

***ASHLAND COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH***

***ASHLAND COUNTY***

**Audit Report**

**For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**







# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Ashland County District Board of Health  
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Ashland County District Board of Health, Ashland County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014. 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 Ashland County District Board of Health is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

July 21, 2015

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**For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Ashland County District Board of Health  
Ashland County  
1763 State Route 60  
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To the Board of Health:

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of the Ashland County District Board of Health, Ashland County, (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

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

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements 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 District'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 District'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 the overall financial statement presentation.

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

***Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the District prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the District does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

***Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, or changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

***Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined cash balances of the Ashland County District Board of Health, Ashland County, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 1.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 25, 2015, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. 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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



***Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.***  
June 25, 2015

**Ashland County District Board of Health**  
Ashland County

Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements  
and Changes in Fund Balances  
All Governmental Fund Types  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Property Taxes	\$181,565	\$0	\$181,565
Fines, Licenses and Permits	200,878	91,212	292,090
Intergovernmental:			
Grants	6,446	131,976	138,422
Other	71,515	0	71,515
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>460,404</u>	<u>223,188</u>	<u>683,592</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Current:			
Health:			
Wages	257,274	85,025	342,299
Fringe Benefits	84,722	53,165	137,887
Contract Services	10,655	32,822	43,477
Supplies and Materials	68,189	191	68,380
Other	48,339	9,421	57,760
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>469,179</u>	<u>180,624</u>	<u>649,803</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	(8,775)	42,564	33,789
<b>Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</b>			
Advances In	4,991	3,000	7,991
Advances Out	(3,000)	(4,991)	(7,991)
Other Financing Sources	6,810	1,433	8,243
Other Financing Uses	(25,705)	(9,064)	(34,769)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>(16,904)</u>	<u>(9,622)</u>	<u>(26,526)</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(25,679)	32,942	7,263
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>175,545</u>	<u>13,965</u>	<u>189,510</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>			
Restricted	0	46,907	46,907
Unassigned	149,866	0	149,866
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$149,866</u>	<u>\$46,907</u>	<u>\$196,773</u>

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

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Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements  
and Changes in Fund Balances  
All Governmental Fund Types  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Property Taxes	\$180,418	\$0	\$180,418
Fines, Licenses and Permits	168,146	102,535	270,681
Intergovernmental:			
Grants	6,133	87,537	93,670
Other	59,921	858	60,779
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>414,618</u>	<u>190,930</u>	<u>605,548</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Current:			
Health:			
Wages	235,253	106,573	341,826
Fringe Benefits	83,637	53,452	137,089
Contract Services	24,169	27,744	51,913
Supplies and Materials	39,474	319	39,793
Other	37,884	16,986	54,870
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>420,417</u>	<u>205,074</u>	<u>625,491</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	(5,799)	(14,144)	(19,943)
<b>Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</b>			
Advances In	9,500	19,000	28,500
Advances Out	(19,000)	(9,500)	(28,500)
Other Financing Sources	1,739	4,756	6,495
Other Financing Uses	(26,393)	(9,554)	(35,947)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	(34,154)	4,702	(29,452)
Extraordinary Item - Note 7	84,876	0	84,876
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	44,923	(9,442)	35,481
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>130,622</u>	<u>23,407</u>	<u>154,029</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>			
Restricted	0	13,965	13,965
Unassigned	175,545	0	175,545
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$175,545</u>	<u>\$13,965</u>	<u>\$189,510</u>

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

**ASHLAND COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**A. Description of the Entity**

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Ashland County District Board of Health, Ashland County, (the District) as a body corporate and politic. A five-member Board and a Health Commissioner govern the District. The District's services include recording of vital statistics; inspecting food service facilities, water well and sewers; public health nursing services, immunization clinics, acting upon various complaints made to the department concerning the health and welfare of the County and issues health-related licenses and permits.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

**B. Accounting Basis**

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

**C. Deposits and Investments**

As required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Ashland County Treasurer is custodian for the District's deposits. The County's deposit and investment pool holds the District's assets, valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

**D. Fund Accounting**

The District uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The District classifies its funds into the following types:

**1. General Fund**

The General Fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

**2. Special Revenue Funds**

These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The District had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Fund - This is a Federal grant fund used to address bioterrorism, other outbreaks of infectious disease and other public health threats and emergencies at the county and regional level.

Food Protection Fund - This fund is used to account for the food service inspection program.

**E. Budgetary Process**

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to budget each fund annually.

**1. Appropriations**

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

**2. Estimated Resources**

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

**3. Encumbrances**

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2014 and 2013 budgetary activity appears in Note 2.

**F. Fund Balance**

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

**1. Nonspendable**

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

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**2. Restricted**

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

**3. Committed**

The Board can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The District must adhere to these commitments unless the Board amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

**4. Assigned**

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by the Board or a District official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

**5. Unassigned**

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

**G. Property, Plant, and Equipment**

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

**H. Accumulated Leave**

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

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**2. Budgetary Activity**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2014 and 2013 follows:

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$469,033	\$472,205	\$3,172
Special Revenue	227,640	227,621	(19)

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Disbursements	Variance
General	\$546,360	\$497,884	\$48,476
Special Revenue	230,876	194,679	36,197

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$507,961	\$510,733	\$2,772
Special Revenue	213,783	214,686	903

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Disbursements	Variance
General	\$466,957	\$465,810	\$1,147
Special Revenue	234,402	224,128	10,274

**3. Intergovernmental Funding and Tax Receipts**

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

The County Commissioners serve as a special taxing authority for a special levy outside the ten-mill limitation to provide the District with sufficient funds for health programs. The levy generated was \$181,565 in 2014 and \$180,418 in 2013. The financial statement presents this amount as property tax receipts.

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**4. Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)**

The financial statements include certain amounts reported as Other Financing Receipts and Other Financing Disbursements. These receipt amounts include various refunds and reimbursements for medical insurance, cell phone and equipment usage and these disbursement amounts reflect payments to the State of Ohio for the State's share of various fee collections.

**5. Retirement Systems**

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2014 and 2013, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2014.

**6. Risk Management**

The District is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The District insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

The District belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. PEP provides property and casualty coverage for its members. American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc. (ARPCO), a division of York Insurance Services Group, Inc. (York), functions as the administrator of PEP and provides underwriting, claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for PEP. PEP is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by ARPCO. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund PEP. PEP pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty and Property Coverage

APEEP provides PEP with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, PEP retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2014, PEP retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$100,000 for property claims.

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

Financial Position

PEP's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and net position at December 31, 2013 and 2014.

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**5. Risk Management (continued)**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Assets	\$34,411,883	\$35,402,177
Liabilities	<u>(12,760,194)</u>	<u>(12,363,257)</u>
Net Position	<u>\$21,651,689</u>	<u>\$23,038,920</u>

At December 31, 2013 and 2014, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately 11.6 million and \$11.1 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$11.1 million and \$10.8 million of unpaid claims to be billed. The Pool's membership increased from 475 members in 2013 to 488 members in 2014. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2014, the District's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$2,400.

Based on discussions with PEP, the expected rates PEP charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the annual liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to PEP for each year of membership.

<u>Contributions to PEP</u>	
<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$3,469	\$3,619

After one year of membership, a member may withdraw on the anniversary of the date of joining PEP, if the member notifies PEP in writing 60 days prior to the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to PEP. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to the withdrawal.

**6. Contingent Liabilities**

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

**7. Extraordinary Item**

The District received \$84,876 in settlement proceeds from a lawsuit.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Ashland County District Board of Health  
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To the Board of Health:

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 Ashland County District Board of Health, Ashland County, (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 25, 2015, wherein we noted the District followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the District'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 District'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 District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, 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*.

We did note certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated June 25, 2015.

***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 District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



***Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.***

June 25, 2015

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# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

**ASHLAND COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH**

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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
AUGUST 4, 2015**