# BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Audited)

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013



Board of Directors Suburban Health Consortium 32000 Chagrin Boulevard Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124-5974

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Suburban Health Consortium, Cuyahoga County, prepared by Julian & Grube, Inc., for the audit period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. 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 Suburban Health Consortium is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

April 10, 2014



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#### Independent Auditor's Report

Suburban Health Consortium Cuyahoga County 32000 Chagrin Boulevard Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124-5974

To the Board of Directors:

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Suburban Health Consortium, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Suburban Health Consortium's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Suburban Health Consortium's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Suburban Health Consortium's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our opinion.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Suburban Health Consortium, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as of September 30, 2013, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



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#### Other Matters

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require this presentation to include *Management's discussion and analysis* and the ten-year loss development information listed in the table of contents, to supplement the basic financial statements. Although this information is not part of the basic financial statements, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board considers it essential for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, consisting of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries to the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not opine or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to opine or provide any other assurance.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 27, 2014, on our consideration of the Suburban Health Consortium's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Suburban Health Consortium's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Julian & Grube, Inc. February 27, 2014

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

The management's discussion and analysis of the Suburban Health Consortium's (the "Consortium") financial performance provides an overall review of the Consortium's financial activities for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Consortium's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Consortium's financial performance.

#### **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2013 are as follows:

- In total, net position was \$10,871,734 at September 30, 2013. This represents an increase of \$529,184, or 5.12%, from September 30, 2012.
- The Consortium had operating revenues of \$73,780,273 and operating expenses of \$73,208,912 for fiscal year 2013. The Consortium had \$43,241 in interest revenue and had decreases of \$85,418 in the fair value of the Consortium's investments. Operating income and the increase in net position for the fiscal year was \$571,361 and \$529,184, respectively.

#### **Using these Basic Financial Statements**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the Consortium's financial activities. The statement of net position and statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position provide information about the activities of the Consortium, including all short-term and long-term financial resources and obligations. The statement of cash flows provides information about cash provided by or used in various activities of the Consortium.

### **Reporting the Consortium Financial Activities**

# Statement of net position, statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and the statement of cash flows

These documents look at all financial transactions and ask the question, "How did we do financially during fiscal year 2013?" The statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position answer this question. These statements include *all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses* using the *accrual basis of accounting* similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting will take into account all of the current fiscal year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The statement of net position and the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position report the Consortium's *net position* and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Consortium as a whole, the *financial position* of the Consortium has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. The Consortium's statement of net position and statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position can be found on pages 8-9 of this report.

The statement of cash flows provides information about how the Consortium finances and meets the cash flow needs of its operations. The statement of cash flows can be found on page 10 of this report.

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

#### Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. These notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 11-21 of this report.

#### Required Supplementary Information

Ten years of loss development information can be found on pages 22-24 of this report.

#### Net Position and Changes in Net Position

The table below provides a summary of the Consortium's net position for 2013 and 2012.

#### **Net Position**

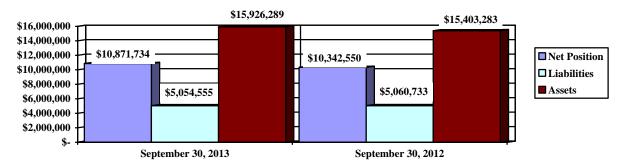
	2013	2012
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents with fiscal agent	\$ 6,466,911	\$ 13,663,118
Investments with fiscal agent - current	490,897	1,734,732
Investments with fiscal agent - noncurrent	8,137,770	-
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles):		
Accounts	818,034	-
Accrued interest	12,677	5,433
Total assets	15,926,289	15,403,283
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	-	36,733
Claims payable	5,054,555	5,024,000
Total liabilities	5,054,555	5,060,733
Net Position:		
Unrestricted	\$ 10,871,734	\$ 10,342,550

Total assets of the Consortium increased \$523,006, or 3.40%, from September 30, 2012 primarily due to the recording of a receivable for prescription drug rebates related to fiscal year 2013 that were not received by September 30, 2013. The Consortium increased investment activity in fiscal year 2013 resulting in an increase to investments and a decrease to cash and cash equivalents. The Consortium established premiums at a level to build reserves should claims payments fluctuate in a given year. The Consortium will continue to monitor and assess premiums for their sufficiency to cover claims expenses and continue to support reserve levels.

Total liabilities of the Consortium decreased \$6,178, or 0.13%, from September 30, 2012 primarily due to a decrease in accounts payable. The liability for claims payable is calculated by the Consortium's independent actuary and estimates the claims incurred and due at September 30, 2013.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

The chart below shows a breakdown of the Consortiums assets, liabilities and net position for 2013 versus 2012:



The table below shows the changes in net position for fiscal year 2013 and 2012.

### **Change in Net Position**

			Increase
	2013	2012	(Decrease)
Operating Revenues:			
Participant contributions	\$ 71,547,766	\$ 68,462,905	\$ 3,084,861
Prescription drug rebates	1,647,689	1,195,310	452,379
Subrogation reimbursements	195,347	-	195,347
Participant buy-in fees	389,471	310,211	79,260
Other	<u>-</u> _	40,457	(40,457)
Total operating revenue	73,780,273	70,008,883	3,771,390
Operating Expenses:			
Claims	69,553,676	65,242,069	4,311,607
Life insurance premiums	287,568	303,430	(15,862)
Carrier stop loss premiums	536,827	502,540	34,287
Liability insurance premiums	16,924	16,232	692
Administration fees	2,611,537	2,479,727	131,810
Consulting fees	99,000	79,290	19,710
Legal and professional fees	65,870	112,354	(46,484)
Other fees	37,510	14,656	22,854
Total operasting expenses	73,208,912	68,750,298	4,458,614
Operating income	571,361	1,258,585	(687,224)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):			
Interest	43,241	21,978	21,263
(Decrease) in fair value of investments	(85,418)	(63,413)	(22,005)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(42,177)	(41,435)	(742)
Change in net position	529,184	1,217,150	(687,966)
Net position, October 1	10,342,550	9,125,400	
Net position, September 30	\$ 10,871,734	\$ 10,342,550	

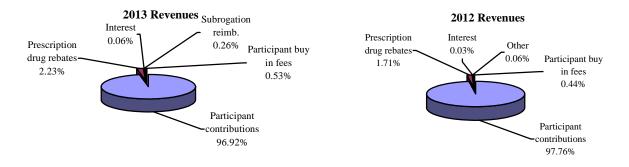
#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

Participant contributions revenue increased 4.51% from 2012. Sufficient participant contributions are required to ensure that the Consortium is able to meet increasing claims expenses. The Consortium added one new member in fiscal year 2013. Prescription drug rebates increased as the Consortium utilized the services of Express Scripts for prescription drugs in fiscal year 2013. The contract with Express Scripts resulted in increased prescription drug rebates. The Consortium had subrogation reimbursements of \$195,347 in fiscal 2013. The Consortium had an increase in participant buy-in fees of 79,260 due to the addition of a new member in 2013. Other revenue decreased from the prior year due to fewer revenues in this category.

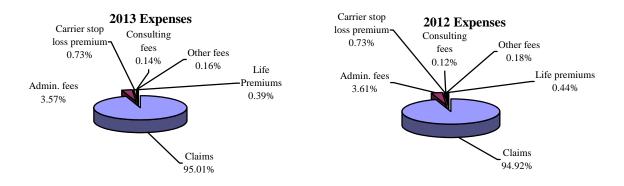
Interest revenue increased \$21,263, or 96.75%, from 2012 primarily due to increased Consortium investments. The Consortium invested in a federal agency securities and negotiable certificates of deposit during 2013. The fair value of investments decreased \$85,418 from the prior year. The Consortium intends to hold all investment to maturity thus eliminating the risk due to fluctuations their fair value while capturing the interest offered by the investments.

Claims expense and administration fees increased due to increased claims activity experienced by the Consortium partially due to the addition of one new member in fiscal year 2013. There was an increase in carrier stop loss premiums, and in consulting and other fees. The Consortium aims to maintain premium revenues at a level sufficient to exceed current year claims expense. Claims expense was 94.27% of total fiscal year 2013 operating revenues while claims expense was 93.19% of total fiscal year 2012 operating revenues. The Consortium uses Medical Mutual of Ohio as their third party administrator.

The charts below reflect the percentage of the revenues in 2013 versus 2012:



The charts below reflect the percentage of the expenses in 2013 versus 2012:



#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

#### **Current Financial Related Activities**

The Consortium is committed to providing its member districts with the advantages of a large buying cooperative, while maintaining control by the local district leadership. The Consortium will continue to look at potential members who meet the established criteria. Underwriting considerations are of utmost importance in reviewing new membership applications, as the Consortium is committed to protecting the long-term financial interests of its core members, and will not admit a new member that will adversely impact premiums and claims payments. The Consortium added one new member in fiscal 2013.

The Consortium requires its members to participate in the medical insurance program, with individual district choice as to participation in the dental, prescription drug, vision, and life programs. The Consortium Board of Directors and its administrative agent, Group Healthcare Consultants, continually discuss program enhancements to the existing product line, in addition to watching for new opportunities for Consortium members. For fiscal year 2013, the Consortium's net position increased \$529,184 due to increased participant contributions revenue and prescription drug rebate revenue. Net position increased to \$10,871,734 at the end of fiscal year 2013. Establishing premiums that satisfy all claims, administration fees, and other expenses of the Consortium, in addition to enhancing the net assets position is important for the short-term and long-term interests of the Consortium.

The most significant challenge facing the Consortium Board is the current trend of skyrocketing health care costs, primarily medical and prescription drug. These two programs were the impetus that brought the participating districts together in an attempt to benefit from the economies of scale that could be reaped from a group of approximately 5,500 covered employees, in lieu of each individual district independently entering the insurance marketplace. As the claims costs for medical and prescription drug continue to escalate, the Board is faced with the unenviable task of attempting to balance a quality benefits offering within the financial constraints facing Ohio's public school districts. This is much the same as the dilemma facing American businesses today, and is complicated by the fact that each school district in the Consortium must collectively bargain benefit levels with the respective employee unions. The challenge is set before the Consortium and its Board of Directors, and the future looks better from the collective, as opposed to individual, view of the eighteen participating districts.

#### **Contacting the Consortium's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our member districts, potential member districts and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Consortium's finances and to show the Consortium's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information contact Mr. Greg Slemons, Treasurer, Orange City School District, 32000 Chagrin Blvd., Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124-5974 or by email at gslemons@orangecsd.org.

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# STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

ASSETS:
Current assets:
Cash and cash equiv

Current assets.	
Cash and cash equivalents with Fiscal Agent	\$ 6,466,911
Investments with Fiscal Agent	490,897
Receivables:	
Accounts	818,034
Accrued interest	 12,677
Total current assets	 7,788,519
Noncurrent assets:	
Investments with Fiscal Agent	 8,137,770
Total assets	 15,926,289
LIABILITIES:	
Current liabilities:	
Claims payable	 5,054,555
Total liabilities	 5,054,555
NET POSITION:	
Unrestricted	 10,871,734
Total net position	\$ 10,871,734

THE NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

Operating revenues:		
Participant contributions	\$	71,547,766
Prescription drug rebates		1,647,689
Subrogation reimbursements		195,347
Participant buy-in fees		389,471
Total operating revenues		73,780,273
Operating expenses:		
Claims		69,553,676
Life insurance premiums		287,568
Carrier stop loss premiums		536,827
Liability insurance premium		16,924
Administration fees		2,611,537
Consulting fees		99,000
Legal and professional fees		65,870
Miscellaneous fees		37,510
Total operating expenses	-	73,208,912
Operating income		571,361
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Interest		43,241
(Decrease) in fair value on investments		(85,418)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)		(42,177)
Change in net position		529,184
Net position, October 1		10,342,550
Net position, September 30	\$	10,871,734

THE NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from participants	\$ 71,547,766
Cash received from prescription drug rebates	829,655
Cash received from subrogation reimbursements	195,347
Cash received from buy in fees	389,471
Cash payments for claims	(69,523,121)
Cash payments for life insurance premiums	(287,568)
Cash payments for carrier stop loss premiums	(536,827)
Cash payments for liability insurance premiums	(16,924)
Cash payments for administration fees	(2,611,537)
Cash payments for consulting fees	(99,000)
Cash payments for legal and professional fees	(102,603)
Cash payments for miscellaneous expenses	(37,510)
Net cash used in operating activities	 (252,851)
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Purchase of investments	(7,986,293)
Redemption of investments	1,006,940
Interest received	35,997
interest received	 33,771
Net cash used in investing activities	 (6,943,356)
Net decrease in cash and cash and cash equivalents	(7,196,207)
Cash and cash equivalents, October 1	13,663,118
Cash and cash equivalents, September 30	\$ 6,466,911
Reconciliation of operating income to net	
cash used in operating activities:	
Operating income	\$ 571,361
Adjustments to reconcile operating income	
to net cash used in operating activities:	
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) in accounts receivable	(818,034)
(Decrease) in accounts payable	(36,733)
Increase in claims payable	30,555
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (252,851)

THE NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

#### NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

The Suburban Health Consortium (the "Consortium") is a legally separate entity organized under Ohio Revised Code Section 9.833. The Consortium was established on October 1, 2001, formed by the Boards of Education of several school districts in northeast Ohio, for the purposes of maximizing benefits and/or reducing costs of group health, life, dental and/or other insurance coverage for their employees and the eligible dependents and designated beneficiaries of such employees.

Some of the more significant provisions of the Consortium are as follows:

#### A. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the Consortium. The Board of Education of each Consortium Member appoints its Superintendent or such Superintendent's designee, to be its representative on the Consortium's Board of Directors. The officers of the Board of Directors consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Recording Secretary, who are elected at the annual meeting of Board of Directors and serve until the next annual meeting. All of the authority of the Consortium is exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors sets and approves all benefit programs to be offered by or through the Consortium, and all policies and other contracts are accepted or entered into by the Consortium. The Board of Directors sets all premiums and other amounts to be paid by the Consortium Members, and the Board of Directors has the authority to waive premiums and other payments. All members of the Board of Directors serve without compensation.

#### **B.** Executive Committee

The Executive Committee consists of three members of the Board of Directors: the Chairman, and two other members. The Executive Committee has the full powers of the Board of Directors to manage and conduct affairs of the Consortium between meetings of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee is specifically authorized and directed to review and decide all appeals and challenges by employees, their eligible dependents and designated beneficiaries of adverse determinations by the Plan Administrator or care or coverage under benefit programs offered by the Consortium.

The Board of Directors may ratify any action authorized or taken by the Executive Committee or may rescind and overrule any such action.

#### C. Fiscal Agent

The Fiscal Agent is responsible for administering the financial transactions of the Consortium. For fiscal year 2013, the Orange City School District (the "School District") served as Fiscal Agent for the Consortium. The Fiscal Agent carries out the responsibilities of the Consortium Fund, enters into contracts on behalf of the Consortium as authorized by the Directors and carries out such other responsibilities as approved by the Directors and agreed to by the Fiscal Agent. The Treasurer of the Fiscal Agent is the Treasurer of the Consortium. The Fiscal Agent is reimbursed for such costs incurred by it in carrying out its responsibilities as may be approved by the Board of Directors.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

#### **NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY - (Continued)**

#### D. Benefits

Consortium Member contributions are used to provide and/or purchase health, dental, life and/or other insurance benefits as provided for in the Consortium Agreement and as established by law. The Board of Directors determines, at their discretion, the insurance benefits to be provided by or through the Consortium. Benefit selections may vary among the Consortium Members for any type of benefit program. The Board of Directors determines, at their discretion, which insurance carriers and policies to utilize to provide benefits pursuant to the Consortium Agreement.

#### E. Enrollment by Member Districts

Each District decides which benefit program(s) offered by or through the Consortium shall be extended to its employees. Upon joining the Consortium, each Member District is required to enroll in a health benefit program (except as otherwise agreed by at least two-thirds of the Board of Directors).

#### F. Consortium Fund

The Consortium Fund consists of all payments made to the Fiscal Agent in accordance with the Consortium Agreement, policy dividends or rate refunds (whether received by the Consortium or left with the insurance carriers to accumulate with interest), investments made by the Fiscal Agent and income there from, and any other money or property which shall come into the hands of the Consortium in connection with the administration of benefit programs and the Consortium.

The Fiscal Agent may use the Consortium Fund for purposes such as, but not limited to:

- 1. To pay all expenses which the Directors consider necessary in establishing and administering the Consortium;
- 2. To pay premiums of the Consortium's policies;
- 3. To make investments in accordance with the Agreement;
- 4. To make refunds to Consortium Members; and,
- To provide and/or purchase health insurance, life insurance, dental insurance and/or other insurance benefits.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

#### **NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY - (Continued)**

#### G. Termination / Withdrawal of a Consortium Member

It is the express intention of the Consortium Members that the Consortium Agreement and the Consortium shall continue for an indefinite term, but may be terminated as provided in the Consortium Agreement. Any Consortium Member, except for the Fiscal Agent, wishing to withdraw from participation in the Consortium or any benefit program shall notify the Fiscal Agent at least one-hundred-eighty (180) days prior to the effective date of withdrawal. The Fiscal Agent may resign as the Fiscal Agent of the Consortium and/or withdraw from the Consortium or any benefit program at any time by giving written notice of the date of such resignation and/or withdrawal to each Consortium Member and to the Chairman of the Board of Directors at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the date of resignation and/or withdrawal. Specifics governing the withdrawal of a Consortium Member and the run out of all claims for such Consortium Member are addressed in Section 10 of the Consortium Agreement.

#### H. Contributions

Each District Member enrolled in a benefit program may require contributions from its employees toward the cost of any benefit program being offered by such District Member, and such contributions are included in the payments from such District Member to the Fiscal Agent for the benefit program. Contributions are to be submitted by each District Member, to the Fiscal Agent, required under the terms of the Consortium Agreement and any benefit program in which such District Member is enrolled to the Fiscal Agent on a monthly basis, or as otherwise required in accordance with any benefit program in which such District Member is enrolled. All general administrative costs incurred by the Consortium that are not covered by the premium payments shall be shared equally by the Consortium Members as approved by the Directors, and shall be paid by each Consortium Member upon receipt of notice from the Fiscal Agent that such payment is due.

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

The financial statements of the Consortium have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to local governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Consortium's significant accounting policies are described below.

#### A. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, "<u>The Financial Reporting Entity</u>" as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, "<u>Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units</u>" and GASB Statement No. 61, "<u>The Financial Reporting Entity</u>: <u>Omnibus an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34</u>". The reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the basic financial statements of the Consortium are not misleading. On this basis, no governmental organizations other than the Consortium itself are included in the financial reporting entity.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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

#### **B.** Fund Accounting

The Consortium maintains its accounting records in accordance with the principles of "fund" accounting. Fund accounting is a concept developed to meet the needs of government entities in which legal or other restraints require the recording of specific receipts and disbursements. The Consortium uses an enterprise fund to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

#### C. Basis of Accounting/Measurement Focus

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

For financial statement presentation purposes, the Consortium utilizes the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred.

The Consortium's activities are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the Consortium's operations are included on the statement of net position. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total position.

The Consortium distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues generally result from participants contributions for insurance coverage. Operating expenses for the Consortium include the payment of claims, carrier stop loss premiums and administrative and other fees. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

#### D. Cash and Investments with Fiscal Agent

The Consortium's Fiscal Agent maintains the Consortium financial activity under a specific fund designated for Consortium activity. The Fiscal Agent is responsible for administering the financial transactions of the Consortium. For fiscal year 2013, the Orange City School District served as Fiscal Agent for the Consortium.

The Treasurer of the Consortium, who also serves as Treasurer of the Fiscal Agent (the Orange City School District) has established a separate depository account for Consortium activities and purchases specific investments for the Consortium. The interest earnings on these Consortium accounts are distributed to the Consortium.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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

During fiscal 2013, investments purchased by the Fiscal Agent for the Consortium were limited to negotiable certificates of deposit, Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) securities, a Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) security, a Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC) security, and a Federal Farm Credit Bank (FFCB) security. Investments are reported at fair value which is based on quoted market prices. The fair value of investments was \$7,240 less than their cost basis at September 30, 2012 and was \$92,658 less than their cost basis at September 30, 2013. The fluctuation in the fair values of investments of \$85,418 is reported as nonoperating expense in the financial statements.

For purposes of the statement of net position and the statement of cash flows, investments purchased by the Fiscal Agent for the Consortium with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased are considered to be "cash equivalents". Investments purchased by the Fiscal Agent for the Consortium with original maturities of more than three months at the time they are purchased are considered to be "investments". An analysis of the Consortiums cash and investments with its Fiscal Agent at fiscal year end is provided in Note 4.

#### E. Budgetary Process

The member school districts of the Consortium are required by Ohio law to adopt an annual budget. The Consortium itself is not required to follow the budgetary process and, therefore, no budgetary information is provided in these basic financial statements.

#### F. Estimates

The preparation of the basic financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the basic financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

#### NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE

#### **Change in Accounting Principles**

For fiscal year 2013, the Consortium has implemented GASB Statement No. 60, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Service Concession Arrangements", GASB Statement No. 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34", GASB Statement No. 62, "Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA pronouncements", GASB Statement No. 63, "Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position", GASB Statement No. 65, "Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities", and GASB Statement No. 66, "Technical Corrections-2012".

GASB Statement No. 60 addresses issues related to service concession arrangements (SCAs), which are a type of public-private or public-public partnership. An SCA is an arrangement between a transferor (a government) and an operator (governmental or nongovernmental entity) in which (1) the transferor conveys to an operator the right and related obligation to provide services through the use of infrastructure or another public asset (a "facility") in exchange for significant consideration and (2) the operator collects and is compensated by fees from third parties. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 60 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Consortium.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

#### NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE - (Continued)

GASB Statement No. 61 modifies certain requirements for inclusion of component units in the financial reporting entity. The Statement amends the criteria for reporting component units as if they were part of the primary government in certain circumstances. Finally, the Statement also clarifies the reporting of equity interests in legally separate organizations. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 61 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Consortium.

GASB Statement No. 62 codifies accounting and financial reporting guidance contained in pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA pronouncements in an effort to codify all sources of GAAP for State and local governments so that they derive from a single source. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 62 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Consortium.

GASB Statement No. 63 provides financial and reporting guidance for *deferred outflows of resources* and *deferred inflows of resources* which are financial statement elements that are distinct from assets and liabilities. GASB Statement No. 63 standardizes the presentation of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources and their effects on a government's *net position*. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 63 has changed the presentation of the Consortium's financial statements to incorporate the concepts of net position. The Consortium has no deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources.

GASB Statement No. 65 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as *deferred outflows of resources* or *deferred inflows of resources*, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities and recognizes, as outflows of resources or inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities. GASB Statement No. 65 also provides other financial reporting guidance related to the impact of the financial statement elements *deferred outflows of resources* and *deferred inflows of resources*, such as changes in the determination of the major fund calculations and limiting the use of the term *deferred* in financial statement presentations. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 65 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Consortium.

GASB Statement No. 66 improves accounting and financial reporting by resolving conflicting guidance that resulted from the issuance of two pronouncements; GASB Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions" and GASB Statement No. 62, "Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance Contained in Pre-November 30, 1989 FASB and AICPA pronouncements". The implementation of GASB Statement No. 66 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Consortium.

#### NOTE 4 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS WITH FISCAL AGENT

The Treasurer of the Consortium, who also serves as Treasurer of the Fiscal Agent, maintains a specific depository account and purchases specific investments for the Consortium. The deposit and investment of Consortium monies follows the investment policy of the School District. The following disclosures are required by GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures".

State statutes allow the School District as Fiscal Agent for the Consortium to deposit or invest the Consortium's monies in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

#### NOTE 4 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS WITH FISCAL AGENT - (Continued)

- 2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
- 3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;
- 4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio;
- 5. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in items (1) and (2) above and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
- 6. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio);
- Certain banker's acceptance and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred eighty
  days from the purchase date in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available
  for investment at any one time; and,
- 8. Under limited circumstances, corporate debt interests rated in either of the two highest classifications by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies.

Protection of the Consortium's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), 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 a single collateral pool established by the financial institution to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited with the institution.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the Treasurer or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

As Fiscal Agent, the School District maintains a separate depository account and a separate investment account for monies specific to the Consortium. The amounts held in the depository account and the investment account at fiscal year year-end are described below.

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

#### NOTE 4 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS WITH FISCAL AGENT - (Continued)

#### A. Deposits with Fiscal Agent held in Financial Institutions

At September 30, 2013, the carrying amount of the Consortiums deposits with Fiscal Agent held in financial institutions was \$6,466,911. Based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of September 30, 2013, \$6,216,911 of the Consortiums deposits bank balance of \$6,466,911 was exposed to custodial risk as discussed below, while \$250,000 was covered by the FDIC.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105% of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the School District. The School District has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Although the securities were held by the pledging institutions' trust department and all statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

#### B. Investments with Fiscal Agent

At September 30, 2013, the Consortium had the following investments purchased by the Fiscal Agent:

		Investment Maturities				
Investment type	Fair Value	6 months or less	7 to 12 months	13 to 18 months	19 to 24 months	Greater than 24 months
Negotiable CD's	\$ 736,397	\$ -	\$ 490,897	\$ -	\$ 245,500	\$ -
FHLB	2,983,200	-	-	-	-	2,983,200
FNMA	1,980,440	-	-	-	-	1,980,440
FHLMC	1,948,880	-	-	-	-	1,948,880
FFCB	979,750					979,750
Total	\$ 8,628,667	\$ -	\$ 490,897	\$ -	\$ 245,500	\$ 7,892,270

The weighted average maturity of investments is 3.75 years.

Disclosures regarding investments of the Consortium are as follows:

*Interest Rate Risk:* As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates and according to State law, the School District's investment policy (which the Consortium follows) limits investment portfolio maturities to five years or less.

Credit Risk: The Consortiums investments in federal agency securities were rated Aaa by Moody's Investor Services and AA+ by Standard & Poor's. The Consortiums investments in negotiable certificates of deposit were fully covered by the FDIC. The School District's investment policy (which the Consortium follows) does not specifically address credit risk beyond the adherence to all relevant sections of the Ohio Revised Code.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

#### NOTE 4 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS WITH FISCAL AGENT - (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School District, as Fiscal Agent for the Consortium, will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Consortium's investments in federal agency securities are exposed to custodial credit risk in that it is uninsured, unregistered and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the School District's or Consortium's name. The School District's investment policy (which the Consortium follows) does not deal with investment custodial credit risk beyond the requirements in State statute that prohibits payment for investments prior to delivery of the securities representing such investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The School District's investment policy (which the Consortium follows) places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The following table includes the percentage of each investment type held by the Consortium at September 30, 2013:

<u>Investment type</u>	Fair Value		% of Total
Negotiable CD's	\$	736,397	8.53
FHLB		2,983,200	34.57
FNMA		1,980,440	22.95
FHLMC		1,948,880	22.60
FFCB		979,750	11.35
Total	\$	8,628,667	100.00

## C. Reconciliation of Cash and Investments with Fiscal Agent to the Statement of Net Position

The following is a reconciliation of cash and investments with Fiscal Agent as reported in the note above to cash and investments with Fiscal Agent as reported on the statement of net position as of September 30, 2013:

Cash and investments with Fiscal Agent per note	
Carrying amount of deposits with Fiscal Agent	\$ 6,466,911
Investments with Fiscal Agent	 8,628,667
Total	\$ 15,095,578
Cash and investments with Fiscal Agent per financial statements	
Cash and cash equivalents with Fiscal Agent	\$ 6,466,911
Investments with Fiscal Agent - current	490,897
Investments with Fiscal Agent - noncurrent	 8,137,770
Total	\$ 15,095,578

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

#### **NOTE 5 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Consortium is a jointly governed organization which acts as a governmental risk pool for health, life, dental and/or other insurance coverage for its 18 member districts. The risk of loss for loss transfers from the member districts to the Consortium upon payment of the monthly premium.

The Consortium employs the services of an outside consultant, Group Healthcare Consultants, to assist them in administering the Consortium. The Consortium also uses Medical Mutual of Ohio as their third party administrator. Medical Mutual of Ohio administers the following lines of coverage: hospital base, medical/surgical, supplemental major medical, comprehensive major medical, dental, vision and super medical select. Prescription drug benefits are provided and administered by Express Scripts.

No employer, employee, or person claiming benefit by or through an employee shall have any claim against the Consortium or any property of the Consortium. The rights and interest of employees and persons claiming by or through employees shall be limited receipt benefits offered by or through the Consortium in accordance with the Consortium Agreement. The Consortium purchases or otherwise provides for the benefit of itself, the Directors and/or the Fiscal Agent such liability insurance with such limits of coverage as approved by the Board of Directors. The aggregate claims liability of the Consortium shall not exceed one-hundred-twenty percent (120%) of expected claims. Any Consortium Member which withdraws from the Consortium pursuant to the Consortium Agreement has no claim to the Consortium's assets.

It is not necessary for each member District to hold a reserve for Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) claims. The IBNR information is presented by the Consortium as required by GASB Statement No. 10, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues", as amended by GASB Statement No. 30, "Risk Financing Omnibus", and is not available on a District-by-District basis.

The Consortium is self insured for Member District employee health insurance claims but maintains stop gap loss insurance with Medical Mutual of Ohio for \$500,000 on an individual basis. The Self Insurance Fund pays covered claims to service providers and recovers these costs from premium charges to member districts based on calculations provided with the consortium's consultant Group Healthcare Consultants in conjunction with Medical Mutual of Ohio which is the third party administrator.

The claims liability of \$5,054,555 reported at September 30, 2013, is based on an actuarial estimate provided by the third party administrator and the requirements of GASB Statement No. 10 as amended by GASB Statement No. 30, which requires that a liability for unpaid claims costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be accrued at the estimated ultimate cost of settling the claims.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

#### **NOTE 5 - RISK MANAGEMENT - (Continued)**

Changes in claims activity for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 were as follows:

	2013	2012
Claims payable at beginning of fiscal year	\$ 5,024,000	\$ 5,232,000
<u>Claims expenses:</u>		
Claims expenses for insured events of the current period	74,110,063	69,319,500
(Decrease) in claims expenses for insured events of the prior years	(4,556,387)	(4,077,431)
Total claims expenses	69,553,676	65,242,069
Payments:		
Claims expenses paid attributable to insured events		
of the current year	64,899,431	61,473,406
Claims expenses paid attributable to insured events of prior years	4,623,690	3,976,663
Total claims payments	69,523,121	65,450,069
Claims payable at end of fiscal year	\$ 5,054,555	\$ 5,024,000

#### **NOTE 6 - LITIGATION**

The Consortium is not party to legal proceedings which, in the opinion of Consortium management, would have a material effect, if any, on the financial condition of the Consortium.

#### **NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES**

All receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts, as applicable, and are written off when deemed uncollectible. Recoveries of receivables previously written off are recorded when received. At September 30, 2013, the Consortium reported a \$12,677 receivable for accrued interest on investments in federal agency securities and negotiable CD's and an \$818,034 receivable for prescription drug rebates due to the Consortium related to fiscal year 2013 activity.

REQUIRED	) SUPPLEMENTAR	Y INFORMATION	

#### TEN-YEAR LOSS DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

The following table illustrates how the Consortium's earned revenue and investment income compares to related costs of loss and other expenses assumed by the Consortium as of the end of the year. The rows of the table are defined as follows:

- (1) This line shows the total of each fiscal year's gross earned premiums and reported investment income.
- (2) This line shows each fiscal year's other operating costs of the Consortium including overhead and loss adjustment expenses not allocable to individual claims.
- (3) This line shows the Consortium's gross incurred losses and allocated loss adjustment expense as originally reported at the end of the year in which the event that triggered coverage occurred (called *accident year*).
- (4) This section shows the cumulative net amounts paid as of the end of the accident year.
- (5) This section shows how each accident year's net incurred losses increased or decreased as of the end of the year. (This annual reestimation results from new information received on known losses, re-evaluation of existing information on known losses and emergence of new losses not previously known).
- (6) This line compares the latest re-estimated net incurred losses amount to the amount originally established (line 3) and shows whether this latest estimate of losses is greater or less than originally thought.

As data for individual accident years mature, the correlation between original estimates and re-estimated amounts is commonly used to evaluate the accuracy of net incurred losses currently recognized in less mature accident years. The columns of the table show data for successive accident years. Loss development information for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2004 through 2013 is provided on the next page.

# TEN-YEAR LOSS DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
1. Premiums and investment					
income	\$ 30,368,945	\$ 30,514,315	\$ 40,693,917	\$ 49,771,132	\$ 50,983,473
2. Unallocated expenses	3,019,904	3,034,126	3,281,060	3,783,417	3,836,803
3. Estimated losses incurred					
and expense, end of year	33,816,857	32,390,415	39,686,784	43,037,528	48,017,693
4. Paid, cumulative as of:					
End of accident year	25,890,448	24,678,178	30,934,495	36,523,230	42,316,635
One year later	28,311,975	27,586,972	34,651,946	40,462,081	46,547,235
Two years later	28,295,521	27,592,832	34,657,842	40,493,819	46,558,602
Three years later	28,295,859	27,594,452	34,673,821	40,499,857	46,559,722
Four years later	28,296,093	27,595,605	34,673,821	40,500,161	46,559,933
Five years later	28,296,093	27,595,605	34,673,821	40,500,072	46,560,257
Six years later	28,296,093	27,595,605	34,673,821	40,500,136	-
Seven years later	28,296,093	27,595,605	34,673,821	-	-
Eight years later	28,296,093	27,595,605	-	-	-
Nine years later	28,296,093	-	-	-	-
5. Re-estimated incurred					
losses and expense:					
End of accident year	33,816,857	32,390,415	39,686,784	43,037,528	48,017,693
One year later	28,988,465	28,842,574	35,969,333	41,718,821	45,478,491
Two years later	28,397,861	28,836,714	35,963,437	41,687,083	46,558,602
Three years later	28,397,523	28,835,094	35,947,458	41,681,045	46,559,722
Four years later	28,397,289	28,833,941	35,947,458	41,680,741	46,559,933
Five years later	28,397,289	27,595,605	34,673,821	40,500,072	46,560,257
Six years later	28,296,093	27,595,605	34,673,821	40,500,136	- -
Seven years later	28,296,093	27,595,605	34,673,821	-	-
Eight years later	28,296,093	27,595,605	-	-	-
Nine years later	28,296,093	-	-	-	-
6. Decrease in					
estimated incurred losses					
and expenses from end					
of accident year	(5,520,764)	(4,794,810)	(5,012,963)	(2,537,392)	(1,457,436)

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
\$ 54,509,528	\$ 55,119,795	\$ 64,046,463	\$ 68,484,883	\$ 71,591,007
3,511,740	3,611,024	3,629,718	3,508,229	3,655,236
52,405,966	60,021,664	67,755,190	69,319,500	74,110,063
45,892,424	53,011,763	59,910,044	61,473,406	64,899,431
50,090,194	57,794,920	63,875,089	66,105,777	-
50,089,818	57,805,850	63,864,399	-	-
50,090,384	57,807,295	-	-	-
50,090,560	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
52,405,966	60,021,664	67,755,190	69,319,500	74,110,063
50,452,545	57,794,920	64,846,721	66,105,777	74,110,003
50,452,169	57,805,850	63,864,399	00,103,777	_
50,452,735	57,807,295	-	_	_
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# Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

Suburban Health Consortium Cuyahoga County 32000 Chagrin Boulevard Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124-5974

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the Suburban Health Consortium, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Suburban Health Consortium's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 27, 2014.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Suburban Health Consortium's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Suburban Health Consortium's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Suburban Health Consortium's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Suburban Health Consortium's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Board of Directors Suburban Health Consortium

# Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Suburban Health Consortium's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Suburban Health Consortium's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Julian & Grube, Inc. February 27, 2014

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#### **SUBURBAN HEALTH CONSORTIUM**

# **CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

#### **CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED APRIL 22, 2014