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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Greater Warren County Drug Task Force
Warren County
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Greater Warren County Drug Task Force's (the Task Force) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Task Force. The Task Force is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Task Force.

The Task Force's Board and the management of the Task Force have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the Task Force's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. No other party acknowledged the appropriateness of the procedures. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of the report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

For the purposes of performing these procedures, this report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

Cash

1. Warren County is the custodian for the Task Force's deposits, and therefore the County's deposit and investment pool holds the Task Force's assets. We compared the Task Force's fund balances reported on its December 31, 2022 Fund Balance Report to the balances reported in Warren County's accounting records. The amounts agreed.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2021 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Balance Report to the December 31, 2020 balances in the prior year documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2022 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Balance Report to the December 31, 2021 balances in the Fund Balance Report. We found no exceptions.

Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

1. We confirmed the intergovernmental receipts totaling \$214,937.57 for 2021 and \$186,307.85 for 2022 from the Warren County receipt ledger to receipt packets from the Task Force. We found no exceptions.
 - a. We inspected the County receipt ledger to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the County receipt ledger to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Other Receipts

We selected 10 other receipts from the year ended December 31, 2022 and 10 other receipts from the year ended 2021 and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount in the Warren County Receipt Ledger to supporting documentation. The amounts agreed.
- b. Confirmed the amounts charged complied with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
- c. Inspected the Warren County Receipt Ledger to determine the receipt was posted to the proper fund and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. The prior agreed-upon procedures disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2020.
2. We inquired of management and inspected the Warren County Receipt Ledger for evidence of debt issued during 2022 or 2021 or debt payment activity during 2022 or 2021. No new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2022 or 2021 was found.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2022 and one payroll check for five employees from 2021 from the Warren County payroll ledger and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Warren County Payroll ledger to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the fund and account codes to which the check was posted to determine the posting was allowable based on the employees' duties as documented in the employees' personnel files. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2022 to confirm remittances were timely paid, and if the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employer's share where applicable, during the final withholding period of 2022. We observed the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes & Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2023	12/23/2022	\$342,605.23	\$342,605.23

State income taxes	January 15, 2023	12/23/2022	\$68,386.14	\$68,386.14
City of Lebanon	January 31, 2023	12/23/2022	\$56,548.68	\$56,597.59
City of Middletown	January 31, 2023	12/23/2022	\$1,593.64	\$1,593.64
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2023	12/23/2022	\$706,779.29	\$706,779.29

We found no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the Warren County expenditure ledger for the year ended December 31, 2022 and 10 from the year ended 2021 and determined whether:
 - a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
 - b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the Warren County expenditure ledger and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
 - c. The payment was posted to a fund consistent with the restricted purpose for which the fund's cash can be used. We found no exceptions.

Sunshine Law Compliance

1. We obtained and inspected the Task Force's Public Records Policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(2) and 149.43(B)(7)(c) and did not limit the number of responses that may be made to a particular person, limit the number of responses during a specified period of time, or establish a fixed period of time before it will respond unless that period is less than eight hours. We found no exceptions.
2. We inquired with management and determined that the Task Force did not have any completed or denied public records requests or any public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the Task Force had a records retention schedule and observed that it was readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2). We found no exceptions.
4. We inspected written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
5. We inspected the Task Force's policy manual and determined the public records policy was included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
6. We observed that the Task Force's poster describing their Public Records Policy was displayed conspicuously in all branches of the Task Force as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
7. We inquired with Task Force management and determined that the Task Force did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inquired with Task Force management and determined that the task Force did not have any elected officials subject to the Public Records Training requirements during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(1) and 109.43(B).
9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and

determined the Task Force notified the general public and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period were to be held as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.

10. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C) and determined whether they were:
 - a. Prepared – a file is created following the date of the meeting
 - b. Filed – placed with similar documents in an organized manner
 - c. Maintained - retained, at a minimum, for the engagement period
 - d. Open to public inspection – available for public viewing or request.We found no exceptions.
11. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) and determined the following:
 - a. Executive sessions were only held at regular or special meetings.
 - b. The purpose for the meetings and going into an executive session (when applicable) correlated with one of the matters listed in Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G).
 - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.We found no exceptions.

Other Compliance

1. Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 requires councils to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. This statute also permits the Auditor of State to extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. Auditor of State established policies, regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. We confirmed the Council filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.
2. We inspected the Auditor of State's listing of registered Council of Governments to determine if the Council of Government had completed the registration process with the Auditor of State as required. We found no exceptions.

We were engaged by the Task Force to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Task Force's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Task Force and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the ethical requirements established by the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* related to our agreed upon procedures engagement.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Faber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

December 6, 2023

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GREATER WARREN COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

WARREN 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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