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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

General Health District Crawford County 130 N. Walnut Street, Suite B Bucyrus, Ohio 44820

To the Board of Health:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the General Health District, Crawford County, Ohio, (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002. 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 statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. 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 statement on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 District as of December 31, 2002, 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 March 26, 2003, 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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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Health, and other officials authorized to receive this report under section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other then these specified parties.

Betty Montgomery

BETTY MONTGOMERY Auditor of State

March 26, 2003

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Federal Grant	\$0	\$164,194	\$164,194
Subdivisions	74,635	0	74,635
Local Subsidy	174,000	0	174,000
State Subsidy	7,075	74,468	81,543
Contractual Services	0	86,410	86,410
Fees, Licenses, and Permits	52,265	92,851	145,116
Immunizations and Home Visits	0	101,691	101,691
Other Receipts	1,269	3,874	5,143
Total Cash Receipts	309,244	523,488	832,732
Cash Disbursements:			
Salaries	133,387	174,107	307,494
Supplies	3,405	0	3,405
Remittances to State	7,157	37,455	44,612
Equipment	3,066	5,828	8,894
Water Testing Fee	0	2,401	2,401
Project fund Expenses	0	122,861	122,861
Contracts - Services	3,006	0	3,006
Health Insurance Premiums	3,155	4,733	7,888
Liability and Property Insurance Premiums	2,940	1,400	4,340
Travel Expenses	3,031	7,278	10,309
Medicare	1,927	3,577	5,504
Public Employees' Retirement	17,258	36,171	53,429
Other Disbursements	13,788	53,532	67,320
Total Cash Disbursements	192,120	449,343	641,463
Total Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	117,124	74,145	191,269
Fund Cash Balances, January 1, 2002	46,886	91,646	138,532
Fund Cash Balances, December 31, 2002	\$164,010	\$165,791	\$329,801
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31, 2002	\$5,836	\$12,571	\$18,407

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The General Health District, Crawford County, Ohio, (the District) is a body corporate and politic established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3709.07 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 seven-member Board representing the townships and villages of the County, and the City of Bucyrus. The District's services include recording of vital statistics; inspection of food service facilities, water wells, and sewers; issuance of various licenses and permits; and public health nursing services. Also, the Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) (with its own director and eight-member board) is under the auspices of the Crawford County General Health District.

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 paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as 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 that is 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

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:

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Fund - This is a Federal grant fund used to account for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program.

Public Health Nursing Services Fund - This fund receives money to provide public health nursing services, such as immunizations, home visits and school nurses.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

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 Board 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 2002 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.

G. Accumulated Leave

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the District's basis of accounting.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 (Continued)

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2002 follows:

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
	Budgeted Actual		
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$303,233	\$309,244	\$6,011
Special Revenue	518,740	523,488	4,748
Total	\$821,973	\$832,732	\$10,759

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$284,459	\$197,956	\$86,503
Special Revenue	506,456	461,914	44,542
Total	\$790,915	\$659,870	\$131,045

3. SUBDIVISIONS RECEIPTS AND LOCAL GRANT

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. These amounts are reported as subdivisions receipts in the financial statement. Auburn, Bucyrus, Chatfield, Cranberry, Dallas, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, Lykens, Polk, Sandusky, Texas, Tod, Vernon, and Whetsone Townships, the City of Crestline, and the Villages of Chatfield, New Washington, North Robinson, and Tiro comprise the District. The City of Bucyrus also subsidizes the District which is reported in the financial statement as a local grant.

4. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The District's full-time 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. The District' 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, 2002.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio ("PEP"), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. PEP provides property and casualty insurance for its members. PEP is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund PEP. PEP pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 (Continued)

5. **RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

Casualty Insurance

PEP retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per claim. Claims exceeding \$250,000 are reinsured with APEEP up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000, from the General Reinsurance Corporation.

If losses exhaust PEP's retained earnings, APEEP covers PEP losses up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

Property Insurance

PEP retains property risks, including automobile physical damage up to \$100,000 on any specific loss. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures specific losses exceeding \$100,000. The Travelers Indemnity Company also provides aggregate excess coverage for property including automobile physical damage subject to an annual stop loss. When the stop loss is reached in any year, The Travelers Indemnity Company provides coverage in excess of \$10,000.

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

Financial Position

PEP's most recent financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and report the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings.

Casualty Coverage	2001	Property Coverage	<u>2001</u>
Assets	\$23,703,776	Assets	\$5,011,131
Liabilities	9,379,003	Liability	647,667
Retained earnings	<u>\$14,324,773</u>	Retained earnings	<u>\$4,363,464</u>

The District also provides health insurance, dental, and vision coverage to full-time employees through a private carrier.

6. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, based on prior experience, management believes such refunds, if any, would not be material.



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

General Health District Crawford County 130 N. Walnut Street, Suite B Bucyrus, Ohio 44820

To the Board of Health:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the General Health District, Crawford County, Ohio, (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated March 26, 2003. 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.

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 no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 a certain other matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated March 26, 2003.

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March 26, 2003



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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED JUNE 24, 2003