

**NOBLE COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

NOBLE COUNTY, OHIO

REGULAR AUDIT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Noble County Health Department, Noble County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. 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 Noble County Health Department is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

August 02, 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

Noble County Health Department
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To the Members of the Board of Health:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total of the Noble County Health Department, Noble County, Ohio, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinions 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 and the fiduciary fund type combined total of the Noble County Health Department, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022 in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) as 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 referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Noble County Health Department, as of December 31, 2022, or changes in net 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 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 Noble County Health Department 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 Noble County Health Department 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 a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to meet the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C). 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.

Though the Noble County Health Department does not intend these statements 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 Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Our opinions on this accounting basis are in the "Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting" paragraph above.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C). 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 misstatements, 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 Noble County Health Department'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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 Noble County Health Department'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.

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- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Noble County Health Department's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 26, 2023 on our consideration of the Noble County Health Department'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 Noble County Health Department'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 Noble County Health Department's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Julian & Grube, Inc.
June 26, 2023

Noble County Health Department
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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, 2022

	General	Special Revenue	Combined Total
Cash Receipts			
Charges for Services	\$ 20,310	\$ 603,754	\$ 624,064
Fines, Licenses and Permits	5,884	64,198	70,082
Intergovernmental:			
Apportionments	730,075	-	730,075
Grants	-	873,917	873,917
Other	4,010	-	4,010
Non-Governmental Grants	11,200	-	11,200
Miscellaneous	15,555	49,862	65,418
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>787,035</u>	<u>1,591,732</u>	<u>2,378,766</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
Health:			
Salaries	393,234	1,015,611	1,408,845
Fringe	101,337	301,257	402,594
Contract	18,687	49,855	68,542
Travel	2,672	24,268	26,940
Utilities/ Building Expenses	13,440	13,136	26,575
Supplies	10,794	149,135	159,929
Equipment/ Capital	55,768	7,840	63,608
Other Expenses	57,204	50,207	107,410
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>653,135</u>	<u>1,611,309</u>	<u>2,264,444</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>133,900</u>	<u>(19,577)</u>	<u>114,322</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)			
Advances In	273,390	120,000	393,390
Advances Out	(120,000)	(273,390)	(393,390)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>153,390</u>	<u>(153,390)</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	287,290	(172,967)	114,323
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>916,057</u>	<u>714,822</u>	<u>1,630,878</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 1,203,346</u>	<u>\$ 541,855</u>	<u>\$ 1,745,201</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

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Combined Statement of Additions, Deductions
and Changes in Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)
All Fiduciary Fund Types
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Fiduciary Fund Types		
	Private Purpose Trust	Custodial	Combined Total
Additions			
Amounts Held for Employees	\$ -	\$ 261,541	\$ 261,541
<i>Total Additions</i>	-	261,541	261,541
Deductions			
Distributions on Behalf of Employees	-	256,820	256,820
Other Distributions	338	-	338
<i>Total Deductions</i>	338	256,820	257,158
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	(338)	4,721	4,383
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	338	197	535
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	\$ -	\$ 4,918	\$ 4,918

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 – Reporting Entity

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

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

The Health Department participates in the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) public entity risk pool. Note 7 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The Health Department'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 and a combined statement of additions, deductions and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all fiduciary fund types which are all on a fund type basis.

Fund Accounting

The Health Department 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 Health Department are presented below:

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 Health Department for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

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.

Fiduciary Funds Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds, investment trust funds, and custodial funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement meeting certain criteria.

The Health Department'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.

Custodial funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to report fiduciary activity that is not required to be reported in a trust fund. The Health Department's custodial fund accounts for employee deductions and the employer share for health care, dental, vision and life insurance premiums.

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For regulatory purposes, certain own source revenues are permitted to flow through clearing funds presented as custodial funds. The amounts distributed to the other funds of the entity are identified on the combined statement of additions, deductions and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) all fiduciary fund types. Also, for regulatory purposes, certain deposits and clearing funds are permitted to be presented as custodial funds.

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 Board 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 Health Department to budget each fund annually (except certain custodial funds).

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

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

Encumbrances The Ohio Revised Code requires the Health Department to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2022 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Capital Assets

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

Accumulated Leave

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.

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Fund Balance

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

Nonspendable The Health Department 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 Health Department.

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.

Committed The Board can commit amounts via formal action (resolution). The Health Department 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.

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.

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 Health Department 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.

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Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2022, follows:

2022 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts*	Variance
General	\$692,000	\$1,060,425	\$368,425
Special Revenue	1,412,640	1,711,732	299,092
Private Purpose Trust	20	0	(20)
Total	\$2,104,660	\$2,772,157	\$667,497

* Includes advances-in in the amount of \$273,390 and \$120,000 for the General fund and Special Revenue fund type, respectively. Advances-in were not included as Budgeted Receipts per the Health Department.

2022 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures**	Variance
General	\$777,000	\$773,135	\$3,865
Special Revenue	1,763,970	1,884,699	(120,729)
Private Purpose Trust	338	338	0
Total	\$2,541,308	\$2,658,172	(\$116,864)

** Includes advances-out in the amount of \$120,000 and \$273,390 for the General Fund and Special Revenue fund type, respectively. Advances-out were not included in the Appropriation Authority per the Health Department.

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

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

Note 5 – Intergovernmental Funding and Property Taxes

Intergovernmental Funding

The Noble County Commissioners serve as a special taxing authority for a special levy outside the ten-mill limitation to provide the Health Department with sufficient funds for health programs. The levy generated \$730,075 in 2022. The financial statement presents these amounts as intergovernmental receipts

Note 6 – Interfund Balances

Outstanding advances at December 31, 2022, consisted of \$112,500 advanced to Special Revenue funds to provide working capital for operations or projects.

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Note 7 – Risk Management

The Health Department is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses and injuries to employees.

The Health Department insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker’s Compensation.

Risk Pool Membership

The Health Department 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 (local entity’s) policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official’s liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31, 2021 (the latest information available):

	<u>2021</u>
Cash and investments	\$ 41,996,850
Actuarial liabilities	\$ 14,974,099

Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The Health Department’s thirty-four 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 postemployment healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries, and the Health Department contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants’ gross salaries. The Health Department has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2022.

Social Security

The Health Department’s five Board of Health members contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

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Employees contributed 6.2 percent of their gross salaries. The Health Department contributed an amount equal to 6.2 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Health Department has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2022.

Note 9 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan, that includes multiple health care plans including medical coverage, prescription drug coverage, deposits to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, and Medicare Part B premium reimbursements, to qualifying benefit recipients. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the traditional pension plan and combined plan was 0 percent during calendar year 2022. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent during calendar year 2022.

Effective January 1, 2022, OPERS discontinued the group plans currently offered to non-Medicare retirees and re-employed retirees. Instead, eligible non-Medicare retirees will select an individual medical plan. OPERS will provide a subsidy or allowance via an HRA allowance to those retirees who meet health care eligibility requirements. Retirees will be able to seek reimbursement for plan premiums and other qualified medical expenses.

Note 10 – Contingent Liabilities

The Health Department is not aware of any pending litigation against the department.

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Health Department 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 11 – Fund Balances

Included in fund balance are amounts the Health Department cannot spend, including the balance of unclaimed monies, which cannot be spent for five years and the unexpendable corpus of the permanent funds. The Health Department did not have any nonspendable fund balances. Encumbrances 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.

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. These restricted or committed amounts in the special revenue funds would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned. At year end, the Health Department did not have any outstanding encumbrances.

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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 April, 2023. During 2022, the Health Department received COVID-19 funding. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the Health Department. The impact on the Health Department's future operating costs, revenues, and additional recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

During 2022, the Health Department received subgrants for COVID-19 response activities from the Ohio Department of Health. Receipts from these subgrants are recorded as special revenue grant receipts on the accompanying financial statements. Expenditures of these subgrant receipts are reflected as special revenue expenditures in the Special Revenue Funds of the accompanying financial statements.

**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***

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To the Members the 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, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental fund type and the fiduciary fund type combined total of the Noble County Health Department, Noble County, Ohio, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2023, wherein we noted as described in Note 2 to the financial statements, the Noble County Health Department followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 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 Noble County Health Department'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 Noble County Health Department's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Noble County Health Department'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 the Noble County Health Department'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.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Noble County Health Department'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*.

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Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *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 Noble County Health Department'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 Noble County Health Department's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Julian & Grube, Inc.

June 26, 2023

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



NOBLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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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.



Certified for Release 8/15/2023

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