

March 18, 2022

Management and the Board of Public Health
Mid-Michigan District Health Department
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We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of Mid-Michigan District Health Department (the Organization) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021. We are required to communicate certain matters to you in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America that are related to internal control and the audit.

Our communication includes the following:

- I. Auditors' Communication of Significant Matters with Those Charged with Governance
- II. Matters for Management's Consideration

Matters for management's consideration are not required to be communicated but we believe are valuable for management.

We discussed these matters with various personnel in the Organization during the audit and with management. We would also be pleased to meet with you to discuss these matters at your convenience.

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Health and management of the Organization and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Appendix I Auditors' Communication of Significant Matters with Those Charged with Governance

Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated December 1, 2021. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Organization are described in the footnotes of the financial statements. The Organization has adopted the following Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements effective October 1, 2020:

- Statement No. 97, *Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans*, (1) increases consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs the duties that a governing board typically would perform; (2) mitigates costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPEB plans (other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and (3) enhances the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans.

We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statement in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the Organization's financial statements were:

- The useful lives of its capital assets. Useful lives are estimated based on the expected length of time during which the asset is able to deliver a given level of service.
- Net pension liability and related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. The estimate is based on an actuarial report.
- Other post-employment benefits and related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. The estimate is based on an actuarial report.
- Medicaid Cost Based Reimbursement liability. The estimate is based on historical results and knowledge of current year services provided to determine how much may be recaptured in future years.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop these estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear.

Accounting Standards

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has released additional Statements. Details regarding these Statements are described in Note 1 of the financial statements.

Cybersecurity Posture

Cybersecurity posture, an overall measure of cybersecurity strength, is more prevalent than ever as organizations continue to face cybersecurity risks. Billions of emails are sent every day, some of which contain attachments with malicious files or malicious embedded links aimed at negatively impacting unsuspecting organizations. Not only can a successful attack cost thousands of dollars and put a strain on IT resources while remediation efforts are underway, but sensitive information may be breached. Additionally, cyber insurance coverage may be difficult or costly to obtain without adequate safeguards in place within your organization.

Risk assessment is a first step in mitigating cybersecurity risks and improving your organization's overall cybersecurity posture. The National Institute of Standards and Technology published *Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity*, which "enables organizations, regardless of size, degree of cybersecurity risk, or cybersecurity sophistication, to apply the principles and best practices of risk management to improving the security and resilience of critical infrastructure." The framework is designed to cover five areas including identification, protection, detection, responsiveness and recovery. The publication can be found at www.nist.gov. Once you have performed a risk assessment, it's time to take action. A few simple solutions that are recommended to prevent cyber-attacks include:

- **Document your program** – Identify specific roles and responsibilities as well as adopting security policies and procedures for your organization to follow, is generally a good practice to have guidelines to follow in the event of an attack. Annually, risks should be reassessed, and the program should be modified to address any identified risks.
- **Offsite back up location** – Frequent data back ups are a good safeguard; but if your entire network is compromised, restoring a back up saved to the network, becomes problematic. Routinely backing up data and storing offsite, allows for your organization to get back up and running as quickly as possible, if your network is attacked.
- **Require routine password changes** – Frequently, people have a bad habit of using the same password for multiple applications. Inevitably, at some point that password will likely be compromised in one of those applications. Requiring users to change their password routinely, reduces the risk of your system being accessed with a compromised password. Requiring a complex password to be of a certain length and contain a mixture of character types, reduces your risk even further.
- **Utilizing multifactor authentication (MFA)** – knowing that people may use the same password to access multiple applications, this extra security layer makes it more difficult for attackers to gain access to your system. Microsoft claims that MFA can block over 99.9 percent of account compromise attacks.
- **Provide cybersecurity training** – Security awareness training provides a human firewall to protect your system. Training sessions and automated simulated attacks are utilized to help train people on how to spot phishing email attacks. Yeo & Yeo is able to provide security training to your employees.

Placing significant emphasis on evaluating your organization's cybersecurity posture, and channeling sufficient resources towards proper risk assessment, implementation, and education will reduce the likelihood of a cybersecurity threat and help lessen the impact of a breach.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements.

The following material misstatements were detected as a result of our audit procedures and corrected by management:

- An adjustment of \$171,800 was required to increase receivables and deferred inflows of resources for the outstanding amounts related to space and equipment lease agreements, as these balances had not been recorded at year end. Prior to this adjustment, receivables and deferred inflows of resources were understated by \$171,800.
- An adjustment of \$212,919 was required to increase the Medicaid Cost Based Reimbursement liability and decrease the related income, as these balances had not been properly reconciled at year end. Prior to this adjustment, liabilities were understated and income was overstated by \$212,919.

There were no known uncorrected misstatements that were more than trivial.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated as of the date of the audit report.

Management's Consultations with Other Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Organization's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Reports

Other information that is required to be reported to you is included in the: Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance For Each Major Federal Program; Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; Independent Auditors' Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Grant Guidance; and the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Please read all information included in those reports to ensure you are aware of relevant information.

Report on Required Supplementary Information

We applied certain limited procedures to management's discussion and analysis and the remaining required supplementary information (RSI) as described in the table of contents of the financial statements that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Appendix II

Matters for Management's Consideration

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Mid-Michigan District Health Department as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, we considered Mid-Michigan District Health Department's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

However, during our audit we became aware of the following matters for management's consideration that are opportunities for improving compliance. This letter does not affect our report dated March 18, 2022, on the financial statements of Mid-Michigan District Health Department. Our comments and recommendations are:

Electronic Transactions Policy

The Organization does not have a written policy concerning electronic transactions of public funds. Michigan Public Act 738 of 2002 requires the Organization to adopt a written electronic transaction policy. We recommend that management review the requirements, draft a policy and present the policy to the Board of Public Health for approval.

Indirect Costs

The State of Michigan performed a program audit of the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Their report identified that the Organization was not in compliance with the program indirect costs limitation. Total indirect costs for the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Funding should not exceed 30% of the grant. During our audit we reviewed the indirect costs related to this program for the period October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. We noted that \$2,929 was charged to the grant that should have been covered by local funds. This amount may be taken back by the grantor at their discretion. We recommend reviewing the process of charging indirect costs to this particular grant to ensure the process includes calculating and evaluating the 30% limitation.