

Tuscarawas County Healthcare Consortium (A Component Unit of Tuscarawas County) Tuscarawas County, Ohio

Audited Financial Statements

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2018



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Tuscarawas County Healthcare Consortium, Tuscarawas County, prepared by Rea & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Tuscarawas County Healthcare Consortium is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

May 21, 2019



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May 2, 2019

To the Board of Directors Tuscarawas County Healthcare Consortium 125 East High Avenue New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Tuscarawas County Healthcare Consortium, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, (Consortium), a component unit of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Consortium's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Consortium's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 Consortium's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Tuscarawas County Healthcare Consortium, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, a component unit of Tuscarawas County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2018, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Loss Development Information as listed in the table of contents, to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about 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 do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 2, 2019 on our consideration of the Consortium's internal control over financial reporting and on 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 Consortium'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 Consortium's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Lea & Casociates, Inc.

New Philadelphia, Ohio

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended December 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

The management's discussion and analysis of the Tuscarawas County Healthcare Consortium's (the "Consortium") financial performance provides an overall review of the Consortium's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2018. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Consortium's performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Consortium's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlight for 2018 is as follows:

• In total, net position decreased \$767,160, which represent a 155 percent decrease from 2017.

Using this Annual Financial Report

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 Consortium's financial activities. The *Statement of Net Position* and *Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position* provide information about the activities of the Consortium, including all short-term and long-term financial resources and obligations. The *Statement of Cash Flows* provides information about cash provided by or used in various activities of the Consortium.

Reporting the Consortium's Financial Activities

Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position and the Statement of Cash Flows

These documents look at all financial transactions and ask the question, "How did we do financially during 2018?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position answer this question. These statements include *all assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, revenues and expenses* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Consortium's *net position* and changes in net position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Consortium as a whole, the *financial position* of the Consortium has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not.

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended December 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about how the Consortium finances and meets the cash flow needs of its operations.

The Consortium uses enterprise presentation for all of its activities.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

Net PositionUnrestricted

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

Table 1

Table 1 provides a summary of the Consortium's net position for 2018 compared to 2017.

	Net Position				
	2018	2017	Change		
Assets Current Assets	\$ 1,476,422	\$ 2,019,963	\$ (543,541)		
Liabilities Current Liabilities	1,749,147	1,525,528	223,619		

A decrease in cash is the main change in current assets. This decrease is due to an increase in claims being paid. Current liabilities increased due to the increase in claims payable.

\$ (272,725) _\$

494,435 \$ (767,160)

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended December 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for 2018 and 2017.

Table 2 Changes in Net Position

	2018	2017	Change	
Operating Revenues				
Participant Contributions	\$ 7,737,507	\$ 7,700,433	\$ 37,074	
Other	72,419	97	72,322	
Total Operating Revenues	7,809,926	7,700,530	109,396	
Operating Expenses				
Contractual Services	813,426	732,743	80,683	
Claims	7,760,297	7,191,553	568,744	
Other	3,363	98,517	(95,154)	
Total Operating Expenses	8,577,086	8,022,813	554,273	
Operating Loss	(767,160)	(322,283)	(444,877)	
Net Position Beginning of Year	494,435	816,718	(322,283)	
Net Position End of Year	\$ (272,725)	\$ 494,435	\$ (767,160)	

The primary expenses for the Consortium are claims paid for medical, hospitalization, vision and prescription claims, and represents the largest percent of total operating expenses. The majority of the funding is premiums received from member subdivisions. The Consortium aims to maintain premium revenues at a level sufficient to exceed current year claims expense.

The increase in other revenues is due to prescription drug rebates.

Contacting the Consortium's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our member subdivisions, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Consortium's finances and to show the Consortium's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Larry Lindberg, Tuscarawas County Auditor, Courthouse Annex, 125 East High Avenue, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 or by e-mail at lindberg@co.tuscarawas.oh.us.

Statement of Net Position December 31, 2018

Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Investments with Fiscal Agent	\$	1,341,264
Accounts Receivable		72,433
Prepaid Items		62,725
Total Assets		1,476,422
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable		281
Claims Payable		1,619,658
Unearned Revenue		129,208
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Total Liabilities		1,749,147
Net Position		
Unrestricted	\$	(272,725)

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Operating Revenues Participant Contributions Other	\$ 7,737,507 72,419
Total Operating Revenues	 7,809,926
Operating Expenses Contractual Services Claims Other	813,426 7,760,297 3,363
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Change in Net Position	(767,160)
Net Position Beginning of Year	494,435
Net Position End of Year	\$ (272,725)

Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Cash Flows from Operating Activities Cash Received from Members Cash Received from Other Operations Cash Payments for Contractual Services Cash Payments for Claims Other Cash Payments	\$ 7,830,289 111 (822,028) (7,622,401) (3,363)
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(617,392)
Cash and Investments Beginning of Year	1,958,656
Cash and Investments End of Year	\$ 1,341,264
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	
Operating Loss	\$ (767,160)
	\$ (767,160) (70,568) (3,283)
Operating Loss Adjustments: (Increase) Decrease in Assets: Accounts Receivable	(70,568)

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

The Tuscarawas County Healthcare Consortium (the "Consortium") is a legally separate entity organized under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 167. The Consortium was established on January 1, 2017, formed by certain political subdivisions located within Tuscarawas County, for the purpose of obtaining medical and hospitalization benefits for the employees of the members in the Consortium. Prior to becoming a separate entity, the activity of the Consortium was reported as an internal service fund of Tuscarawas County.

Some of the more significant provisions of the Consortium are as follows:

A. Board of Directors

The Consortium shall have a Board of Directors which shall, among other duties, determine the general policy of the Consortium. The Board of Directors shall consist of five members. Four members shall be appointed by the Tuscarawas County Commissioners and one member shall be appointed by the remaining members by majority vote. The Board of Directors shall include a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The election of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be made annually by the members of the Board of Directors at the first Directors' meeting of the new fiscal year.

The term of the office shall be for two years beginning January 1 and ending December 31. A person appointed to serve as a Director on the Board shall remain office until (1) the Consortium receives evidence of the appointment of a successor, or (2) the effective time of the withdrawal from or termination of the member from the Consortium.

B. Termination of the Consortium

The Consortium shall be terminated upon majority vote of its members. In the event of termination, all assets must be first used to pay all debts and legal obligations of the Consortium. All assets remaining after the satisfaction of all legal obligations shall be distributed to members on a prorate basis as determined by their membership dues. No member of the Consortium shall be liable for any debt or obligation of the Consortium.

C. Withdrawal from Membership

A member may withdraw from membership in the Consortium by formal action of its governing board and upon six months written notice to the Consortium after such action. The withdrawing member shall become a non-voting member of the Consortium and if serving as a Director shall be deemed to have resigned as a Director upon such notice. Specifics governing the withdrawal of a Consortium member and the run out of all claims for such Consortium member are addressed in Section 10 of the Consortium Agreement.

D. Fiscal Agent

The Fiscal Agent is responsible for administering the financial transactions of the Consortium. For 2018, Tuscarawas County served as Fiscal Agent for the Consortium. The Fiscal Agent carries out the responsibilities of the Operating Fund, enters into contracts on behalf of the Consortium as authorized by the Board of Directors and carries out such other responsibilities as approved by the Board of Directors and agreed to by the Fiscal Agent. The Tuscarawas County Auditor serves as the Treasurer of the Consortium. The Fiscal Agent is reimbursed for such costs incurred by it in carrying out its responsibilities as may be approved by the Board of Directors.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

E. Benefits

Member contributions are used to provide medical, hospitalization, prescription drug and vision insurance benefits as provided for in the Member's Plan Document and as established by law. The Board of Directors determines, at their discretion, the insurance benefits to be provided by or through the Consortium. Insurance limits, types of claims covered, eligibility for benefits and any deductibles shall be approved the by the governing board of each member and shall be described in the Member's Plan Document. The Board of Directors determines, at their discretion, which insurance carriers and policies to utilize to provide benefits pursuant to the Consortium Agreement.

F. Operating Fund

The Operating Fund consists of all monthly contributions made to the Fiscal Agent in accordance with the Consortium Agreement. Interest earned on monies in the Operating Fund shall be credited to the Operating Fund.

The Fiscal Agent may use the Operating Fund for purposes such as, but not limited to:

- 1. Transfer funds to a third-party administrator for payment of claims;
- 2. Pay premiums of the Consortium's stop-loss insurance coverage; and
- 3. Pay fees of any third-party administrator, Fiscal Agent, consultants and lawyers.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Consortium have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to local governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Consortium's significant accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity* as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units* and GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34.* The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the basic financial statements of the Consortium are not misleading. On this basis, no governmental organizations other than the Consortium itself are included in the financial reporting entity. The Consortium is considered a component unit of Tuscarawas County for reporting purposes.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

B. Fund Accounting

The Consortium maintains its accounting records in accordance with the principles of "fund" accounting. Fund accounting is a concept developed to meet the needs of government entities in which legal or other restraints require the recording of specific receipts and disbursements. The Consortium uses an enterprise fund to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. For financial statement presentation purposes, the Consortium utilizes the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

D. Measurement Focus

The Consortium's activities are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the Consortium's operations are included on the statement of net position. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Consortium meets cash flow needs of its enterprise activity.

E. Prepaid Items

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2018, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expenditure/expense is reported in the year in which services are consumed.

F. Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenues represent contributions paid in advance of the coverage date by members at December 31, 2018. The premiums will be recognized as revenue in the month to which they pertain.

G. Receivables and Contributions

All receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts, if any. Receivables are recorded as an asset in the period that they are earned. Receivables are written off when deemed uncollectible. The Consortium had no uncollectible amounts at December 31, 2018.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

All members are required to remit monthly contributions to the Consortium, which are used to pay claims and administrative expenses. The monthly contribution is determined for each member in accordance with the number and age of covered employees and dependents and the prior loss experience of the respective member. Member contributions are recorded in revenue in the period that they are earned.

H. Net Position

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Consortium had no restricted net position at year end.

I. Operating Revenues and Expenses

The Consortium distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues generally result from participants contributions for insurance coverage. Operating expenses for the Consortium include the payment of claims, carrier stop loss premiums and administrative and other fees. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

J. Budgetary Process

Each member subdivision of the Consortium is required by Ohio law to adopt an annual budget. The Consortium itself is not required to follow the budgetary process and, therefore, no budgetary information is provided in these basic financial statements.

K. Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS WITH FISCAL AGENT

The Consortium's Fiscal Agent maintains the Consortium financial activity under a specific fund designated for Consortium activity. The Fiscal Agent is responsible for administering the financial transactions of the Consortium. For 2018, Tuscarawas County served as Fiscal Agent for the Consortium. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments.

The County Treasurer is the custodian for the Consortium's cash and investments. The County's cash and investment pool holds the Consortium's cash and investments, which are reported at the County Treasurer's carrying amount. Deposits and investments disclosures for the County as a whole may be obtained from the County. The Tuscarawas County Treasurer's office is located in the County Annex Building at 125 E. High Avenue, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663. The phone number is (330) 365-3254.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

NOTE 4: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Consortium is a jointly governed organization which acts as a governmental risk pool for health insurance (including prescription and vision) coverage for its 29 member subdivisions. The risk of loss for loss transfers from the member subdivisions to the Consortium upon payment of the monthly premium.

The Consortium employs the services of an outside consultant to assist them in administering the Consortium. The Consortium also uses Aultcare as their third party administrator.

No employer, employee, or person claiming benefit by or through an employee shall have any claim against the Consortium or any property of the Consortium. The rights and interest of employees and persons claiming by or through employees shall be limited receipt benefits offered by or through the Consortium in accordance with the Consortium Agreement. The Consortium purchases or otherwise provides for the benefit of itself, the Board of Directors and/or the Fiscal Agent such liability insurance with such limits of coverage as approved by the Board of Directors. Any member subdivision which withdraws from the Consortium pursuant to the Consortium Agreement has no claim to the Consortium's assets.

It is not necessary for each member subdivision to hold a reserve for Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) claims. The IBNR information is presented by the Consortium as required by GASB Statement No. 10, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 30, *Risk Financing Omnibus*, and is not available on an individual subdivision basis.

The Consortium is self-insured for member subdivision employee health insurance claims but maintains stop gap loss insurance with Aultcare for \$200,000 on an individual basis. The Consortium pays covered claims to service providers and recovers these costs from premium charges to member subdivisions based on calculations provided with the Consortium's consultant in conjunction with Aultcare which is the third party administrator.

The claims liability of \$1,619,658 reported at December 31, 2018, is based on an estimate provided by the third party administrator and the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 30 which requires that a liability for unpaid claim costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be reported. The estimate was not affected by incremental claim adjustment expenses and does not include other allocated or unallocated claim adjustment expenses. Changes in the Consortium's claims liability for 2017 and 2018 are as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year		Current Years Claims		Claims Payments		Balance		
							End of Year		
2017	\$	1,158,706	\$	7,191,553	\$	6,868,497	\$	1,481,762	
2018	\$	1,481,762	\$	7,760,297	\$	7,622,401	\$	1,619,658	

NOTE 5: LITIGATION

The Consortium is not party to any legal proceedings that would, in the Consortium's opinion, have a material effect on the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

Loss Development Information

The following table illustrates how the Consortium's earned revenue and investment income compares to related costs of loss and other expenses assumed by the Consortium as of the end of the year. The rows of the table are defined as follows:

- (1) This line shows the total of each year's gross earned premiums and reported investment income.
- (2) This line shows each year's other operating costs of the Consortium including overhead and loss adjustment expenses not allocable to individual claims.
- (3) This line shows the Consortium's gross incurred losses and allocated loss adjustment expense as originally reported at the end of the year in which the event that triggered coverage occurred (called *accident year*).
- (4) This section shows the cumulative net amounts paid as of the end of the accident year.
- (5) This section shows how each accident year's net incurred losses increased or decreased as of the end of the year. (This annual re-estimation results from new information received on known losses, re-evaluation of existing information on known losses and emergence of new losses not previously known).
- (6) This line compares the latest re-estimated net incurred losses amount to the amount originally established (line 3) and shows whether this latest estimate of losses is greater or less than originally thought.

As data for individual accident years mature, the correlation between original estimates and re-estimated amounts is commonly used to evaluate the accuracy of net incurred losses currently recognized in less mature accident years. The columns of the table show data for successive accident years. Loss development information for the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2018 is provided on the next page.

Required Supplementary Information Loss Development Information

	2017		2018	
1. Premiums and investment income	\$	7,700,530	\$	7,809,926
2. Unallocated expenses		831,260		816,789
3. Estimated losses incurred and expenses, end of year		7,191,553		7,760,297
4. Paid, cumulative as of:				
End of accident year		6,868,497		7,622,401
One year later		7,152,772		
5. Re-estimated incurred losses and expense:				
End of accident year		7,191,553		7,760,297
One year later		6,550,235		
6. Increase (decrease) in estimated incurred losses and				
expenses from end of accident year		(641,318)		-

Note: Schedule accumulates up to 10 years.



May 2, 2019

To the Board of Directors Tuscarawas County Healthcare Consortium 125 East High Avenue New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Independent Auditor's 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

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, the financial statements of the Tuscarawas County Healthcare Consortium, Tuscarawas County, Ohio (Consortium), a component unit of Tuscarawas County, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Consortium's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 2, 2019.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Consortium's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances 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 Consortium's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Consortium'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 entity'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 may exist that have not been identified.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Consortium'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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 Consortium'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Lea Hasscietes, Inc.

New Philadelphia, Ohio





TUSCARAWAS COUNTY HEALTHCARE CONSORTIUM TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JUNE 4, 2019