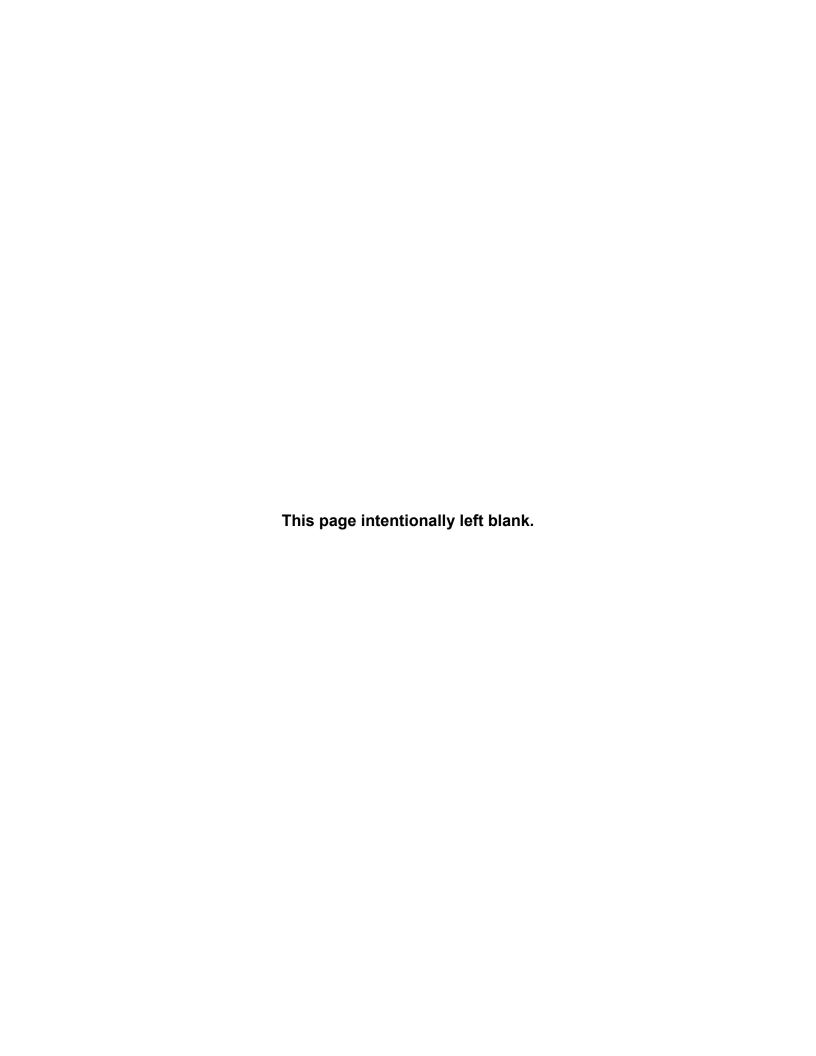




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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

General Health District Noble County 44069 State Route 821 Caldwell, Ohio 43724

To Members of the Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the General Health District, Noble County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001. This financial statement is the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the District prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of the General Health District, Noble County, as of December 31, 2001, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 2, 2002 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 grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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We performed our audit to form an opinion on the financial statement of the District, taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures is presented for additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the financial statement. We subjected this information to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and, in our opinion, it is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statement taken as a whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Board and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other then these specified parties.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

October 2, 2002

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	Special Revenue	Fiduciary Funds	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:				
Levies-Property Taxes	\$135,640	\$	\$	\$135,640
Federal Awards		348,457		348,457
Other Intergovernmental	62,149	147,898		210,047
Charges for Services	11,481	339,651		351,132
Licenses and Permits	5,540	61,013		66,553
Miscellaneous	6,901	22,764	425	30,090
Total Cash Receipts	221,711	919,783	425	1,141,919
Cash Disbursements:				
Salaries - Employees	167,750	569,748		737,498
Supplies	20,855	61,056	389	82,300
Contracts - Equipment	40	0	611	651
Contracts - Services	17,442	91,279		108,721
Travel and Expenses	7,576	32,824		40,400
Public Employee's Retirement	22,697	64,961		87,658
Worker's compensation and DWR	2,095	7,331		9,426
Other Expenses	4,936	15,723		20,659
Other Expenses - Maintenance	0	95		95
Medicare/Insurance	11,419	69,931		81,350
Capital Outlay	0	1,007		1,007
Other Contracts	5,668	795		6,463
Total Cash Disbursements	260,478	914,750	1,000	1,176,228
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(38,767)	5,033	(575)	(34,309)
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):				
Advances-In	31,300	113,304	200	144,804
Other Uses			(104,796)	(104,796)
Other Sources			104,596	104,596
Advances-Out	(25,200)	(119,604)	0	(144,804)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	6,100	(6,300)	0	(200)
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing				
Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements				
and Other Financing Disbursements	(32,667)	(1,267)	(575)	(34,509)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	35,803	99,754	810	136,367
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$3,136	\$98,487	\$235	\$101,858
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$2,595	\$14,435	\$0	\$17,030

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2001

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The General Health District, Noble County (the District), is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is directed by a five-member Board and an appointed Health Commissioner. The District's services include communicable disease investigations, immunization clinics, tuberculosis screenings, home health visits, issuance of various licenses and permits, including inspections, birth and death certificates and other related services.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

This financial statement follows the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when a payment is made 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 prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash

As required by Ohio Revised Code, the County Treasurer is custodian for the District's cash. The District's assets are held in the County's cash and investment pool, and are valued at the County 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 is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those restricted by law or contract.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The District had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Home Health Fund - This fund receives reimbursements from insurance companies, Medicare, etc., for providing home health visits to residents of Noble County.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection Grant Fund - This fund receives federal grant money to provide preventive cancer screenings to residents of Noble County.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2001 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds (Continued)

Help Me Grow Grant Fund - This fund receives State and Federal grant money to provide services for children in Noble County. This is a new fund which is a combination of the Early Start, Early Intervention and Welcome Home grants.

3. Fiduciary Funds (Trust and Agency Funds)

These funds are used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements and funds for which the District is acting in an agency capacity. The District had the following significant Fiduciary Funds:

Coordinated Council Fund – This Expendable Trust Fund receives dues from various local agencies to pay for meeting expenses of the Council and various other Council expenses.

Health Insurance Fund – This Agency Fund receives employee deductions for health care insurances and disburses the same amounts for employees' health care.

E. Budgetary Process

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 must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure and amendments thereto. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2001 budgetary activity appears in Note 2.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2001 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under District's basis of accounting.

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2001 follows:

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$214,570	\$221,711	\$7,141
Special Revenue	1,038,746	919,783	(118,963)
Expendable Trust	250	425	175
Total	\$1,253,566	\$1,141,919	(\$111,647)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$249,222	\$263,073	(\$13,851)
Special Revenue	1,014,122	929,185	84,937
Expendable Trust	1,060	1,000	60
Total	\$1,264,404	\$1,193,258	\$71,146

Contrary to Ohio law, the District did not consistently obtain the Clerk's prior certification before making an obligation.

3. INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUNDING

The County Commissioners levy a one-mill levy for the operation of the General Health District.

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by the Board of Trustees. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payment, the first half is due December 31. The second half is due the following June 20.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2001 (Continued)

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The District's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2001, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The District contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2001.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Noble County Board of Commissioners maintains comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for real property and building contents. The County provides health insurance to full-time employees through a private carrier.

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

Federal Grantor Pass Through Grantor	Pass Through Entity	Federal CFDA	
Program Title	Number	Number	Disbursements
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Passed Through Ohio Department of Health:			
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program	61-1-01-F-CL-389	10.557	\$62,293
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			62,293
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION Passed Through Ohio Department of Health:			
Special Education - Grants for Infants	61-1-01-F-AN-392	84.181	66,155
Total U.S. Department of Education			66,155
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Passed Through Ohio Department of Health:			
Childhood Immunization Grants	61-1-01-P-AZ-142	93.268	7,500
Comprehensive Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Grant	61-1-01-P-AE-392	93.919	108,008
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant	61-1-01-P-BP-387	93.991	3,529
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to States	61-1-01-F-CG-GRF	93.994	136,462
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			255,499
Total Federal Awards Expenditures			\$383,947

The accompanying Notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures are an integral part of this Schedule.

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001

A. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

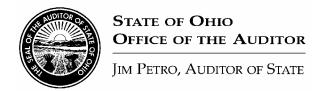
The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures (the Schedule) summarizes the activity of the District's federal award programs. The Schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

B. MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Certain federal programs require the District to contribute non-federal (matching) funds to support federally-funded programs. The District has complied with these matching requirements.

C. COMMINGLING OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

Cash expenditures for the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to States were not segregated as to federal portion and state portion. It is assumed federal monies are expended first. We have reflected the federal and state portion of expenditures on the Schedule of Federal Awards Expenditures.



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

General Health District Noble County 44069 State Route 821 Caldwell, Ohio 43724

To Members of the Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the General Health District, Noble County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated October 2, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted by 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.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2001-61061-001.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated October 2, 2002.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Board, and federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

October 2, 2002



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

General Health District Noble County 44069 State Route 821 Caldwell, Ohio 43724

To Members of the Board:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the General Health District, Noble County, Ohio (the District), with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2001. The District's major federal program is identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance occurred with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2001.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

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Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Board and federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jim Petro Auditor of State

October 2, 2002

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A-133 §.505 DECEMBER 31, 2001

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other reportable control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other reportable internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under § .510?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Comprehensive Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program – CFDA # 93.919
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A-133 §.505 DECEMBER 31, 2001 (Continued)

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

FINDING NUMBER 2001-61061-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) states that no subdivision or taxing unit shall make any contract or order any expenditure of money unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision that the amount required to meet the same has been lawfully appropriated for such purpose and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. Every such contract made without such a certificate shall be null and void and no warrant shall be issued in payment of any amount due thereon.

This section also provides two "exceptions" to the above requirements:

- A. Then and Now Certificate If no certificate is furnished as required, upon receipt by the taxing authority of the subdivision or taxing unit of a certificate of the fiscal officer stating that there was at the time of the making of such contract or order and at the time of execution of such certificate a sufficient sum appropriated for the purchase of such contract and in the treasury or process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances, such taxing authority may authorize the drawing of a warrant in payment of amounts due upon such contract, but such resolution or ordinance shall be passed within thirty days from the receipt of such certificate.
- B. If the amount is less than one thousand dollars, the fiscal officer may authorize it to be paid without the affirmation of the Board, if such expenditure is otherwise valid.

Twenty-four percent of the transactions tested did not include prior certification of the Fiscal Officer, nor was there evidence of a "then and now" certificate being used by the Fiscal Officer. These commitments were not subsequently approved by the District's Board members within the aforementioned 30 day time period.

We recommend the District Fiscal Officer certify the availability of funds prior to incurring obligations.

	3. FINDINGS AND FOR FEDERAL AWARDS	
None.		

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .315 (b) DECEMBER 31, 2001

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2000-61061-001	Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D)	No	Not corrected. This citation is again being reported in the GAGAS letter as Finding #2001-61061-001.



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GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT NOBLE COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED NOVEMBER 7, 2002