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**FAIRFIELD COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY  
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Fairfield County General Health District  
Fairfield County  
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To the Board of Health:

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### ***Unmodified and Adverse Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of the Fairfield County General Health District, Fairfield County, Ohio (the District), which comprises the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### ***Unmodified Opinion 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 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, 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 do 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, 2023, or the changes in financial 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 (GAAS) 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 District, 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 District 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 an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements. 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.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. 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 misstatement, 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 District'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 GAAS and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *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 GAAS 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 District'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.

- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District'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.

***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted to opine on the financial statements as a whole.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The schedule is the responsibility of management and derives from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 12, 2024, 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. 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 District'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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

September 12, 2024

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**FAIRFIELD COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT  
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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, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
<b>Cash receipts:</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 561,699	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 561,699
Charges for services	392,594	249,445	-	642,039
Licenses and permits	468,487	605,170	-	1,073,657
Intergovernmental	580,196	1,225,774	-	1,805,970
Investment earnings	-	6,068	-	6,068
Other	7,054	1,965	-	9,019
Total cash receipts	<u>2,010,030</u>	<u>2,088,422</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,098,452</u>
<b>Cash disbursements:</b>				
Current:				
Health:				
Salaries and wages	615,283	1,234,660	-	1,849,943
Fringe benefits	231,002	467,635	-	698,637
Contractual services	247,026	503,684	-	750,710
Materials and supplies	92,929	147,291	-	240,220
Other	2,079	1,839	-	3,918
Capital outlay	35,450	24,505	28,057	88,012
Total cash disbursements	<u>1,223,769</u>	<u>2,379,614</u>	<u>28,057</u>	<u>3,631,440</u>
Excess of receipts over (under) disbursements	<u>786,261</u>	<u>(291,192)</u>	<u>(28,057)</u>	<u>467,012</u>
<b>Other financing receipts (disbursements):</b>				
Transfers in	-	87,512	178,057	265,569
Transfers (out)	(246,777)	(18,792)	-	(265,569)
<b>Total other financing receipts (disbursements)</b>	<u>(246,777)</u>	<u>68,720</u>	<u>178,057</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund cash balances	539,484	(222,472)	150,000	467,012
<b>Fund cash balances, January 1</b>	<u>1,053,543</u>	<u>1,247,299</u>	<u>1,750,000</u>	<u>4,050,842</u>
<b>Fund cash balances, December 31</b>	<u>\$ 1,593,027</u>	<u>\$ 1,024,827</u>	<u>\$ 1,900,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,517,854</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE HEALTH DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY**

The Fairfield County General Health District and the District of Lancaster Health Department separated on January 1, 2011 and the District became known as the Fairfield County General Health District (the “District”) in accordance with 3709.07 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is operated by a Board to address safety, health and wellness of the residents of Fairfield County.

The District’s Board is directed by a five-member Board and a Health Commissioner. The District services include communicable disease investigations, immunization clinics, inspections, vital statistics, public health nursing services, and health-related licenses and permits.

The District’s management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable. The District has no component units.

**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The District’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.

**B. Fund Accounting**

The District 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 District are presented below:

**General Fund** - The General Fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The General Fund balance is available 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. The District had the following significant special revenue funds:

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Fund - The WIC Fund accounts for grant monies for the administration of the WIC program.

Bioterrorism Grant Fund - The Bioterrorism Grant Fund accounts for State grant monies for bioterrorism prevention and education, as well as the District’s share of the federal grant funding provided under the CARES Act for eligible COVID-related expenditures.

**Capital Project Funds** - These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The District has one such fund, the Capital Improvement Fund, which is accumulating resources for general capital improvements of the District.

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

**C. 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), commonly referred to as the regulatory basis of accounting. 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).

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.

**D. Budgetary Process**

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

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

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

*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 reappropriated.

A summary of the 2023 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**E. Capital Assets**

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

**F. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused sick and vacation leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

**G. Leases and Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements**

Accruals related to leases (as defined by GASB 87) and Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangement (SBITA) contracts (as defined by GASB 96) are not reflected under the Health District's cash basis of accounting. Lease and SBITA disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

**H. Fund Balance**

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

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**NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)**

Nonspendable - The District classifies assets as nonspendable when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

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 imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

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 the existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual commitments.

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 all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) fund balance is 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 10.

**NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2023 follows:

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$2,041,321	\$2,010,030	(\$31,291)
Special Revenue	2,393,348	2,175,934	(217,414)
Capital Projects	178,057	178,057	0
Total	\$4,612,726	\$4,364,021	(\$248,705)

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,714,640	\$1,511,497	\$203,143
Special Revenue	2,834,626	2,440,526	394,100
Capital Projects	50,000	28,057	21,943
Total	\$4,599,266	\$3,980,080	\$619,186

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**NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

As required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Fairfield 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.

**NOTE 5 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUNDING AND PROPERTY TAXES**

*Intergovernmental Funding*

The County apportions the excess of the District's appropriations over other estimated receipts among the townships and municipalities composing the District, based on their taxable property valuations. The County withholds the apportioned excess from property tax settlements and distributes it to the District. The financial statements present these amounts as intergovernmental receipts.

*Property Taxes*

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the taxing authority of the subdivision to whose jurisdiction the District is subject adopted tax rates. The State Department of Taxation, Division of Tax Equalization, adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include credits and/or deduction amounts the State pays as intergovernmental receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the District.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the District.

**NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

**A. Comprehensive**

The District is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees. The District belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (the "Pool"), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local Districts. The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the District'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 actuarially-measured liabilities and assets available to pay those liabilities as of December 31, 2023:

	<u>2023</u>
Cash and investments	\$ 43,996,442
Actuarial liabilities	19,743,401

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**NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)**

The District has made no significant reductions to coverage compared to the prior year, and settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three years.

**B. Medical and Dental**

In January of 2023, this District left the South Central Ohio Insurance Consortium (SCOIC), and joined the Fairfield County Insurance Plan, to provide medical, dental, and vision insurance for its employees.

**NOTE 7 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

District employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes the plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes prescription rates. OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries, and the District contributed an amount equal equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2023.

**NOTE 8 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan. OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax-free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents. For calendar year 2023, the portion of OPERS employer contributions allocated to health care was 0.00% for members in the traditional pension plan and 2.00% for members in the combined plan. For 2023, the portion of employer contributions OPERS allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.00%; however, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

**NOTE 9 - CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Grants**

The District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect, if any, on the financial condition of the District at December 31, 2023.

**B. Litigation**

The District is not party to any legal proceedings that, in the opinion of management, will have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the District.

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**NOTE 10 - 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. At year end the balances of these amounts were as follows:

Fund Balances	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Total
Outstanding encumbrances	\$ 40,951	\$ 42,120	\$ -	\$ 83,071

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of capital projects funds are restricted, committed, or assigned. These restricted, committed, and assigned amounts in the special revenue funds and capital projects funds would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

**NOTE 11 - OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FUNDS**

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the District received federal funding passed through the Ohio Department of Health as follows:

Federal Grantor	Department of Agriculture	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
AL Number	10.557	93.069	93.268
Grant Title	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	Public Health Emergency Preparedness	Immunization Cooperative Agreements
Project Number(s)	02310011WA1623 02310011WA1724	02310012PH1423 02310012PH1524	02310012GV0523 02310012GV0624
Federal Expenditures	\$449,662	\$135,286	\$23,589
Federal Grantor	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
AL Number	93.391	93.439	93.967
Grant Title	Activities to Support STLT Health Department	State Physical Activity and Nutrition	CDC's Collaboration with Academic to Strengthen Public Health
Project Number(s)	02310012WF0223	6 NU58DP006505-04-00 NU58DP006505 1 NU58DP007560-01-00	02310012WF0223
Federal Expenditures	\$690	\$42,864	\$690

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**NOTE 11 - OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FUNDS - (Continued)**

Federal Grantor	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
AL Number	93.323	93.008	93.354
Grant Title	COVID-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infections Diseases	Medical Reserve Corps Small Grant Program	Public Health Emergency Response: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response
Project Number(s)	02310012EO0222 02310012EO0323	MRC RISE 22-2699 MRC RISE 22-2699 EXTENSION MRC 23-2699	02310012WF0122 02310012WF0223
Federal Expenditures	\$470,947	\$29,734	\$181,683
Federal Grantor	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
AL Number	93.994	93.959	93.788
Grant Title	Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	Opioid STR
Project Number(s)	02310011CK0223 02310011CK0324	PREVCOE-FY23-02	Project Dawn Stipend
Federal Expenditures	\$9,295	\$50,000	\$2,500
Federal Grantor	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency		
AL Number	66.472		
Grant Title	Beach Monitoring and Notification Program Implementation Grants		
Project Number(s)	12E52611		
Federal Expenditures	\$24,821		

**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 in April 2023. During 2023, the District received COVID-19 funding. The District will continue to spend available COVID-19 funding consistent with the applicable program guidelines.



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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title	Federal AL Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health</i>			
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	10.557	02310011WA1623	352,591
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	10.557	02310011WA1724	97,071
Total Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children			<u>449,662</u>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			<u><b>449,662</b></u>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health</i>			
Immunization Cooperative Agreements	93.268	02310012GV0523	15,375
Immunization Cooperative Agreements	93.268	02310012GV0624	8,214
Total Immunization Cooperative Agreements			<u>23,589</u>
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health</i>			
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069	02310012PH1423	79,448
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069	02310012PH1524	55,838
Total Public Health Emergency Preparedness			<u>135,286</u>
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health</i>			
COVID-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases	93.323	02310012EO0222	306,625
COVID-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases	93.323	02310012EO0323	164,322
Total COVID-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases Fund passed through Ohio Department of Health			<u>470,947</u>
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health</i>			
Public Health Emergency Response: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response	93.354	02310012WF0122	114,014
Public Health Emergency Response: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response	93.354	02310012WF0223	67,669
Total Public Health Emergency Response: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response Fund Passed Through Ohio Department of Health			<u>181,683</u>
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health</i>			
Activities to Support State, Tribal, Local and Territorial (STLT) Health Department Response to Public Health or Healthcare Crises	93.391	02310012WF0223	690
Total Activities to Support State, Tribal, Local and Territorial (STLT) Health Department Response to Public Health or Healthcare Crises			<u>690</u>
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health</i>			
CDC's Collaboration with Academia to Strengthen Public Health	93.967	02310012WF0223	690
Total CDC's Collaboration with Academia to Strengthen Public Health			<u>690</u>
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health</i>			
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	02310011CK0223	7,592
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	02310011CK0324	1,703
Total Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States Fund Passed Through Ohio Department of Health			<u>9,295</u>
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health</i>			
State Physical Activity and Nutrition	94.439	6 NU58DP006505-04-00	31,782
State Physical Activity and Nutrition	94.439	NU58DP006505	9,676
State Physical Activity and Nutrition	94.439	1 NU58DP007560-01-00	1,406
Total State Physical Activity and Nutrition			<u>42,864</u>
<i>Passed Through National Association of County and City Health Officials</i>			
Medical Reserve Corps Small Grant Program	93.008	MRC RISE 22-2699	19,151
Medical Reserve Corps Small Grant Program	93.008	MRC RISE 22-2699 EXTEN	7,238
Medical Reserve Corps Small Grant Program	93.008	MRC 23-2699	3,345
Total Medical Reserve Corps Small Grant Program			<u>29,734</u>
<i>Passed Through Ohio University</i>			
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	PREVCOE-FY23-02	50,000
Total Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse			<u>50,000</u>
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Health</i>			
Opioid STR	93.788	Project Dawn Stipend	2,500
Total Opioid STR			<u>2,500</u>
<b>TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>			<u><b>947,278</b></u>
<b>U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>			
<i>Passed Through Bureau of Health Improvement &amp; Wellness, Violence &amp; Injury Prevention Program</i>			
Beach Monitoring and Notification Program Implementation Grants	66.472	12E52611	24,821
Total Beach Monitoring and Notification Program Implementation Grants			<u>24,821</u>
<b>TOTAL U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</b>			<u><b>24,821</b></u>
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			<u><u><b>1,421,761</b></u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Fairfield County General Health District (the District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the District.

**NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

**NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE**

The District has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**NOTE D - MATCHING REQUIREMENTS**

Certain Federal programs require the District to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The District has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.

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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

Fairfield County General Health District  
Fairfield County  
1550 Sheridan Drive, Suite 100  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

To 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements of the Fairfield County General Health District, Fairfield County, (the District) and have issued our report thereon dated September 12, 2024, wherein we noted the District followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 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 District'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 District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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 District'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 District'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*.

***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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber  
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Columbus, Ohio

September 12, 2024

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Fairfield County General Health District  
Fairfield County  
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Lancaster, Ohio 43130

To the Board of Health:

### **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

#### ***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited Fairfield County General Health District's, Fairfield County, (District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Fairfield County General Health District's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. Fairfield County General Health District's major federal programs are identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, Fairfield County General Health District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

#### ***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for Compliance***

The District's Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's federal programs.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. 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 GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

September 12, 2024

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**FAIRFIELD COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
2 CFR § 200.515  
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

<b>(d)(1)(i)</b>	<b>Type of Financial Statement Opinion</b>	Unmodified
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(ii)</b>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iii)</b>	<b>Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(iv)</b>	<b>Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(v)</b>	<b>Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion</b>	Unmodified
<b>(d)(1)(vi)</b>	<b>Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?</b>	No
<b>(d)(1)(vii)</b>	<b>Major Programs (list):</b>	AL 10.557 - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children AL 93.323 - Covid-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases
<b>(d)(1)(viii)</b>	<b>Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs</b>	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
<b>(d)(1)(ix)</b>	<b>Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?</b>	No

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None

**3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

None

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**FAIRFIELD COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT**

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

**AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION**

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



**Certified for Release 9/26/2024**

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