of qualifying service credit at any age or 31 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 52;
- **Group C** 32 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 55; or,
A retiree from groups A, B or C who qualifies for an unreduced pension, but a portion of their service credit is not health care qualifying service, can still qualify for health care at age 60 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying health care service credit.

Retirees who don't meet the requirement for coverage as a non-Medicare participant can become eligible for coverage at age 65 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying service.

Members with a retirement date prior to January 1, 2022 who were eligible to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022.

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Note 7: Defined Benefit OPEB Plans (continued)

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) (continued)

Eligible retirees may receive a monthly HRA allowance for reimbursement of health care coverage premiums and other qualified medical expenses. Monthly allowances, based on years of service and the age at which the retiree first enrolled in OPERS coverage, are provided to eligible retirees, and are deposited into their HRA account.

Retirees will have access to the OPERS Connector, which is a relationship with a vendor selected by OPERS to assist retirees participating in the health care program. The OPERS Connector may assist retirees in selecting and enrolling in the appropriate health care plan.

When members become Medicare-eligible, recipients enrolled in OPERS health care programs must enroll in Medicare Part A (hospitalization) and Medicare Part B (medical).

OPERS reimburses retirees who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A (hospitalization) for their Part A premiums as well as any applicable surcharges (late-enrollment fees). Retirees within this group must enroll in Medicare Part A and select medical coverage, and may select prescription coverage, through the OPERS Connector. OPERS also will reimburse 50 percent of the Medicare Part A premium and any applicable surcharges for eligible spouses. Proof of enrollment in Medicare Part A and confirmation that the retiree is not receiving reimbursement or payment from another source must be submitted. The premium reimbursement is added to the monthly pension benefit.

The health care trust is also used to fund health care for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or separation, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority allowing public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, OPERS no longer allocated a portion of its employer contributions to health care for the traditional plan.

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Note 7: Defined Benefit OPEB Plans (continued)

Plan Description – Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) (continued)

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2023, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0 percent of earnable salary. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2023, OPERS did not allocate any employer contribution to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and beginning July 1, 2022, there was a two percent allocation to health care for the Combined Plan. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the member-directed plan for 2022 was 4.0 percent; however, effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll. The Health District's contractually required contribution was \$12,623 for 2023.

Note 8: Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Health District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. Grantors may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

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Note 9: Fund Balances

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the Health District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the government funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented as follows:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Restricted for:			
Health center	\$ -	\$ 276,784	\$ 276,784
Environmental health	-	2,079,453	2,079,453
Community health	-	488,487	488,487
Total restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>2,844,724</u>	<u>2,844,724</u>
Committed for:			
Health benefit	179,549	-	179,549
Retirement	1,083,034	-	1,083,034
Capital outlay	597,397	-	597,397
Total committed	<u>1,859,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,859,980</u>
Assigned for:			
Encumbrances:			
Health center	87,425	-	87,425
Environmental health	16,973	-	16,973
Community health	24,729	-	24,729
Administrative services	78,793	-	78,793
2024 budget	<u>1,138,116</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,138,116</u>
Total assigned	<u>1,346,036</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,346,036</u>
Unassigned	<u>6,327,543</u>	<u>(205,263)</u>	<u>6,122,280</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$ <u>9,533,559</u>	\$ <u>2,639,461</u>	\$ <u>12,173,020</u>

Medina County Combined General Health District

Medina County, Ohio

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Note 10: Accountability

Fund balances at December 31, 2023 included the following individual fund deficits:

	<u>Fund Balance</u>
Non-Major Governmental Funds:	
Get Vaccinated Ohio Grant	\$ 15,436
FQHC Grant	91,761
Safe Communities	30
HIV Prevention	6,949
COVID Enhanced Operations	26,089
Vaccine Grant	461
Infrastructure Support	<u>64,537</u>
	\$ <u>205,263</u>

The general fund is liable for any deficit in these funds. The deficit fund balances resulted from timing of receipts and disbursements.

MEDINA COUNTY COMBINED GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
MEDINA COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
<i>Passed through Ohio Department of Health</i>			
WIC Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	10.557	05210011WA1623	\$ 288,668
		05210011WA1724	75,822
Total WIC Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children			364,490
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			364,490
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY			
<i>Passed through Ohio Department of Health</i>			
Beach Monitoring and Notification Program Implementation Grants	66.472	12E52611	22,500
Total U.S. Environmental Protection Agency			22,500
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
<i>Direct Program</i>			
<i>Health Center Program Cluster:</i>			
Grants for New and Expanded Services Under the Health Center Program	93.527	H80CS33658-05-00	427,374
		H80CS33658-04-00	158,914
		H8LCS51213-01-00	74
Total Grants for New and Expanded Services Under the Health Center Program			586,362
Health Center Program	93.224	H80CS33658-04-00	63,343
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Act - Health Center Program		H8FCS41114-01-001	530,550
Total Health Center Program			593,893
Total Health Center Program Cluster			1,180,255
<i>Passed through Ohio Department of Health</i>			
Family Planning Services	93.217	05210011RH0723	21,713
		05210011RH0824	22,335
Total Family Planning Services			44,048
Immunization Cooperative Agreements	93.268	05210012GV0523	27,526
		05210012GV0624	19,001
COVID-19 Immunization Cooperative Agreements		05210012CN0122	25,574
Total Immunization Cooperative Agreements			72,101
COVID-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases	93.323	05210012EO0222	36,722
		05210012EO0323	40,496
Total Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases			77,218
Public Health Emergency Response: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response	93.354	05210012WF0223	5,000
COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Response: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response		05210012WF0122	140,689
Total Public Health Emergency Response: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response			145,689
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069	05210012PH1423	114,760
		05210012PH1524	61,931
Total Public Health Emergency Preparedness			176,691
Opioid STR	93.788	1H79TI085753-01	20,000
		1H79TI085753-01	20,000
Total Opioid STR			40,000
National and State Tobacco Control Program	93.387	05210014TU0724	25,397
Grants for Capital Development in Health Centers	93.526	C8ECS43725-01-00	83,581
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	05210011RH0723	3,048
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			1,848,028
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			
<i>Passed through Ohio Department of Public Safety</i>			
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	SC-2023-52-00-00-00038-00	34,279
		SC-2024-52-00-00-00038-00	12,252
Total State and Community Highway Safety			46,531
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			46,531
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION			
<i>Passed through Ohio Department of Health</i>			
Injury Prevention and Control Research and State and Community Based Programs - Drug Overdose Prevention	93.136	05210014DR0423	54,750
Activities to Support State, Tribal, Local and Territorial (STLT) Health Department Response to Public Health or Healthcare Crisis	93.391	05210012WF0223	5,000
Center for Disease Control and Prevention Collaboration with Academia to Strengthen Public Health	93.967	05210012WF0223	40,235
Total Center for Disease Control and Prevention			99,985
Total			\$ 2,381,534

The accompanying note to this schedule is an integral part of this schedule.

**MEDINA COUNTY COMBINED GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Medina County Combined General Health District, Medina 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 position of the District.

NOTE B – 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 Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE

The District has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE D - 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

Medina County Combined General Health District
Medina County
4800 Ledgewood Drive
Medina, Ohio 44256

To 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 cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Medina County Combined General Health District, Medina County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 16, 2024, wherein we noted the District uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles.

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 purposes 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.

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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 16, 2024



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

Medina County Combined General Health District
Medina County
4800 Ledgewood Drive
Medina, Ohio 44256

To the Board of Health:

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited the Medina County Combined General Health District's, Medina 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 the Medina County Combined General Health District's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Medina County Combined General Health District's major federal program is identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

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

Basis for Opinion on the 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 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 the 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 the 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.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which is required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2023-001. Our opinion on the major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying corrective action plan. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

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. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2023-001, to be a significant deficiency.

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.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our audit described in the accompanying corrective action plan. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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 16, 2024

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**MEDINA COUNTY COMBINED GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
MEDINA 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	Unmodified
(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?	Yes
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Program's Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	Yes
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Center Program Cluster
(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 FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

Finding Number:	2023-001
AL Number and Title:	Health Center Program Cluster
Federal Award Identification Number / Year:	2023
Federal Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Compliance Requirement:	Special Tests and Provisions – Sliding Fee Discounts
Pass-Through Entity:	Not Applicable
Repeat Finding from Prior Audit?	Yes
Prior Audit Finding Number:	2022-001

Noncompliance and Significant Deficiency – Sliding Fee Discounts

42 CFR § 51c.303(f) requires a community health center to prepare a schedule of fees or payments for the provision of its services designed to cover its reasonable costs of operation and a corresponding schedule of discounts adjusted on the basis of the patient's ability to pay. *Provided*, That such schedule of discounts shall provide for a full discount to individuals and families with annual incomes at or below those set forth in the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of **42 U.S.C. 9902(2)**; and for no discount to individuals and families with annual incomes greater than twice those set forth in such Guidelines, except that nominal fees for services may be collected from individuals with annual incomes at or below such levels where imposition of such fees is consistent with project goals.

The **Medina County Health Department Sliding Fee Discount Program Policy** indicates the Medina County Health Center will provide services to all patients regardless of their ability to pay. A sliding fee scale for patients with income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level will provide discounts based solely upon family size and income

Lack of proper internal controls over Federal Grants management led to 1 of 25 Health Center patients not receiving the proper discount based on annual income.

Failure to correctly calculate and apply sliding fee discounts for eligible patients could result in patients paying more for services than required and possible misuse of federal funds.

The District should implement policies and procedures to ensure accurate calculation and application of sliding fee discounts.

Officials' Response: See Corrective Action Plan

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
2 CFR 200.511(b)
December 31, 2023

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2022-001	Noncompliance and Material Weakness – Sliding Fee Discounts Health Center patients did not receive the proper discount based on annual income.	Partially Corrected	A similar comment is included in the current year Schedule of Findings as a significant deficiency.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
2 CFR § 200.511(c)
December 31, 2023

Finding Number: 2023-001

Planned Corrective Action: One (1) of the 25 patients reviewed by an auditor showed the sliding fee scale not applied correctly. The misapplication was due to human error entering correct effective and expiration dates. The patient was undercharged therefore there is no refund due. While monthly billing quality control audits are conducted by staff, this particular patient was not pulled in the random sampling of billing charts reviewed.

Policy and procedures have been reviewed as a result of this one misapplication and found that a change to policy/procedures would not have prevented this error. The Billing Quality Control procedure will be updated no later than September 30, 2024 to increase the number of patient billings reviewed monthly from 20 to 40 per month. In addition, a review of 100% of patient billings involving the sliding fee scale for FY23 will be completed to ensure correct dates were entered and the proper application of the slide applied.

Although this is the second consecutive year that an auditor found issues with our application of the sliding fee program, it is worth noting that the number of errors have dramatically decreased to just one in this most recent audit. We understand the importance of this issue and will continue to make it a priority in our ongoing quality improvement activities.

Anticipated Completion Date: 12/31/2024

Responsible Contact Person: Debbie Kubena-Yatsko

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MEDINA COUNTY COMBINED GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

MEDINA COUNTY

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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