

**HIGHLAND COUNTY JOINT TOWNSHIP
HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

Board of Trustees and Hospital Board of Governors
Highland County Joint Township Hospital District
1275 N. High Street
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

We have reviewed the *Report of Independent Auditors* of the Highland County Joint Township Hospital District, Highland County, prepared by Blue & Co., LLC, for the audit period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Highland County Joint Township Hospital District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Mary Taylor

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November 10, 2010

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Board of Trustees and Hospital Board of Governors
HIGHLAND COUNTY JOINT TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL DISTRICT
Hillsboro, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Highland County Joint Township Hospital District (the Hospital) as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related consolidated statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Hospital's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits 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 consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated 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 audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Hospital as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the consolidated results of its operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated July 12, 2010 on our consideration of the Hospital's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Audit Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report when assessing the results of our audits.

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Management's discussion and analysis on pages i through viii is not a required part of the basic consolidated financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Blue & Co., LLC

July 12, 2010

Highland County Joint Township Hospital District

Management's Discussion and Analysis (unaudited)

The discussion and analysis of Highland County Joint Township Hospital District's (the Hospital) consolidated financial statements provides an overview of the Hospital's financial activities for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. The financial statements reflect consolidated information for the Hospital and blended component units, therefore, management's discussion and analysis will focus on the consolidated financial statements. Management is responsible for the completeness and fairness of the financial statements and the related footnote disclosures along with this discussion and analysis.

Using This Annual Report

The Hospital's financial statements consist of three statements—a Balance Sheet; a Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets; and a Statement of Cash Flows. These financial statements and related notes provide information about the activities of the Hospital, including resources held by the Hospital but restricted for specific purpose by contributors, grantors, or enabling legislation.

Financial Highlights

The Hospital's overall financial position improved during the year ended December 31, 2009. Total assets increased \$880,161 in 2009 while total liabilities decreased \$1,200,444. Fair value of the interest rate swap increased \$275,890. Net assets increased \$2,356,500, or 12.1%, in 2009. The increase in net assets resulted primarily from growth in revenues outpacing the growth of operating expenses.

The Balance Sheet and Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

One of the most important questions asked about the Hospital's finances is, "Is the Hospital as a whole better off or worse off as a result of last year's activities?" The balance sheet and statement of operations and changes in net assets report information about the Hospital's resource and its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all restricted and unrestricted assets and all liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

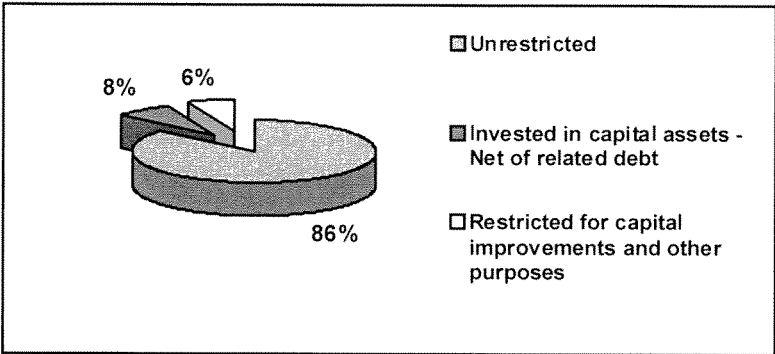
These two statements report the Hospital's net assets and changes in them. You can think of the Hospital's net assets - the difference between assets and liabilities - as one way to measure the Hospital's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Hospital's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other nonfinancial factors, however, such as changes in the Hospital's patient base and measures of the quality of service it provides to the community, as well as local economic factors to assess the overall health of the Hospital.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis (unaudited)

The Hospital's Net Assets

The following chart provides a breakdown of net assets by category for the year ended December 31, 2009.



For the year ended December 31, 2009, the Hospital's revenues and other support exceeded expenses, creating an increase in net assets of \$2,356,500 compared to a \$1,414,470 increase in the previous year.

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Condensed Financial Information

The following is a comparative analysis of the major components of the balance sheet of the Hospital as of December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007:

	December 31		
	2009	2008	2007
Assets:			
Current assets	\$ 15,139,869	\$ 15,906,395	\$ 17,029,368
Noncurrent assets	11,002,925	8,112,810	5,849,100
Capital assets	13,596,053	14,839,481	14,830,414
Total assets	<u>\$ 39,738,847</u>	<u>\$ 38,858,686</u>	<u>\$ 37,708,882</u>
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities	\$ 5,707,073	\$ 6,016,506	\$ 5,692,182
Long-term liabilities	11,644,167	12,535,178	13,622,807
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 17,351,240</u>	<u>\$ 18,551,684</u>	<u>\$ 19,314,989</u>
Interest rate swap	<u>\$ 593,505</u>	<u>\$ 869,400</u>	<u>\$ 370,761</u>
Net assets:			
Invested in capital assets - net of debt	\$ 1,770,674	\$ 2,183,207	\$ 1,386,052
Restricted assets	1,939,436	1,918,750	1,120,166
Unrestricted	18,083,992	15,335,645	15,516,914
Total net assets	<u>\$ 21,794,102</u>	<u>\$ 19,437,602</u>	<u>\$ 18,023,132</u>

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Operating Results and Changes in the Hospital's Net Assets

Table 2: Operating Results and Changes in Net Assets

	Year Ended December 31		
	2009	2008	2007
Operating revenues			
Net patient service revenue	\$ 46,004,039	\$ 44,136,162	\$ 43,977,443
Other operating revenue	830,930	853,671	701,492
Total operating revenues	<u>46,834,969</u>	<u>44,989,833</u>	<u>44,678,935</u>
Operating expenses			
Salaries and wages	18,176,971	18,023,753	19,286,255
Employee benefits	6,482,335	6,317,884	6,457,125
Supplies	7,376,023	6,720,538	6,100,842
Purchased services	4,961,321	4,793,310	4,257,777
Physician fees	1,771,345	1,473,744	1,764,401
Depreciation and amortization	2,613,753	2,367,089	2,428,521
Professional fees	188,083	179,957	238,848
Utilities	1,005,038	1,065,918	897,678
Insurance	435,623	571,112	619,975
Other	1,161,385	1,046,070	1,266,486
Total operating expenses	<u>44,171,877</u>	<u>42,559,375</u>	<u>43,317,908</u>
Income from operations	2,663,092	2,430,458	1,361,027
Nonoperating gains (losses)			
Investment income	175,465	124,261	554,322
Capital grants	35,953	53,765	13,817
Interest earned on restricted assets	127,904	221,768	53,208
Interest expense	(951,561)	(963,955)	(818,383)
Other nonoperating gains	29,757	46,812	(32,658)
Total nonoperating gains (losses)	<u>(582,482)</u>	<u>(517,349)</u>	<u>(229,694)</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	2,080,610	1,913,109	1,131,333
Change in interest rate swap	275,890	(498,639)	(370,761)
Change in net assets	<u>2,356,500</u>	<u>1,414,470</u>	<u>760,572</u>
Net assets - beginning of year	19,437,602	18,023,132	17,262,560
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 21,794,102</u>	<u>\$ 19,437,602</u>	<u>\$ 18,023,132</u>

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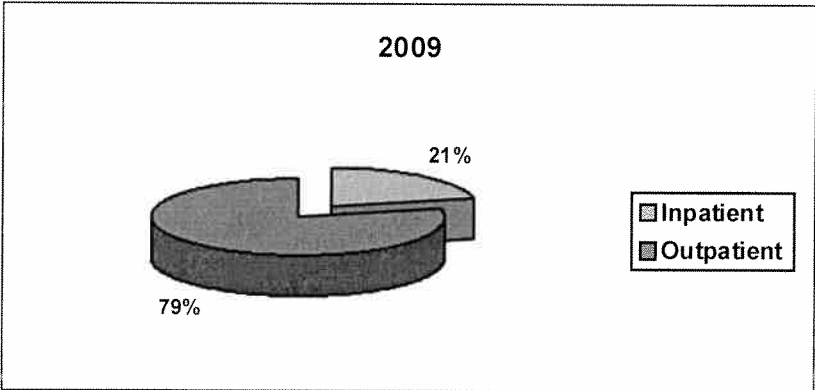
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Operating Revenues

Operating revenues include all transactions that result in the sales and/or receipts from goods and services such as inpatient services, outpatient services, physician offices, and the cafeteria. In addition, certain federal, state, and private grants are considered operating if they are not for capital purposes and are considered a contract for services.

Operating revenue changes were a result of the following factors:

- Net patient service revenue increased 4.2% in 2009. This was attributable to a modest increase in third-party payments and changes in patient volumes. Gross patient revenue is reduced by revenue deductions in determining net patient revenue. These deductions include amounts not paid to the Hospital under contractual arrangements primarily with Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial payors as well as amounts related to self-pay patients that qualify for charity write-offs based on pre-established financial need criteria and bad debts. These revenue deductions increased from 48% in 2008 to 51% of gross revenue in 2009.
- The following is a graphic illustration of patient revenues by source:



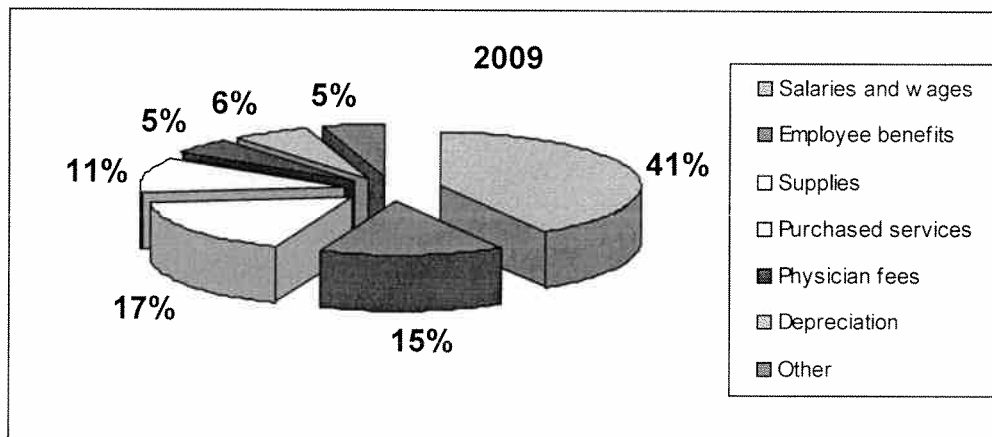
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Operating Expenses

Operating expenses are all the costs necessary to perform and conduct the services and primary purposes of the Hospital. The following operating expense changes from 2008 to 2009, as a percentage of total expenses, were the result of the following factors:

- Salary and wages as a percentage of total expenses decreased 1.2% due primarily to decreases in staffing through management of full time equivalents.
- Benefits expense as a percentage of total expenses decreased 0.2% primarily due to decreases in full time equivalents.
- Supplies expenses as a percentage of total expenses increased 0.9% due to inflationary pressures in supplies.
- The following is a graphic illustration of operating expenses by type:



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Non-operating Revenue

Non-operating revenue and expenses are all sources and uses that are primarily non-exchange in nature. They consist primarily of investment income, including realized and unrealized gains and losses, grants, interest income and interest expense. The change in other non-operating losses from 2008 to 2009 was primarily due decreased investment and interest income.

Statement of Cash Flows

The primary purpose of the statements of cash flows is to provide relevant information about the cash receipts and cash payments of an entity during a period. The statement of cash flows helps assess:

- An entity's ability to generate future net cash flows
- Its ability to meet its obligations as they come due
- Its needs for external financing

	Year Ended December 31		
	2009	2008	2007
Cash provided by (used in):			
Operating and nonoperating activities	\$ 4,147,962	\$ 5,613,941	\$ 5,628,469
Capital and related financing activities	(3,075,243)	(4,017,386)	(4,043,573)
Investing activities	2,511,771	(263,547)	(2,410,735)
Total	3,584,490	1,333,008	(825,839)
Cash - beginning of year	11,535,854	10,202,846	11,028,685
Cash - end of year	\$ 15,120,344	\$ 11,535,854	\$ 10,202,846

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Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

At December 31, 2009, the Hospital had \$37,377,493 invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation of \$23,781,440. Depreciation expense for 2009 was \$2,553,703 compared to \$2,305,121 for 2008.

Debt

At December 31, 2009, the Hospital had \$11,825,379 in long-term debt outstanding as compared to \$12,656,274 at December 31, 2008 and \$13,444,362 at December 31, 2007. The Hospital continues to pay down its debt obligations as prescribed in the debt schedules. More detailed information about the Hospital's long-term liabilities is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

Economic Factors that Will Affect the Future

On December 1, 2005, the Hospital was granted Critical Access status by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). As a result, the Hospital is now reimbursed for Medicare patients at the approximate cost of providing services plus 1%. However, the economic position of the Hospital will be directly impacted by the future trends in federal and state reimbursement initiatives as well as local economic conditions. These factors will continue to pressure the net revenues realized from the delivery of patient care. Accordingly, the Hospital will continue to strive for improved efficiencies and cost reductions so that operating margins can be maintained and enhanced to provide adequate cash flow to meet future community needs.

Contacting the Hospital's Management

This financial report is intended to provide the reader with a general overview of the Hospital's finances. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, we welcome you to contact the Chief Financial Officer at 1275 North High Street, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133.

Randal Lennartz
Chief Financial Officer

HIGHLAND COUNTY JOINT TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL DISTRICT

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

ASSETS

	2009	2008
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,542,089	\$ 9,078,866
Assets limited as to use - current portion	272,862	234,855
Patient accounts receivable, net of allowances for uncollectible accounts; \$3,719,733 in 2009 and \$2,597,851 in 2008	5,945,700	5,093,571
Inventories	407,336	493,976
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	956,059	930,232
Accrued interest receivable	15,823	29,340
Notes and grants receivable - current portion	-	45,555
	15,139,869	15,906,395
Asset whose use is limited		
Restricted by contributors for capital improvements and other purposes	1,206,095	1,185,409
Principal of permanent endowments	17,473	17,473
Designated by Board for capital improvements and employee benefits	9,119,682	5,660,917
Held by trustee under bond indenture agreements	715,868	715,868
Total assets limited as to use	11,059,118	7,579,667
Less amounts to meet current obligations	(272,862)	(234,855)
	10,786,256	7,344,812
Capital assets	13,596,053	14,839,481
Other assets		
Notes and grants receivable - net of current portion	-	491,264
Other assets	57,000	93,000
Unamortized financing cost - net	159,669	183,734
	216,669	767,998
Total assets	\$ 39,738,847	\$ 38,858,686

See accompanying notes to combined financial statement.

HIGHLAND COUNTY JOINT TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL DISTRICT

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Current liabilities		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 1,149,584	\$ 1,129,583
Accounts payable	865,244	1,867,825
Accrued liabilities	1,925,690	1,860,101
Estimated amounts due to third-party payors	1,766,555	1,158,997
Total current liabilities	<u>5,707,073</u>	<u>6,016,506</u>
Compensated absences	968,372	1,008,487
Long-term debt, net of current portion	<u>10,675,795</u>	<u>11,526,691</u>
Total liabilities	17,351,240	18,551,684
Interest rate swap	593,505	869,400
Net assets		
Invested in capital assets - net of related debt	1,770,674	2,183,207
Restricted:		
Expendable for capital improvements and debt service	1,921,963	1,901,277
Nonexpendable permanent endowments	17,473	17,473
Unrestricted	<u>18,083,992</u>	<u>15,335,645</u>
Total net assets	<u>21,794,102</u>	<u>19,437,602</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 39,738,847</u>	<u>\$ 38,858,686</u>

See accompanying notes to combined financial statement.

HIGHLAND COUNTY JOINT TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL DISTRICT

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

	2009	2008
Operating revenues		
Net patient service revenue	\$ 46,004,039	\$ 44,136,162
Other operating revenue	830,930	853,671
Total operating revenues	46,834,969	44,989,833
Operating expenses		
Salaries and wages	18,176,971	18,023,753
Employee benefits	6,482,335	6,317,884
Supplies	7,376,023	6,720,538
Purchased services	4,961,321	4,793,310
Physician fees	1,771,345	1,473,744
Depreciation and amortization	2,613,753	2,367,089
Professional fees	188,083	179,957
Utilities	1,005,038	1,065,918
Insurance	435,623	571,112
Other	1,161,385	1,046,070
Total operating expenses	44,171,877	42,559,375
Income from operations	2,663,092	2,430,458
Nonoperating gains (losses)		
Investment income	175,465	124,261
Capital grants	35,953	53,765
Interest earnings on restricted assets	127,904	221,768
Interest expense	(951,561)	(963,955)
Other nonoperating gains	29,757	46,812
Total nonoperating gains (losses)	(582,482)	(517,349)
Excess of revenue over expenses	2,080,610	1,913,109
Other changes in net assets		
Change in interest rate swap	275,890	(498,639)
Change in net assets	2,356,500	1,414,470
Net assets - beginning of year	19,437,602	18,023,132
Net assets - end of year	\$ 21,794,102	\$ 19,437,602

See accompanying notes to combined financial statement.

HIGHLAND COUNTY JOINT TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL DISTRICT

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

	2009	2008
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash received from patients and third-party payors	\$ 45,759,468	\$ 45,716,533
Cash payments to suppliers for services and goods	(17,808,604)	(15,946,441)
Cash payments to employees and related benefits	(24,633,832)	(25,009,822)
Other operating revenue	830,930	853,671
Net cash flows from operating activities	4,147,962	5,613,941
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(1,328,740)	(2,319,108)
Deferred amount on refunding	299,246	323,259
Principal payments on bonds	(843,646)	(838,088)
Interest paid	(951,561)	(963,955)
Principal payments on capital leases	(286,495)	(273,259)
Capital grants received	35,953	53,765
Net cash flows from capital and related financing activities	(3,075,243)	(4,017,386)
Cash flow from investing activities		
Advances to physicians - net of forgiveness	536,819	(108,096)
Income received on investments	303,369	346,029
Income from other nonoperating gains	29,757	46,812
Purchases of investments	(3,511,833)	(9,267,216)
Proceeds from sale of investments	5,153,659	8,718,924
Net cash flows from investing activities	2,511,771	(263,547)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	3,584,490	1,333,008
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	11,535,854	10,202,846
Cash and cash equivalents- end of year	\$ 15,120,344	\$ 11,535,854
Balance sheet classification of cash and cash equivalents		
Current assets - cash	\$ 7,542,089	\$ 9,078,866
Assets limited as to use	7,578,255	2,456,988
Total	\$ 15,120,344	\$ 11,535,854
Supplemental disclosure of non cash activities		
Amortization of bond financing costs	\$ 24,048	\$ 25,968
Change in interest rate swap	275,890	(498,639)

See accompanying notes to combined financial statement.

HIGHLAND COUNTY JOINT TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL DISTRICT

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (continued) YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

A reconciliation of income from operations to net cash flows from operating activities follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Income from operations	\$ 2,663,092	\$ 2,430,458
Adjustments to reconcile income from operations to net cash flows from operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	2,613,753	2,367,089
Provision for bad debt	5,670,585	4,527,705
Loss on sale of assets	18,465	4,920
Change in operating assets and liabilities		
Patient receivables	(6,522,714)	(3,917,355)
Inventories	86,640	(116,247)
Prepaid expenses and other	(12,310)	(86,062)
Accounts payable	(1,002,581)	551,498
Accrued expenses and compensated absences	25,474	(668,185)
Estimated amounts due from third-party payors	607,558	520,120
	<u>607,558</u>	<u>520,120</u>
Net cash from operating activities	<u>\$ 4,147,962</u>	<u>\$ 5,613,941</u>

See accompanying notes to combined financial statement.

HIGHLAND COUNTY JOINT TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL DISTRICT

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity/Basis of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Highland County Joint Township Hospital District (the Hospital) and its four subsidiaries, Highland District Hospital Foundation, Inc., Highland District Hospital Professional Services Corporation, Highland Joint Township District Hospital Foundation, and PFW Professional Service Corporation (collectively, the Organization). All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

The Hospital is an acute care facility located in Hillsboro, Ohio, serving patients primarily in Highland County. The Hospital is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio and was formed under the provisions of the Ohio revised code. Trustees from each of the 17 townships of Highland County constitute the Highland County Joint Township Hospital District Board of Trustees who appoints the Hospital Board of Governors which is composed of one member from each township and three at-large members.

During 1999, the Hospital formed the Highland District Hospital Foundation, Inc. (HDH Foundation) as a not-for-profit corporation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3). The Foundation is controlled by the Hospital's Board of Governors.

Also during 1999, the Hospital formed the Highland District Hospital Professional Services Corporation (PSC) as a not-for-profit corporation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3) to further the charitable purposes of the HDH Foundation and the Hospital.

During 2001, the Hospital formed the Highland Joint Township District Hospital Foundation (HJTDH Foundation) as a not-for-profit corporation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3) to raise and hold contributions for the benefit of the Hospital.

Also during 2001, the Hospital formed the PFW Professional Service Corporation (PFW) as a not-for-profit corporation under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3) to further the charitable purposes of the HDH Foundation and the Hospital.

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999. The Hospital follows the "business-type" activities reporting requirements of GASB Statement No. 34.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as short-term, highly liquid investments purchased with initial maturities of three months or less.

Inventories

Inventories, consisting primarily of medical supplies and drugs, are valued at the lower of cost, determined by the first-in, first-out method, or market.

Assets Whose Use is Limited

Assets whose use is limited consist of invested funds designated by the Hospital's Board of Governors for employee benefits, the replacement, improvement, and expansion of the Hospital's facilities, and invested funds restricted in connection with the Hospital's revenue bonds. Amounts required to meet current obligations are recognized as current assets. Assets limited as to use also include funds restricted by contributors for capital improvements and other purposes, as well as the principal and interest on a permanent endowment, of which the interest is restricted for operations and capital improvements.

Investment income or loss (including unrealized gains and losses on investments, realized gains and losses on investments, interest, and dividends) is included in excess of revenues over expenses unless the income or loss is restricted by donor or law.

Enterprise Fund Accounting

The Organization uses enterprise fund accounting. Revenues and expenses are recognized on the accrual basis using the economic resources measurement focus. Based on Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 20, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*, as amended, the Organization has elected to apply the provisions of all relevant pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) including those issued after November 30, 1989, that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost or, if donated, at fair value at the date of receipt. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Equipment under capital leases is amortized on the straight-line method over the related lease term. Such amortization is included in depreciation and amortization in the financial statements. Costs of the maintenance and repairs are charged to expense when incurred.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008

Unamortized Financing Costs

Costs incurred in obtaining long-term bond financing are being amortized over the period the obligations are outstanding using the effective interest method. Amortization expense totaled \$24,065 and \$25,968 in 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are related to the acquisitions of PSC in 1999 and PFW in 2001.

Compensated Absences

Paid time off is charged to operations when earned. Unused and earned benefits are recorded as a liability in the financial statements. Employees accumulate vacation days and sick leave benefits at varying rates depending on years of service. Employees are not paid for accumulated sick leave if they leave before retirement. However, employees who retire from the Organization may convert accumulated sick leave to termination payments equal to one-fourth of the accumulated balance, up to a maximum of 240 hours, calculated at the employee's base pay rate as of the retirement date.

Restricted Resources

When the Organization has both restricted and unrestricted resources available to finance a particular program, it is the Organization's policy to use restricted resources before unrestricted resources.

Notes and Grants Receivable

Consistent with the Organization's policy on physician relocation and recruitment, the Organization provides income guarantees to certain physicians who agree to relocate to the community to fill a need in the Organization's service area and commit to remain in practice for a specified term. Under such agreements, the Organization is required to make payments to the physicians in excess of amounts earned in their respective practices up to the amount of the income guarantee. Income guarantee periods are generally two years. Such payments are recoverable from the physicians in the event that their commitment period is not met, which is typically three years. Should the arrangement between the Organization and the physician be terminated prior to the end date agreed upon by both parties, the Organization will pursue collection of any outstanding advances.

The Organization recorded a liability of \$0 and \$536,819 at December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively, for the estimated obligation to the Organization under these agreements with an offsetting asset recorded within the accompanying balance sheet.

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Net Assets

Net assets of the Organization are classified in four components. Net assets invested in capital assets net of related debt consist of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the current balances of any outstanding borrowings used to finance the purchase or construction of those assets. Restricted expendable net assets are noncapital net assets that must be used for a particular purpose, as specified by creditors, grantors, or contributors external to the Organization, including amounts deposited with trustees as required by revenue bond indentures. Restricted nonexpendable net assets equal the principal portion of permanent endowments. Unrestricted net assets are remaining net assets that do not meet the definition of invested in capital assets net of related debt or restricted.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Net Patient Service Revenue

The Organization has agreements with third-party payors that provide for payments to the Organization at amounts different from its established rates. Payment arrangements include prospectively determined rates per discharge, reimbursed costs, discounted charges, and per diem payments. Net patient service revenue is reported at the estimated net realizable amounts from patients, third-party payors, and others. Retroactive adjustments to these estimated amounts are recorded in future periods as final settlements are determined.

Laws and regulations governing the Medicare and Medicaid programs are complex and subject to interpretation. Management believes that it is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Final determination of compliance with such laws and regulations is subject to future government review and interpretation. Violations may result in significant regulatory action including fines, penalties, and exclusion from the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

The Organization estimates an allowance for doubtful accounts based on an evaluation of historical losses, current economic conditions, and other factors unique to the Organization.

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Income from Operations

For purposes of display, transactions deemed by management to be ongoing, major, or central to the provision of health care services are reported as operating revenue and expenses, other than financing costs. Peripheral or incidental transactions are reported as nonoperating gains and losses.

Charity Care

The Organization provides care to patients who meet certain criteria under the Organization's charity policy without charge or at amounts less than its established rates. Because the Organization does not pursue collection of amounts determined to qualify as charity care, they are not reported as revenue. Charges foregone for charity care totaled \$2,116,817 and \$2,134,215 for 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Pension Plan

Substantially all of the Organization's employees are eligible to participate in a defined benefit pension plan sponsored by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). The Organization funds pension costs accrued based on contribution rates determined by OPERS.

Federal Income Tax

As a political subdivision, the Organization is exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code.

Beneficial Interest in Trust

In 2000, the Organization was notified it had obtained a 50% interest in a trust. Under the trust agreement, the Organization has the right to receive the income earned on the trust assets, but never receives the assets held in trust. Annual distributions from the trust to the Organization are reported as investment income. The assets of the trust are not recorded in the Organization's financial statements.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the 2008 consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. There was no change in previously reported net assets as a result of these reclassifications.

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Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated events or transactions occurring subsequent to the consolidated balance sheet date for recognition and disclosure in the accompanying financial statements through the date the financial statements are issued, which is May 24, 2010.

2. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Major classes of assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value are categorized according to a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to value techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3).

Level 1 inputs are readily determinable using unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets. Level 2 inputs are derived from quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets (other than those included in Level 1) which are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 3 inputs are derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable. If the inputs used fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the categorization is based upon the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2009 are as follows:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets:				
Common stocks	<u>\$ 97,008</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 97,008</u>
Liabilities:				
Interest rate swap agreements	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 593,505</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 593,505</u>

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Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2008 are as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets:				
Common stocks	\$ 98,912	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98,912
United States government and agency obligations	-	5,023,767	-	5,023,767
Total assets	\$ 98,912	\$ 5,023,767	\$ -	\$ 5,122,679
Liabilities:				
Interest rate swap agreements	\$ -	\$ 869,400	\$ -	\$ 869,400
	-	869,400	-	869,400

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash deposits, assets whose use is limited, and investments of the Organization are composed of the following:

	2009		2008	
	Fair Value	Amortized Historical Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Historical Cost
Demand deposits and money market accounts	\$ 15,120,344	\$ 15,120,344	\$ 11,535,854	\$ 11,535,854
Certificates of deposit	3,383,855	3,383,855	-	-
Stocks	97,008	5,787	98,912	5,787
U. S. government obligations	-	-	5,023,767	4,982,635
Total	\$ 18,601,207	\$ 18,509,986	\$ 16,658,533	\$ 16,524,276

	2009		2008	
	Fair Value	Amortized Historical Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Historical Cost
Amounts summarized by fund type-				
General funds:				
Cash	\$ 7,542,089	\$ 7,542,089	\$ 9,078,866	\$ 9,078,866
Assets limited as to use	11,059,118	10,967,897	7,579,667	7,445,410
Total	\$ 18,601,207	\$ 18,509,986	\$ 16,658,533	\$ 16,524,276

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Protection of the Organization's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, by surety company bonds deposited with the treasurer by the financial institution or by single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public funds deposited with the institution.

At December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Organization had \$3,892,746 and \$10,528,168, respectively, of bank deposits (certificates of deposit, checking and savings accounts) that were uninsured but are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution.

Investments in U.S. government obligations were uninsured and held by the Organization's agent in the Organization's name. Investments in common stock were held by the Organization in the Organization's name.

The Organization had the following investments and maturities, all of which are held in the Organization's name by a custodial bank that is an agent of the Organization:

	Carrying Amount	Maturities	
		< than one year	> than one year
December 31, 2009			
Certificates of deposit	\$ 3,383,855	\$ 1,761,286	\$ 1,622,569

Interest rate risk – The Organization does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from changing interest rates.

Credit risk – The Organization may invest in United States obligations or any other obligation guaranteed by the United States; bonds, notes or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government or instrumentality; time certificate of deposit or savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts, in any eligible institution mentioned in Section 135.32; bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or the political subdivisions of the state provided that such political subdivisions are located wholly or partly within the same county; and certain no load money market mutual funds; certain commercial paper; and certain repurchase agreements.

Concentration of credit risk – The Organization has an action plan whereby deposits and investments are diversified between several issuers. The Organization maintains its investments, which at times may exceed federally insured limits. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts. The Organization believes that it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on investments.

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4. PATIENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The details of patient accounts receivable are set forth below:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Total patient accounts receivable	\$ 13,720,932	\$ 11,370,500
Less allowance for:		
Uncollectible accounts	(3,719,733)	(2,597,851)
Contractual adjustments	<u>(4,055,499)</u>	<u>(3,679,078)</u>
Net patient accounts receivable	<u>\$ 5,945,700</u>	<u>\$ 5,093,571</u>

The mix of accounts receivable from patients and third-party payors in 2009 and 2008 follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Medicare	28%	28%
Medicaid	14%	15%
Self-pay	32%	27%
Commercial and other	<u>26%</u>	<u>30%</u>
	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

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5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2009 was as follows:

	2008	Additions	Retirements	2009
Land	\$ 24,937	\$ -	\$ -	24,937
Land improvements	683,709	27,532	-	711,241
Buildings and improvements	15,013,489	311,956	-	15,325,445
Equipment	18,037,784	1,095,209	(790,950)	18,342,043
Equipment - capital leases	2,829,237	-	-	2,829,237
Construction in progress	250,547	(105,957)	-	144,590
Total capital assets	<u>36,839,703</u>	<u>1,328,740</u>	<u>(790,950)</u>	<u>37,377,493</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Land improvements	619,291	11,052	-	630,343
Buildings and improvements	7,528,896	775,015	-	8,303,911
Equipment	11,705,224	1,454,947	(772,485)	12,387,686
Equipment - capital leases	2,146,811	312,689	-	2,459,500
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>22,000,222</u>	<u>2,553,703</u>	<u>(772,485)</u>	<u>23,781,440</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 14,839,481</u>	<u>\$ (1,224,963)</u>	<u>\$ (18,465)</u>	<u>\$ 13,596,053</u>

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2008 was as follows:

	2007	Additions	Retirements	2008
Land	\$ 24,937	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,937
Land improvements	683,709	-	-	683,709
Buildings and improvements	15,010,232	9,407	(6,150)	15,013,489
Equipment	16,451,520	2,066,100	(479,836)	18,037,784
Equipment - capital leases	2,829,237	-	-	2,829,237
Construction in progress	6,946	243,601	-	250,547
Total capital assets	<u>35,006,581</u>	<u>2,319,108</u>	<u>(485,986)</u>	<u>36,839,703</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Land improvements	599,880	19,411	-	619,291
Buildings and improvements	7,010,194	760,902	(242,200)	7,528,896
Equipment	10,744,338	1,199,752	(238,866)	11,705,224
Equipment - capital leases	1,821,755	325,056	-	2,146,811
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>20,176,167</u>	<u>2,305,121</u>	<u>(481,066)</u>	<u>22,000,222</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 14,830,414</u>	<u>\$ 13,987</u>	<u>\$ (4,920)</u>	<u>\$ 14,839,481</u>

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6. ESTIMATED AMOUNTS DUE TO THIRD-PARTY PAYORS

Approximately 64% of the Organization's revenues from patient services are received from the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The Organization has agreements with these payors that provide for reimbursement to the Organization at amounts different from its established rates. Contractual adjustments under third-party reimbursement programs represent the difference between the Organization's established rates for services and amounts reimbursed by third-party payors. A summary of the basis of these reimbursements follows.

Medicare

The Hospital is designated as a Critical Access Hospital. As a result, Medicare inpatient and outpatient services are reimbursed at the approximate cost plus 1% of providing those services. Medicare cost reports are final settled through 2007.

Medicaid

Inpatient, acute-care services rendered to Medicaid program beneficiaries are paid at prospectively determined rates per discharge. Capital costs relating to Medicaid inpatients are paid on a cost-reimbursement method. The Hospital is reimbursed for outpatient services on an established fee-for-service methodology.

Cost report settlements result from the adjustment of interim payments to final reimbursement under these programs and are subject to audit by fiscal intermediaries. During the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, the Organization recognized a loss of approximately \$134,000 and \$53,000, respectively, due to the difference between original estimates and subsequent revisions due to final settlements and changes in allowance methodology.

Other

The Hospital also has entered into payment agreements with certain commercial insurance carriers, health maintenance organizations, and preferred provider organizations. The basis for payment to the Hospital under these agreements includes prospectively determined rates per discharge, discounts from established charges, and prospectively determined daily rates.

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7. LONG-TERM DEBT

The Organization is bound by various operational and financial covenants, including maintaining a minimum debt service ratio of 1.2 to 1 and at least 20 days cash on hand.

On November 29, 2001, PSC obtained a \$215,000 mortgage loan to purchase a medical office building and related property. The mortgage is payable in monthly installments of \$1,583, which includes interest at 6.25%, beginning December 29, 2001, and matures in November 2021. The mortgage is secured by the medical office building and property.

On August 15, 2004, the Organization obtained \$3,905,000 of Hospital Facilities Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2004, to finance the recladding of the Hospital facilities and to retire the 2001 Series bonds. The bonds are payable in varying annual installments beginning August 1, 2005. The bonds mature August 1, 2024. The interest rate on the variable rate debt was 0.75% at December 31, 2009. The debt is collateralized by a bank letter of credit which expires on July 1, 2013.

\$10,180,000 of variable rate Hospital Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds (interest at 0.47% at December 31, 2009) were issued in 2007 to refund a total of \$10,450,000 1999 bonds with an interest rate of 6.75%. The refunding reduced the total debt service payments over the next 22 years by approximately \$8,500,000, which represents an economic gain of approximately \$4,000,000. The debt is collateralized by a bank letter of credit which expires on July 1, 2013.

The variable rate 2007 Bonds and 2004 Bonds are both remarketed on a weekly basis. Should the remarketing agent be unable to remarket the Bonds based on its best efforts, these Bonds would be "put" back to the Bond Trustee, who would draw down on the letter of credit to pay down the Bonds. The reimbursement Agreement between the letter-of-credit bank and the Organization provides for the Organization to reimburse the letter-of-credit bank any principal or interest draws against the letter of credit on the date of any such drawing and remarketing draws upon maturity of the letter of credit.

The Organization leases medical equipment used in its operations under capital leases. Such capital leases are due in monthly installments, including interest rates that range from 4.99% to 5.82% through 2011, and are collateralized by the equipment leased. The assets and liabilities under capital leases are recorded at the lower of the present value of the minimum lease payments or fair value of the assets. The assets are depreciated over their related lease terms. Depreciation of assets under capital leases is included in depreciation expense for 2009 and 2008.

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Long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2009 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Current Portion
Leases, bonds, and loans payable:					
Lease obligations	\$ 638,327	\$ -	\$ (286,495)	\$ 351,832	\$ 300,374
Bonds and loans payable	12,317,193	-	(843,646)	11,473,547	849,210
Deferred amount on refunding	(299,246)	-	299,246	-	-
 Total leases, bonds, and loans payable	 <u>\$ 12,656,274</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ (830,895)</u>	 <u>\$ 11,825,379</u>	 <u>\$ 1,149,584</u>

Long-term debt activity for the year ended December 31, 2008 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Current Portion
Leases, bonds, and loans payable:					
Lease obligations	\$ 911,586	\$ -	\$ (273,259)	\$ 638,327	\$ 285,937
Bonds and loans payable	13,155,281	-	(838,088)	12,317,193	843,646
Deferred amount on refunding	(622,505)	-	323,259	(299,246)	-
 Total leases, bonds, and loans payable	 <u>\$ 13,444,362</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ (788,088)</u>	 <u>\$ 12,656,274</u>	 <u>\$ 1,129,583</u>

The following is a schedule of bond and loan principal and interest and future minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2009:

	Bonds and Loans Payable	Bonds and Loans Interest	Lease Payable
2010	\$ 849,210	\$ 367,472	\$ 310,581
2011	859,811	358,268	51,764
2012	865,426	287,996	-
2013	871,131	283,811	-
2014	881,857	249,935	-
2015-2019	4,506,931	805,100	-
2020-2024	2,639,181	124,787	-
Total payments	<u>11,473,547</u>	<u>2,477,369</u>	<u>362,345</u>
Less amount representing interest			<u>(10,512)</u>
Total			<u>\$ 351,832</u>

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The carrying value of equipment under capital lease obligations is as follows:

	2009	2008
Cost of equipment under capital lease	\$ 2,829,237	\$ 2,829,237
Lease accumulated amortization	2,459,500	2,146,811
Net carrying amount	<u>\$ 369,737</u>	<u>\$ 682,426</u>

8. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS – INTEREST RATE SWAPS

The objective of the swap is to hedge interest rate risk, that is, the risk that changes in the benchmark interest rate, in this case the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) swap index, will adversely affect the cash flows of the variable-rate bonds. Therefore, the swap is not intended to hedge the total cash flows of the bonds. The potential hedging derivative instrument is the interest rate swap. The hedgeable items are the variable-rate bonds. Based on the consistency of the terms of the swap and the variable-rate bonds, the city determines that the swap is a hedging derivative instrument using the consistent critical terms method. Accordingly, changes in the fair values of the swap are reported as deferrals on the statement of net assets.

On June 1, 2007, the Organization issues variable-rate demand bonds of \$10,180,000. The bonds mature on December 1, 2021. The coupon is remarketed weekly and the remarketing rate is the SIFMA rate.

At the same time, the Organization entered into a \$10,180,000 notional, pay-fixed, receive-variable interest rate swap. The variable rate on the swap also resets weekly. The variable rate is the SIFMA swap index. The fixed rate is 3.942 percent, and the swap terminates on December 1, 2021. Upon association with the variable-rate bonds (which, in this case, is at the inception of the swap), the fair value of the swap is zero.

Shortly after the swap was executed, interest rates fell significantly. As rates change, the changes in cash flows of the variable-rate bonds attributable to changes in the SIFMA swap index are substantially offset by similar changes in variable cash flows on the swap.

Following is an analysis of the changes in the net loss on cash flow hedges included in changes in net assets:

	2009	2008
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 869,400	\$ 370,761
Net loss for the year	(275,895)	(498,639)
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 593,505</u>	<u>\$ 869,400</u>

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The hedgeable items are the variable-rate demand bonds. The variability of the cash flows of the bond coupons is affected by more than changes in the benchmark interest rate. For example, changes in the credit quality of the Organization's bonds could affect its remarket rates. The Organization's specific objective, however, is to offset changes in the cash flows of the bond coupons (a cash flow hedge) attributable to changes in the benchmark interest rate. The relevant benchmark interest rate is the SIFMA swap index.

Because the terms of the bonds and the interest rate swap are consistent, the Organization uses the consistent critical terms method to evaluate effectiveness as of the end of the reporting period. The following table shows how the critical terms of the pay-fixed, receive-variable swap are consistent with the critical terms of the variable-rate demand bonds:

Interest Rate Swap		Variable-Rate Demand Bonds	
Notional	\$10,180,000	Bond principal	\$10,180,000
Termination	December 1, 2021	Maturity of bonds	December 1, 2021
Variable payment	SIFMA swap index	Benchmark interest rate	SIFMA swap index
Floor or cap	No	Floor or cap	No
Time interval of reference rate	Every 7 days	Time interval of reference rate	Every 7 days
Frequency of rate resets	Weekly	Frequency of rate resets	Weekly
Rate reset dates	Wednesday	Rate reset dates	Thursday
Swap payment date	The 1st day of every month	Coupon payment date	The 1st Thursday of every month

Upon association with the variable-rate demand bonds, the pay-fixed, receive variable swap has a zero fair value. The fixed rate (3.942 percent) and the formula to determine the variable rate of the swap (SIFMA swap index) remains the same throughout the life of the swap.

Because the critical terms are consistent, the changes in cash flows of the swap will substantially offset the changes in cash flows of the variable-rate demand bonds attributable to changes in the SIFMA swap index. Therefore, the swap is a hedging derivative instrument, and hedge accounting is applied. At the end of each subsequent reporting period, the city verifies the critical terms have not changed.

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9. ACCRUED LIABILITIES

The details of accrued liabilities at December 31, 2009 and 2008 are as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Payroll and related amounts	\$ 1,201,165	\$ 835,077
Physician recruitment liability	-	308,039
Workers' compensation premiums	271,105	275,187
Pension	363,837	367,394
Grants	42,861	43,937
Interest	46,722	30,467
Total accrued liabilities	<u>\$ 1,925,690</u>	<u>\$ 1,860,101</u>

10. NET PATIENT SERVICE REVENUE

Net patient service revenue consists of the following:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Revenue:		
Inpatient services:		
Routine services	\$ 7,037,972	\$ 6,828,332
Ancillary services	12,978,200	12,290,326
Outpatient services	<u>73,448,951</u>	<u>65,619,614</u>
Total patient revenue	93,465,123	84,738,272
Revenue deductions:		
Provision for contractual allowances	39,673,682	33,940,190
Provision for bad debt allowances	5,670,585	4,527,705
Provision for charity care	<u>2,116,817</u>	<u>2,134,215</u>
Total revenue deductions	<u>47,461,084</u>	<u>40,602,110</u>
Total net patient service revenue	<u>\$ 46,004,039</u>	<u>\$ 44,136,162</u>

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11. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

The Organization contributed to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans: The Traditional Pension Plan – a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the Member-Directed Plan (MD) – a defined contribution plan; and the Combined Plan (CO) – a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan, which includes a medical plan, prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, to qualifying members of both the Traditional Pension and the Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care coverage.

In order to qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have 10 or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement 45.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not mandate, OPERS to provide OPEB benefits to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by writing OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus OH 43215-4642, or by calling 614-222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy

The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund post retirement health care through their contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside for the funding of post retirement health care benefits.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active members. In 2009, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.0% of covered payroll. The Ohio Revised Code currently limits the employer contribution to a rate not to exceed 14.0% of covered payroll for state and local employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

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OPERS' Post Employment Health Care plan was established under, and is administrated in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code 401(h). Each year, the OPERS Retirement Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for funding of post employment health care benefits. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was 7.0% from January 1 through March 31, 2009 and 5.5% from April 1 through December 31, 2009. The OPERS Retirement Board is also authorized to establish rules for the payment of a portion of the health care coverage by the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected.

The Organization's contributions, representing 100% of employer contributions, for the last three years follow:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
2009	\$ 2,087,000
2008	\$ 2,065,000
2007	\$ 2,174,000

Organization contributions made to fund post-employment benefits approximated \$876,000, \$1,032,000 and \$1,087,000 for 2009, 2008, and 2007, respectively.

The Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) adopted by the OPERS Retirement Board on September 9, 2004, was effective January 1, 2007. Member and employer contribution rates for state and local employers increased on January 1 of each year from 2006 to 2008. Rates for law and public safety employers increased over a six year period beginning on January 1, 2006, with a final rate increase on January 1, 2011. These rate increases allowed additional funds to be allocated to the health care plan.

12. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Organization is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Organization has purchased commercial insurance for malpractice, general liability, and employee medical claims.

The Organization is insured against medical malpractice claims under a claims-made policy, whereby only the claims reported to the insurance carrier during the policy period are covered regardless of when the incident giving rise to the claim occurred. Under the terms of the policy, the Organization bears the risk of the ultimate costs of any individual claims exceeding \$1,000,000, or aggregate claims exceeding \$3,000,000, for claims asserted in the policy year. In addition, the Organization has an umbrella policy with an additional \$6,000,000 of coverage.

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Should the claims-made policy not be renewed or replaced with equivalent insurance, claims based on the occurrences during the claims-made term, but reported subsequently, will be uninsured.

The Organization is not aware of any medical malpractice claims, either asserted or unasserted, that would exceed the policy limits. No claims have been settled during the past three years that have exceeded policy coverage limits. The cost of this insurance policy represents the Organization's cost for such claims for the year, and it has been charged to operations as a current expense.

The Organization is exposed to various risks of loss related to property and general losses, and employee injuries (workers' compensation), as well as medical benefits provided to employees. The Organization has purchased commercial insurance and/or participated in state-sponsored plans for coverage of these claims. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION



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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS ON OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

To the Joint Township Hospital District Board
of Trustees and Hospital Board of Governors
Highland County Joint Township Hospital District
and Subsidiaries
Hillsboro, Ohio

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Highland County Joint Township Hospital District as of December 31, 2009 and 2008. Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole. The information in the accompanying schedules on pages 28-33 is presented for the purpose of additional analysis of the consolidated financial statements rather than to present the financial position and results of operations of the individual components and is not a required part of the basic consolidated financial statements. The information has been subjected to the procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

Blue & Co., LLC

July 12, 2010

HIGHLAND COUNTY JOINT TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL DISTRICT

CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2009

ASSETS

	Hospital	HDH Foundation	PSC	PFW	HJTDH Foundation	Eliminations	Total
Current assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,324,920	\$ 114	\$ 73,673	\$ 59,565	\$ 83,817	\$ -	\$ 7,542,089
Assets limited as to use - current portion	272,862	-	-	-	-	-	272,862
Patient accounts receivable - net	5,374,335	-	489,103	82,262	-	-	5,945,700
Inventories	407,336	-	-	-	-	-	407,336
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	862,497	-	72,427	21,135	-	-	956,059
Accrued interest receivable	15,823	-	-	-	-	-	15,823
Notes and grants receivable - current portion	9,128	-	-	-	-	(9,128)	-
Total current assets	14,266,901	114	635,203	162,962	83,817	(9,128)	15,139,869
Assets limited as to use							
Restricted by contributors for capital improvements and other purposes	1,023,734	-	-	-	182,361	-	1,206,095
Principal of permanent endowments	-	-	-	-	17,473	-	17,473
Designated by Board for capital improvements and employee benefits	9,119,682	-	-	-	-	-	9,119,682
Held by trustee under bond indenture agreements	715,868	-	-	-	-	-	715,868
Total assets limited as to use	10,859,284	-	-	-	199,834	-	11,059,118
Less amounts to meet current obligations	(272,862)	-	-	-	-	-	(272,862)
Total assets limited as to use - noncurrent portion	10,586,422	-	-	-	199,834	-	10,786,256
Capital assets - net	13,197,570	-	369,409	29,074	-	-	13,596,053
Other assets							
Notes and grants receivable - net of current portion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	-	-	-	57,000	-	-	57,000
Unamortized financing costs - net	159,669	-	-	-	-	-	159,669
Total other assets	159,669	-	-	57,000	-	-	216,669
Total assets	\$ 38,210,562	\$ 114	\$ 1,004,612	\$ 249,036	\$ 283,651	\$ (9,128)	\$ 39,738,847

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CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2009

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	Hospital	HDH Foundation	PSC	PFW	HJTDH Foundation	Eliminations	Total
Current liabilities							
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 1,140,374	\$ -	\$ 9,210	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,149,584
Accounts payable	776,158	-	83,100	5,986	-	-	865,244
Accrued liabilities	1,755,421	-	101,104	78,293	-	(9,128)	1,925,690
Estimated amounts due to third-party payors	1,766,555	-	-	-	-	-	1,766,555
Total current liabilities	5,438,508	-	193,414	84,279	-	(9,128)	5,707,073
Compensated absences	953,771	-	11,904	2,697	-	-	968,372
Long-term debt - net of current portion	10,526,458	-	149,337	-	-	-	10,675,795
Total liabilities	16,918,737	-	354,655	86,976	-	(9,128)	17,351,240
Interest rate swap	593,505	-	-	-	-	-	593,505
Net assets							
Invested in capital assets - net of related debt	1,530,738	-	210,862	29,074	-	-	1,770,674
Restricted:							
Expendable for capital improvements and debt service	1,739,602	-	-	-	182,361	-	1,921,963
Nonexpendable permanent endowments	-	-	-	-	17,473	-	17,473
Unrestricted	17,427,980	114	439,095	132,986	83,817	-	18,083,992
Total net assets	20,698,320	114	649,957	162,060	283,651	-	21,794,102
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 38,210,562	\$ 114	\$ 1,004,612	\$ 249,036	\$ 283,651	\$ (9,128)	\$ 39,738,847

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HIGHLAND COUNTY JOINT TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL DISTRICT

CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2008

ASSETS

	Hospital	HDH Foundation	PSC	PFW	HJTDH Foundation	Eliminations	Total
Current assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,900,855	\$ 43,845	\$ 53,223	\$ 80,851	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,078,866
Assets limited as to use - current portion	234,855	-	-	-	-	-	234,855
Patient accounts receivable - net	4,781,430	204,407	107,734	-	-	-	5,093,571
Inventories	493,976	-	-	-	-	-	493,976
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	823,671	64,956	41,605	-	-	-	930,232
Accrued interest receivable	29,340	-	-	-	-	-	29,340
Notes and grants receivable - current portion	55,840	-	-	-	(10,285)	-	45,555
Total current assets	15,319,967	92	313,208	202,562	80,851	(10,285)	15,906,395
Assets limited as to use							
Restricted by contributors for capital improvements and other purposes	998,066	-	-	187,343	-	-	1,185,409
Principal of permanent endowments	-	-	-	17,473	-	-	17,473
Designated by Board for capital improvements and employee benefits	5,660,917	-	-	-	-	-	5,660,917
Held by trustee under bond indenture agreements	715,868	-	-	-	-	-	715,868
Total assets limited as to use	7,374,851	-	-	204,816	-	-	7,579,667
Less amounts to meet current obligations	(234,855)	-	-	-	-	-	(234,855)
Total assets limited as to use - noncurrent portion	7,139,996	-	-	204,816	-	-	7,344,812
Capital assets - net	14,374,072	-	448,184	17,225	-	-	14,839,481
Other assets							
Notes and grants receivable - net of current portion	491,264	-	-	-	-	-	491,264
Other assets	-	-	93,000	-	-	-	93,000
Unamortized financing costs - net	183,734	-	-	-	-	-	183,734
Total other assets	674,998	-	-	93,000	-	-	767,998
Total assets	\$ 37,509,033	\$ 92	\$ 761,392	\$ 312,787	\$ 285,667	\$ (10,285)	\$ 38,858,686

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CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2008

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	Hospital	HDH Foundation	PSC	PFW	HJTDH Foundation	Eliminations	Total
Current liabilities							
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 1,121,495	\$ -	\$ 8,088	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,129,583
Accounts payable	1,809,675	-	35,245	22,905	-	-	1,867,825
Accrued liabilities	1,764,128	-	59,744	46,514	-	(10,285)	1,860,101
Estimated amounts due to third-party payors	1,158,997	-	-	-	-	-	1,158,997
Total current liabilities	5,854,295	-	103,077	69,419	-	(10,285)	6,016,506
Compensated absences	996,043	-	10,879	1,565	-	-	1,008,487
Long-term debt - net of current portion	11,367,586	-	159,105	-	-	-	11,526,691
Total liabilities	18,217,924	-	273,061	70,984	-	(10,285)	18,551,684
Interest rate swap	869,400	-	-	-	-	-	869,400
Net assets							
Invested in capital assets - net of related debt	1,884,991	-	280,991	17,225	-	-	2,183,207
Restricted:							
Expendable for capital improvements and debt service	1,713,934	-	-	-	187,343	-	1,901,277
Nonexpendable permanent endowments	-	-	-	-	17,473	-	17,473
Unrestricted	14,822,784	92	207,340	224,578	80,851	-	15,335,645
Total net assets	18,421,709	92	488,331	241,803	285,667	-	19,437,602
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 37,509,033	\$ 92	\$ 761,392	\$ 312,787	\$ 285,667	\$ (10,285)	\$ 38,858,686

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HIGHLAND COUNTY JOINT TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL DISTRICT

CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	Hospital	HDH Foundation	PSC	PFW	HJTDH Foundation	Eliminating	Total
Operating revenues							
Net patient service revenue	\$ 42,588,128	\$ -	\$ 2,868,059	\$ 1,031,613	\$ -	\$ (483,761)	\$ 46,004,039
Other operating revenue	829,646	62	1,629	549	73,744	(74,700)	830,930
Total operating revenues	<u>43,417,774</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>2,869,688</u>	<u>1,032,162</u>	<u>73,744</u>	<u>(558,461)</u>	<u>46,834,969</u>
Operating expenses							
Salaries and wages	15,051,812	-	1,997,935	1,127,224	-	-	18,176,971
Employee benefits	5,848,205	-	429,057	205,073	-	-	6,482,335
Supplies	7,139,833	-	118,763	91,685	25,742	-	7,376,023
Purchased services	3,941,743	-	1,041,427	6,405	19,471	(47,725)	4,961,321
Physician fees	2,196,690	-	36,800	-	3,220	(465,365)	1,771,345
Depreciation	2,497,362	-	74,919	41,472	-	-	2,613,753
Professional fees	188,083	-	-	-	-	-	188,083
Utilities	896,372	-	77,865	30,801	-	-	1,005,038
Insurance	406,994	-	24,339	4,290	-	-	435,623
Other	563,579	40	384,826	230,211	28,100	(45,371)	1,161,385
Total operating expenses	<u>38,730,673</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>4,185,931</u>	<u>1,737,161</u>	<u>76,533</u>	<u>(558,461)</u>	<u>44,171,877</u>
Income (loss) from operations	4,687,101	22	(1,316,243)	(704,999)	(2,789)	-	2,663,092
Nonoperating gains (losses)							
Investment income	174,664	-	-	28	773	-	175,465
Capital grants	35,953	-	-	-	-	-	35,953
Interest on restricted assets	127,904	-	-	-	-	-	127,904
Interest expense	(941,214)	-	(10,347)	-	-	-	(951,561)
Other nonoperating gains	16,313	-	13,216	228	-	-	29,757
Total nonoperating gains (losses)	<u>(586,380)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,869</u>	<u>256</u>	<u>773</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(582,482)</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	4,100,721	22	(1,313,374)	(704,743)	(2,016)	-	2,080,610
Change in interest rate swap	275,890	-	-	-	-	-	275,890
Transfer from (to) affiliates	(2,100,000)	-	1,475,000	625,000	-	-	-
Change in net assets	2,276,611	22	161,626	(79,743)	(2,016)	-	2,356,500
Net assets - beginning of year	18,421,709	92	488,331	241,803	285,667	-	19,437,602
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 20,698,320</u>	<u>\$ 114</u>	<u>\$ 649,957</u>	<u>\$ 162,060</u>	<u>\$ 283,651</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 21,794,102</u>

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HIGHLAND COUNTY JOINT TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL DISTRICT

CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Hospital	HDH Foundation	PSC	PFW	HJTDH Foundation	Eliminating	Total
Operating revenues							
Net patient service revenue	\$ 41,222,657	\$ -	\$ 2,255,536	\$ 1,209,122	\$ -	\$ (551,153)	\$ 44,136,162
Other operating revenue	752,271	120	1,787	716	144,094	(45,317)	853,671
Total operating revenue	<u>41,974,928</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>2,257,323</u>	<u>1,209,838</u>	<u>144,094</u>	<u>(596,470)</u>	<u>44,989,833</u>
Operating expenses							
Salaries and wages	15,116,648	-	1,766,085	1,141,020	-	-	18,023,753
Employee benefits	5,727,830	-	375,390	214,664	-	-	6,317,884
Supplies	6,486,219	-	121,745	90,940	21,634	-	6,720,538
Purchased services	4,131,501	-	652,944	848	20,651	(12,634)	4,793,310
Physician fees	1,913,000	-	91,464	-	10,645	(541,365)	1,473,744
Depreciation	2,246,112	-	80,267	40,710	-	-	2,367,089
Professional fees	179,957	-	-	-	-	-	179,957
Utilities	954,576	-	80,319	31,023	-	-	1,065,918
Insurance	529,951	-	21,695	19,466	-	-	571,112
Other	403,530	120	399,149	248,660	49,900	(55,289)	1,046,070
Total operating expenses	<u>37,689,324</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>3,589,058</u>	<u>1,787,331</u>	<u>102,830</u>	<u>(609,288)</u>	<u>42,559,375</u>
Income (loss) from operations	4,285,604	-	(1,331,735)	(577,493)	41,264	12,818	2,430,458
Nonoperating gains (losses)							
Investment income	118,362	-	-	308	5,591	-	124,261
Capital grants	53,765	-	-	-	-	-	53,765
Interest on restricted assets	221,768	-	-	-	-	-	221,768
Interest expense	(953,051)	-	(10,904)	-	-	-	(963,955)
Other nonoperating gains	62,676	-	(3,159)	113	-	(12,818)	46,812
Total nonoperating gains (losses)	<u>(496,480)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,063)</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>5,591</u>	<u>(12,818)</u>	<u>(517,349)</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	3,789,124	-	(1,345,798)	(577,072)	46,855	-	1,913,109
Change in interest rate swap	(498,639)	-	-	-	-	-	(498,639)
Transfer from (to) affiliates	<u>(2,020,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,350,000</u>	<u>670,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net assets	1,270,485	-	4,202	92,928	46,855	-	1,414,470
Net assets - beginning of year	<u>17,151,224</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>484,129</u>	<u>148,875</u>	<u>238,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,023,132</u>
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 18,421,709</u>	<u>\$ 92</u>	<u>\$ 488,331</u>	<u>\$ 241,803</u>	<u>\$ 285,667</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 19,437,602</u>

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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND
OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Highland County Joint Township Hospital Board of Trustees
and Hospital Board of Governors
Highland County Joint Township Hospital District
Hillsboro, Ohio

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Highland County Joint Township Hospital District (the Organization) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated July 12, 2010. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Organization's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting.

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 combination of deficiencies in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND
OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS (continued)**

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements of Highland County Joint Township Hospital District are free of 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 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*.

We communicated certain matters to the Organization's management in a separate letter dated July 12, 2010.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Governors, management, and the auditor of the State of Ohio and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Blue & Co., LLC

July 12, 2010

**Highland County Joint Township Hospital District
Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
December 31, 2008**

2008-1: Physician Recruitment Asset and Liability

In accordance with FASB Staff Position FIN 45-3, "Application of FASB Interpretation No. 45 to Minimum Revenue Guarantees Granted to a Business of Its Owners," the Organization has a liability of \$298,038 at December 31, 2008 for the fair value of physician guarantees with an offsetting asset of \$536,819 recorded in other assets within the balance sheet. The Organization recorded amortization of \$170,078 in 2008 for the initial grant for Dr. Bart. Pursuant to the agreement, amortization should not be recognized until November 2009.

We recommend that management analyze new physician agreements with income guarantees for possible accounting of future commitments. We are pleased to be available to answer questions and provide technical accounting guidance with respect to these agreements.

Current Status:

Management analyzes physician agreements for proper accounting treatment. Corrective action was taken.



Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

HIGHLAND COUNTY JOINT TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL DISTRICT

HIGHLAND 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.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
NOVEMBER 23, 2010**