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**GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
NOBLE COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

General Health District
Noble County
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To the Board of Health:

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying financial statement and related notes of the General Health District, Noble County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting this financial statement in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on this financial statement based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the District prepared this financial statement using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the Government does not intend this statement to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

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* paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does 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, 2014, or changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the combined cash balances of the General Health District, Noble County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2014, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 23, 2015, 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. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on 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.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

July 23, 2015

**GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
NOBLE COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue		
Cash Receipts				
Charges for Services	\$17,151	\$1,064,333	\$0	\$1,081,484
Fines, Licenses and Permits	4,766	55,917	0	60,683
Intergovernmental:				
Apportionments	279,477	0	0	279,477
Grants	14,638	423,840	0	438,478
Other	3,952	0	0	3,952
Miscellaneous	11,882	11,563	135	23,580
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>331,866</u>	<u>1,555,653</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>1,887,654</u>
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
Health:				
Salaries	248,220	953,561	0	1,201,781
Fringe Benefits	53,320	269,186	0	322,506
Contracts	10,400	152,928	0	163,328
Travel	5,784	53,222	0	59,006
Utilities/Building Expenses	18,030	15,576	0	33,606
Supplies	7,319	34,118	160	41,597
Other Expenses	22,896	31,538	0	54,434
Capital Outlay	8,563	7,867	0	16,430
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>374,532</u>	<u>1,517,996</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>1,892,688</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>(42,666)</u>	<u>37,657</u>	<u>(25)</u>	<u>(5,034)</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)				
Advances In	153,000	168,500	0	321,500
Advances Out	(168,500)	(153,000)	0	(321,500)
Other Financing Sources	0	0	187,847	187,847
Other Financing Uses	0	0	(187,771)	(187,771)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>(15,500)</u>	<u>15,500</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>76</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(58,166)</u>	<u>53,157</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>(4,958)</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>144,844</u>	<u>189,488</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>334,463</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				
Restricted	0	163,366	182	163,548
Assigned	1,119	79,279	0	80,398
Unassigned (Deficit)	85,559	0	0	85,559
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$86,678</u></u>	<u><u>\$242,645</u></u>	<u><u>\$182</u></u>	<u><u>\$329,505</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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**GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
NOBLE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the General Health District, Noble County (the District), as a body corporate and politic. A five-member Board and a Health Commissioner govern the District. The District's services include but are not limited to communicable disease investigations, home health, issuing birth and death certificates, immunization clinics, inspections, public health nursing services and issuing health-related licenses and permits.

The District participates in the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) public entity risk pool. Note 5 to the financial statements provide additional information for this entity.

The District's management believes this financial statement presents all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

B. Accounting Basis

This financial statement follows the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. 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).

This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Deposits and Investments

As required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Noble 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.

D. Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The District classifies its funds into the following types:

1. General Fund

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

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 Fund:

Home Health Nursing Services (HH) Fund - This fund receives fees for providing home nursing services to elderly and homebound persons.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

3. Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments which are not available to support the District's own programs.

The District's *private purpose trust* fund is for the benefit of local service agencies, individuals and schools who meet on a monthly basis to share information about the services and/or upcoming events their respective organizations provide. Additionally, they bring to the table any observation of perceived needs for the community in order that solutions may be sought.

Agency funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to hold resources for individuals, organizations or other governments. The District disburses these funds as directed by the individual, organization or other government. The District's agency fund accounts for employee deductions and the employer share for health care and life insurance premiums.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to budget each fund annually (except certain agency funds).

1. 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. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end. The District does not budget for Other Financing Uses in the Agency Fund.

2. 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 also approve estimated resources. The District does not budget for Other Financing Sources in the Agency Fund.

3. 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 re-appropriated.

A summary of 2014 budgetary activity appears in Note 2.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

F. 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.

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.

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*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by the Board or a District official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

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.

G. Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

H. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statement does not include a liability for unpaid leave.

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2014 follows:

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$328,085	\$331,866	\$3,781
Special Revenue	1,575,923	1,555,653	(20,270)
Private Purpose Trust	180	135	(45)
Total	\$1,904,188	\$1,887,654	(\$16,534)

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$389,831	\$375,651	\$14,180
Special Revenue	1,538,165	1,522,867	15,298
Private Purpose Trust	300	160	140
Total	\$1,928,296	\$1,898,678	\$29,618

3. INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUNDING

The Noble County Commissioners serve as a special taxing authority for a special levy outside the ten-mill limitation to provide the District with sufficient funds for health programs. The levy generated \$279,477 in 2014. The financial statement presents these amounts as intergovernmental receipts.

4. 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 2014, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2014.

**GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Continued)**

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The District insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

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

Casualty and Property Coverage

APEEP provides PEP with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, PEP retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2013, PEP retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$100,000 for property claims.

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

Financial Position

PEP's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2013 and 2014:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Assets	\$34,411,883	\$35,402,177
Liabilities	<u>(12,760,194)</u>	<u>(12,363,257)</u>
Net Position	<u>\$21,651,689</u>	<u>\$23,038,920</u>

At December 31, 2013 and 2014, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$11.6 million and \$11.1 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$11.1 million and \$10.8 million of unpaid claims to be billed. The Pool's membership increased from 475 members in 2013 to 488 members in 2014. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2014, the District's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$4,000.

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Continued)**

5. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

<u>Contributions to PEP</u>	
<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$5,486	\$5,646

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

6. RISK POOL MANAGEMENT

For fiscal year 2014, the Health District joined the Ohio Public Entity Consortium Health Care Cooperative's (OPEC-HC) joint self-insurance program to provide health care benefits which includes medical, hospitalization, prescription, dental, vision and life coverage. The intent of the OPEC-HC is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the Health District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the OPEC-HC. The Consortium, OPEC-HC, contracts with a third party administrator to handle stop loss coverage. The current third party administrator is the Jefferson Health Plan. Monthly premiums for the cost of claims are remitted to the marketing firm, Ohio Insurance Association, who in turn pays the claims on the Health District's behalf. Participation in OPEC-HC is limited to entities that meet the OPEC-HC selection criteria.

7. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Management is not aware of any pending litigation against the District.

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.

8. MEMBERSHIPS

In August of 2013, the District joined with other members of the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (AOHC) to establish the Local Public Health Services Collaborative, LLC (LLC). The purpose of the LLC is to provide billing services, manage credentialing services for participating local health districts and negotiate insurance contracting with private insurers. As members of the LLC, the participating health districts use the same fee schedules and billing policies. The operation or control of the LLC is placed in the Health Commissioners of the original participating (Charter) local health districts.



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

General Health District
Noble County
44069 Marietta Road
Caldwell, Ohio 43724

To the Board of Health:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statement of the General Health District, Noble County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated July 23, 2015, wherein we noted the District followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code § 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(D) permit.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statement, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the District's financial statement. 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 internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "Y".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

July 23, 2015



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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.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
AUGUST 13, 2015**