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STARK COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
STARK COUNTY
DECEMBER 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Stark County District Board of Health
Stark County
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To the District Board of Health:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the Stark County District Board of Health, Stark County, Ohio (the District), which comprises the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District, as of December 31, 2024, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinions

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

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *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.

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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 for the purpose of forming opinions on the District's 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 12, 2025, 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
Ohio Auditor of State



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September 12, 2025

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 Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements
 and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)
 All Governmental Fund Types
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	General	Special Revenue	Totals	
			(Memorandum Only)	
Cash Receipts				
Charges for Services	\$ 387,510	\$ 1,683,179	\$ 2,070,689	
Fines, Licenses and Permits	334,982	1,217,540	1,552,522	
Intergovernmental	2,418,114	2,574,126	4,992,240	
Miscellaneous	410,657	59,507	470,164	
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>3,551,263</u>	<u>5,534,352</u>	<u>9,085,615</u>	
Cash Disbursements				
Current				
Health				
Personal Services - Salaries and Wages	1,316,639	3,105,230	4,421,869	
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	874,104	1,024,449	1,898,553	
Supplies and Materials	343,263	90,382	433,645	
Purchased Services	610,332	866,913	1,477,245	
Capital Outlay	0	9,583	9,583	
Other Allocations	250,040	788,559	1,038,599	
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>3,394,378</u>	<u>5,885,116</u>	<u>9,279,494</u>	
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>156,885</u>	<u>(350,764)</u>	<u>(193,879)</u>	
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>156,885</u>	<u>(350,764)</u>	<u>(193,879)</u>	
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>1,633,095</u>	<u>2,275,961</u>	<u>3,909,056</u>	
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 1,789,980</u>	<u>\$ 1,925,197</u>	<u>\$ 3,715,177</u>	

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 1 - Reporting Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Stark County District Board of Health, Stark County, (the District) as a body corporate and politic. An eight-member Board and a Health Commissioner govern the District. The District's services include communicable disease investigations, immunization clinics, inspections, tuberculosis screening, public health nursing services and the District issues health-related licenses and permits.

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

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

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

Fund Accounting

The 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. The funds of the District are presented below:

1. General Fund

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

2. Special Revenue Funds

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

Public Health Nursing Fund – This fund accounts for clinical fees collected for the administration of vaccines as well as contractual services offered to other governmental entities that involve nursing services.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Fund - This Federal grant fund accounts for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program.

Food Service Fund - This fund receives monies for food service licenses and permits.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Fund Accounting (continued)

Construction and Demolition Debris Disposal Fund – This fund is established to account for receipts of tipping fees under O.R.C. 3714.07(4) used to administer rules regarding the regulation of such facilities accepting such items.

Home Sewage Treatment Systems (HSTS) – This fund is established to account for permit and user fees under O.R.C. 3718.02 used to administer rules regarding the regulation of home sewage treatment systems and small flow onsite systems.

Basis of Accounting

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

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

Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to budget each fund annually.

Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The District Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

Estimated Resources

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

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Encumbrances

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

A summary of 2024 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Capital Assets

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

Accumulated Leave

District employees earn sick and vacation time that can be used for time off. In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave..

Leases and SBITAs

The District is the lessee in various leases (as defined by GASB 87) related to buildings, vehicles, and other equipment under noncancelable leases. Lease disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

The 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 financial systems and various other software. Subscription disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

Fund Balance

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

1. Nonspendable

The District classifies assets as nonspendable when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. For regulatory purposes, nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the District and the nonspendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

2. Restricted

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

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3. Committed

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

4. Assigned

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

5. Unassigned

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

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

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 11.

Note 3 - Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2024 follows:

2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$2,918,378	\$3,551,263	\$632,885
Special Revenue	5,643,720	5,534,352	(109,368)
Total	\$8,562,098	\$9,085,615	\$523,517

▲◆ Budgetary Footnote Test 2024

2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$4,551,471	\$3,534,886	\$1,016,585
Special Revenue	7,866,449	6,141,298	1,725,151
Total	\$12,417,920	\$9,676,184	\$2,741,736

▲◆ Budgetary Footnote Test 2024

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

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

Note 5 – Intergovernmental Funding

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

The County is responsible for assessing property and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the District.

Note 6 - Risk Management

Workers' Compensation

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

Risk Pool Membership

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

- General liability
- Public Official's Wrongful Acts & Employment Practices
- Automobile Physical Damage
- Property
- Equipment breakdown
- Excess Liability
- Employee Dishonesty
- Automotive Liability

The Pool reported the following summary of actuarially-measured liabilities and the assets as of December 31:

<u>2024</u>	
Cash and investments	\$48,150,572
Actuarial Liabilities	\$22,652,556

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Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employee Retirement System

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2024, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. Of the 10% contribution due from employees, the District currently picks up 4.25%. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2024.

Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan. OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax-free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents. For calendar year 2024, the portion of OPERS employer contributions allocated to health care was 0 percent for members in the traditional pension plan and 2 percent for members in the combined plan. For 2024, the portion of employer contributions OPERS allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent; however, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

Note 9 - Contingent Liabilities

The District is a defendant in a lawsuit. Although management cannot presently determine the outcome of the suit, management believes that the resolution of this matter will not materially or adversely affect the District's financial condition.

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor 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.

Note 10 – Lease

The District entered into a building lease in November 2018. The District moved into the building in November 2019. A supplemental lease for an additional 377 square feet for the year 2021 was approved by the District on January 10th, 2021. This expired December 31st, 2021. Another supplemental lease was signed in November 2021 for an additional 3,100 square feet which commences January 1st, 2022 and expires October 31st, 2029. Another supplemental lease was signed January 9th, 2025 for 4,256 of additional unfinished garage space. The term of this lease commences March 1st, 2025 and expires October 31st, 2029. The annual cost of this lease with all amendments is \$380,016. See below for the future amortization of that lease.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**Note 10 – Lease (continued)****Amortization**

Amortization of the above lease is scheduled as follows:

Year December 31,	Ending Leases
2025	372,298
2026	380,016
2027	380,016
2028	380,016
2029	372,298
Total	<u>\$1,884,644</u>

Note 11 – Fund Balances

Included in fund balance are encumbrances which are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end the balances of these amounts were as follows:

Fund Balances	General	Special Revenue	Total
Outstanding Encumbrances	140,508	256,182	396,690

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

Note 12 – COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June 2021 while the national state of emergency ended in April 2023. During 2024, the District received COVID-19 funding. The District will continue to spend available COVID-19 funding consistent with the applicable program guidelines. The 2024 activity includes, \$27,554 which was sub-granted to other governments and organizations.

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**STARK COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
STARK COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor Program Title	Federal AL Number	Pass Through Entity Number	Provided to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
<i>Passed Through the Ohio Department of Health / Passed Through City of Canton</i>				
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children	10.557	76-2-001-1-WA-1324	\$0	\$317,874
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children	10.557	76-2-001-1-WA-1325	0	88,282
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			0	406,156
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health:</i>				
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States				
Adolescent Health Resiliency	93.994	76-1-001-1-AH-0124	16,000	112,500
Adolescent Health Resiliency	93.994	76-1-001-1-AH-0225	0	37,500
Reproductive Health & Wellness Grant	93.994	76-1-001-1-RH-1425	2,507	16,458
Cribs for Kids	93.994	76-1-001-1-CK-0624	23,147	78,516
Preconception Health and Wellness	93.994	76-1-001-1-PW-0124	0	114,936
Total Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States			41,654	359,910
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant	93.991	76-1-001-4-CC-1124	22,387	242,632
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant	93.991	76-1-001-4-IC-0624	45,000	108,625
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant	93.991	76-1-001-4-IC-0725	3,500	61,375
Total Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant			70,887	412,632
Activities to Support State, Tribal, Local and Territorial (STLT) Health Department Response to Public Health or Healthcare Crises				
Community Health Worker Workforce Development Initiative	93.391	76-1-001-1-WD-0123	9,801	21,411
Total Activities to Support State, Tribal, Local and Territorial (STLT) Health Department Response to Public Health or Healthcare Crises			9,801	21,411
COVID-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)	93.323	76-1-001-2-EO-0323	4,579	164,227
Total COVID-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)			4,579	164,227
COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Response: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response	93.354	76-1-001-2-WF-0223	0	298,360
Total COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Response: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response			0	298,360
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant	93.069	76-2-001-2-PH-0724	30,959	71,104
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant	93.069	76-2-001-2-PH-0125	20,800	97,142
Total Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant			51,759	168,246
Medicaid Cluster:				
Medical Assistance Program (Title XIX)	93.778	N/A	0	14,401
Total Medicaid Cluster			0	14,401
Family Planning Services	93.217	76-1-001-1-RH-1324	9,705	35,533
Family Planning Services	93.217	76-1-001-1-RH-1425	41,113	145,706
Total Family Planning Services			50,818	181,239
Immunization Cooperative Agreements - Public Health Initiative	93.268	76-1-001-2-GV-0324	10,769	41,855
Immunization Cooperative Agreements - Public Health Initiative	93.268	76-1-001-2-GV-0425	4,421	31,489
Total Immunization Cooperative Agreements - Public Health Initiative			15,190	73,344
<i>Passed Through Summit County Public Health:</i>				
Injury Prevention and Control Research and State and Community Based Programs:				
Regional Prevention & Linkages to Care FY24	93.136	RL24	0	50,000
Total Injury Prevention and Control Research and State and Community Based Programs			0	50,000
Total Department of Health & Human Services			244,687	1,743,770
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health:</i>				
<i>Passed Through Summit County Public Health:</i>				
Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and other Substances Use Program:				
Regional Prevention & Linkages to Care Supplemental FY24	16.838	RL24	0	49,978
Regional Prevention & Linkages to Care Supplemental FY25	16.838	RL25	0	29,967
Total U.S. Department of Justice			0	79,945
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health</i>				
Highway Safety Cluster				
National Priority Safety Program	20.600	76-1-001-4-BB-0124	11,400	23,575
National Priority Safety Program	20.600	76-1-001-4-BB-0725	2,100	53,596
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			13,500	77,171
Total Expenditure of Federal Awards			258,187	2,307,042

The accompanying notes to this schedule are an integral part of this schedule.

**STARK COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
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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, 2024**

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Stark County District Board of Health (the District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2024. 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 or 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 - SUBRECIPIENTS

The District passes certain federal awards received from the Ohio Department of Health to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients). As Note B describes the District reports expenditures of Federal awards to subrecipients when paid in cash.

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

NOTE E - 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.

NOTE F – REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES FOR GRANT DELIVERABLES

The District receives federal grant funds some of which are paid on what is known as the "deliverable" basis. Deliverable grants are grants where funds are received only after certain goals are achieved as opposed to reimbursements for expenditures incurred. The District reports amounts received as expenditures for those grants.



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

Stark County District Board of Health
Stark County
7235 Whipple Avenue NW
North Canton, Ohio 44720

To the District Board of Health:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements of the Stark County District Board of Health, Stark County, Ohio (the District) and have issued our report thereon dated September 12, 2025, wherein we noted the District followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(C) permit.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

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Stark County
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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
Ohio Auditor of State



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September 12, 2025



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

Stark County District Board of Health
Stark County
7235 Whipple Avenue NW
North Canton, Ohio 44720

To the District Board of Health:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Stark County District Board of Health's, Stark County, (District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Stark County District Board of Health's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2024. Stark County District Board of Health's major federal programs are identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, Stark County District Board of Health complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements

Applicable to Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over

Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

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

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State



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September 12, 2025

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STARK COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
STARK COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
DECEMBER 31, 2024

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Adverse under GAAP, unmodified under regulatory basis
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	AL# 10.557 - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children AL# 93.354 - Public Health Emergency Response AL# 93.991 - Preventive Health & Health Services Block Grant
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?	No

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

None

3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



STARK COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

STARK 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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