



**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD
OF SENECA, OTTAWA, SANDUSKY AND WYANDOT COUNTIES
SENECA COUNTY**

SINGLE AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD
OF SENECA, OTTAWA, SANDUSKY AND WYANDOT COUNTIES
SENECA COUNTY
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Seneca County
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To the Members of the Board:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the cash-basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties, Seneca County, Ohio (the Board), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Board's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash-basis financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Board, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in cash-basis financial position thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General and Federal Opioid Specific Grants funds for the year then ended in accordance with the cash-basis of accounting described in Note 2.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Board, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter - Accounting Basis

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 2, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Board's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Board's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted to opine on the financial statements as a whole that collectively comprise the Board's basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied to the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 2, 2024, on our consideration of the Board'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. The purpose of that report is solely 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 effectiveness of the Board's 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 Board's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

July 2, 2024

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**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD
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SENECA COUNTY**

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets:	
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,545,050
Net position:	
Restricted for:	
Mental health services	786,761
Alcohol and drug addiction services	1,462,684
Unrestricted	<u>10,295,605</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 12,545,050</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Disbursements	Program Cash Receipts		Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:				
Mental health services:				
Title XX	\$ 106,650	\$ -	\$ 83,719	\$ (22,931)
Mental health block grant	97,818	-	116,868	19,050
Forensic services	174,137	-	197,378	23,241
Four county systems of strength and wellness	7,261	-	-	(7,261)
OMHAS ARPA grant	200,000	-	200,000	-
Alcohol and drug addiction services:				
State per capita	713,989	-	673,299	(40,690)
Court referred driver	6,859	233	-	(6,626)
Treatment alternative street crime	245,441	-	245,441	-
Federal ADAMHS	632,532	-	531,877	(100,655)
Preventive state incentive	18,584	-	17,500	(1,084)
Lotus recovery house	165,531	10,031	145,000	(10,500)
Tobacco prevention & cessation	8,000	-	8,000	-
HRSA grant	90,158	-	85,517	(4,641)
Federal opioid specific grants	985,008	-	970,237	(14,771)
BWC substance use recover & workplace safety	13,011	-	-	(13,011)
Healing communities study	420,000	-	391,845	(28,155)
Substance abuse mental health services:				
Administration	5,850,075	-	-	(5,850,075)
Total governmental activities	\$ 9,735,054	\$ 10,264	\$ 3,666,681	(6,058,109)
General receipts:				
Property taxes levied for:				
General purposes				4,373,371
Grants and entitlements not restricted to specific programs				2,934,812
Donations				9,925
Miscellaneous				17,166
Total general receipts				7,335,274
Change in net position				1,277,165
Net position at beginning of year				11,267,885
Net position at end of year				\$ 12,545,050

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STATEMENT OF CASH BASIS ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Federal Opioid Specific Grants</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets:				
Equity in pooled cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,295,605	\$ 49,633	\$ 2,199,812	\$ 12,545,050
Fund balances:				
Restricted:				
Mental health services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 786,761	\$ 786,761
Alcohol and drug addiction services	-	49,633	1,413,051	1,462,684
Assigned:				
Administration	1,812,425	-	-	1,812,425
Subsequent year appropriation	1,500	-	-	1,500
Unassigned	8,481,680	-	-	8,481,680
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 10,295,605</u>	<u>\$ 49,633</u>	<u>\$ 2,199,812</u>	<u>\$ 12,545,050</u>

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**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD
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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>General</u>	<u>Federal Opioid Specific Grants</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Receipts:				
Property and other local taxes	\$ 4,373,371	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,373,371
Intergovernmental	2,934,812	970,237	2,696,444	6,601,493
Donations	9,925	-	-	9,925
Charges for services	-	-	10,264	10,264
Miscellaneous	15,016	-	2,150	17,166
Total receipts	<u>7,333,124</u>	<u>970,237</u>	<u>2,708,858</u>	<u>11,012,219</u>
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Mental health services:				
Title XX	-	-	106,650	106,650
Mental health block grant	-	-	97,818	97,818
Forensic services	-	-	174,137	174,137
Four county systems of strength and wellness	-	-	7,261	7,261
OMHAS ARPA grant	-	-	200,000	200,000
Alcohol and drug addiction services:				
State per capita	-	-	713,989	713,989
Court referred driver	-	-	6,859	6,859
Treatment alternative street crime	-	-	245,441	245,441
Federal ADAMHS	-	-	632,532	632,532
Preventive state incentive	-	-	18,584	18,584
Lotus recovery house	-	-	165,531	165,531
Tobacco prevention & cessation	-	-	8,000	8,000
HRSA grant	-	-	90,158	90,158
Federal opioid specific grants	-	985,008	-	985,008
BWC substance use recover & workplace safety	-	-	13,011	13,011
Healing communities study	-	-	420,000	420,000
Substance abuse mental health services:				
Administration	5,850,075	-	-	5,850,075
Total disbursements	<u>5,850,075</u>	<u>985,008</u>	<u>2,899,971</u>	<u>9,735,054</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over (under) disbursements	<u>1,483,049</u>	<u>(14,771)</u>	<u>(191,113)</u>	<u>1,277,165</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	100,632	-	220,182	320,814
Transfers (out)	<u>(220,182)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(100,632)</u>	<u>(320,814)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(119,550)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,550</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	1,363,499	(14,771)	(71,563)	1,277,165
Fund balances at beginning of year	8,932,106	64,404	2,271,375	11,267,885
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 10,295,605</u>	<u>\$ 49,633</u>	<u>\$ 2,199,812</u>	<u>\$ 12,545,050</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
Receipts:				
Property and other local taxes	\$ 4,269,272	\$ 4,373,371	\$ 4,373,371	\$ -
Intergovernmental	2,546,618	2,934,348	2,934,812	464
Donations	10,000	9,925	9,925	-
Miscellaneous	30,000	14,117	15,016	899
Total receipts	<u>6,855,890</u>	<u>7,331,761</u>	<u>7,333,124</u>	<u>1,363</u>
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Substance abuse mental health services:				
Administration	8,333,069	8,358,069	7,662,500	695,569
Excess of disbursements over receipts	<u>(1,477,179)</u>	<u>(1,026,308)</u>	<u>(329,376)</u>	<u>696,932</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	-	100,632	100,632	-
Transfers (out)	-	(220,182)	(220,182)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>(119,550)</u>	<u>(119,550)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	(1,477,179)	(1,145,858)	(448,926)	696,932
Unencumbered fund balance at beginning of year	7,913,602	7,913,602	7,913,602	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	1,018,504	1,018,504	1,018,504	-
Unencumbered fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 7,454,927</u>	<u>\$ 7,786,248</u>	<u>\$ 8,483,180</u>	<u>\$ 696,932</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGET BASIS
FEDERAL OPIOID SPECIFIC GRANTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Receipts:				
Intergovernmental	\$ 769,938	\$ 970,237	\$ 970,237	\$ -
Disbursements:				
Current:				
Alcohol and drug addiction services:				
Federal opioid specific grants	834,001	992,615	985,008	7,607
Net change in fund balance	(64,063)	(22,378)	(14,771)	7,607
Unencumbered fund balance at beginning of year	340	340	340	-
Prior year encumbrances appropriated	64,064	64,064	64,064	-
Unencumbered fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 341</u>	<u>\$ 42,026</u>	<u>\$ 49,633</u>	<u>\$ 7,607</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

NOTE 1 - REPORTING ENTITY

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties, Seneca County, Ohio, (the Board) as a body corporate and politic. A seventeen-member Board is the governing body. Nine members of the Board are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners from the respective counties of which members are residents, and eight members are appointed by the State of Ohio, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The Board provides alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services and programs to citizens of the Board. Private and public agencies are the primary service providers, through Board contracts.

A. Primary Government

The Board plans for, contracts for, monitors, and evaluates services to and is a joint venture of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties. The counties share in the equity of the Board based on the percentage of the population within the four counties. The population in each of the joint venture participants is: Seneca County 54,632 (31.25%), Ottawa County 39,978 (22.87%), Sandusky County 58,667 (33.55%), and Wyandot County 21,567 (12.33%).

The Seneca County Auditor acts as fiscal agent for the Board and the Seneca County Treasurer acts as custodian of all funds.

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

B. Component Units

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Board is financially accountable. The Board is financially accountable for an organization if the Board appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the Board is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Board is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; or (3) the Board is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide support to, the organization. Component units also include legally separate, tax-exempt entities whose resources are for the direct benefit of the Board, are accessible to the Board, and are significant in amount to the Board and organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Board are such that exclusion would cause the Board's basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Board has no component units.

C. Related Organization

Seneca County Health Alliance

the Seneca County Health Alliance (the Alliance) is made up of public and private entities that contribute to the public's health and well-being throughout the community. Members include hospitals, mental health providers, the City of Tiffin, the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties, Community Health Services, Community Hospice Care by Stein, Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services, Fostoria City Schools, Great Lakes Community Action Partnership, Heidelberg University, H.O.P.E. in Fostoria/Community Action for Reducing Substance Abuse, Mercy Health - Tiffin Hospital, Ohio State University Extension, Seneca County, ProMedica Fostoria Community Hospital, Seneca County Department of Job and Family Services, Seneca County Family and Children First Council, Seneca County Juvenile Court, Seneca County Sheriff's Office, Tiffin City Schools, Tiffin Community Health Center, Tiffin Community YMCA, Tiffin-Seneca United Way and other local companies and organizations.

The Alliance was formed for the purposes of conducting local health assessments and developing a comprehensive strategic plan based on the assessment findings.

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Financial information for the Alliance may be obtained by contacting Health Commissioner of the Seneca County District Board of Health, 71 South Washington Street, Suite 1102, Tiffin, Ohio 44883-2359.

D. Public Entity Risk Pool

The Board participates in the County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA) for insurance coverage. Note 8 provides additional information for this entity.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As discussed further in Note 2.C, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the Board's accounting policies.

A. Basis of Presentation

The Board's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net position - cash basis and a statement of activities - cash basis, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Board as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. The statements show those activities of the Board that are governmental. Governmental activities generally are financed through intergovernmental receipts or other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of net position - cash basis presents the cash balance of the governmental activities of the Board at year-end. The statement of activities - cash basis compares disbursements and program receipts for each program or function of the Board's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the Board is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular program. Receipts which are not classified as program receipts are presented as general receipts of the Board, with certain, limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental program is self-financing on a cash basis or draws from the general receipts of the Board.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the Board segregates transactions related to certain Board functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Board at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

B. Fund Accounting

The Board uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds are used to segregate resources that are restricted as to use.

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Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the Board are financed. The following are the Board's major governmental funds:

General Fund – The General fund accounts for and reports all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General fund balance is available to the Board for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Federal Opioid Specific Grants – The Federal Opioid Specific Grants fund is used to account for grants that are restricted for opioid response.

The other governmental funds of the Board are used to account for and report grants and other resources, the use of which is restricted for a particular purpose.

C. Basis of Accounting

The Board's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the Board's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when incurred.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and the effects of these items on revenues and expenses are not recorded in these financial statements.

D. Budgetary Process

All funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Board may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on cash disbursements plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control has been established by the Board at the fund and object level for all funds.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in receipts are identified by the Board. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources in effect when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Board.

The appropriations resolution is subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budget reflect the first appropriation resolution that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriations passed by the Board during the year.

E. Cash and Investments

In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, the Board's cash is held and invested by the Seneca County Treasurer, who acts as custodian for the Board's monies. The Board's assets are held in the County Treasurer's cash and investment pool, and are valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount. Individual fund integrity is maintained through Board records.

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F. Restricted Assets

Assets are reported as restricted when limitations on their use change the nature or normal understanding of their use. Such constraints are either externally imposed by creditors, contributors, grantors, or laws of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The Board had no restricted assets at December 31, 2023.

G. Accumulated Leave

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

H. Leases

Accruals related to leases (as defined by GASB 87) are not reflected under the Board's cash basis of accounting. Lease disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

I. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The Board recognizes the disbursement for employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 9 and 10, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for other postretirement benefits (OPEB).

J. Net Position

Net position is reported as restricted to the extent of limitations imposed on its use, either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

The Board's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an obligation is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

K. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Board is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally required to be maintained intact. The Board had no nonspendable fund balance at December 31, 2023.

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

Committed - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Board. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The Board had no committed fund balance at December 31, 2023.

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Assigned - Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the Board for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In the General fund, assigned amounts include those approved through the Board's formal purchasing procedure and those required for subsequent year appropriations.

Unassigned - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

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

L. Interfund Transactions

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Subsidies from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses. Repayments from funds responsible for particular cash disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

M. Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements

For 2023, GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Technology Arrangements, was effective. This GASB pronouncement had no effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

Accruals related to Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangement (SBITA) contracts (as defined by GASB 96) are not reflected under the Board's cash basis of accounting. SBITA disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

N. Capital Assets

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

NOTE 3 – CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

For 2023, the Board has implemented GASB Statement No. 94, "*Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*", GASB Statement No. 96, "*Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements*", certain questions and answers of GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 and certain paragraphs of GASB Statement No. 99, "*Omnibus 2022*".

GASB Statement No. 94 is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public partnership arrangements (PPPs). As used in this Statement, a PPP is an arrangement in which a government (the transferor) contracts with an operator (a governmental or nongovernmental entity) to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a nonfinancial asset, such as infrastructure or other capital asset (the underlying PPP asset), for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 94 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Board.

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GASB Statement No. 96 provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, Leases, as amended. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 96 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Board.

GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 provides clarification on issues related to previously established GASB guidance. The implementation of GASB Implementation Guide 2021-1 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Board.

GASB Statement No. 99 is to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 99 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the Board.

NOTE 4 - BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balance - budget basis presented for the general fund and the state per capita fund are prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis is that outstanding year end encumbrances are treated as cash disbursements on a budgetary basis but are not on the cash basis of accounting. The encumbrances outstanding at year end (budgetary basis) amounted to \$1,812,425 for the General fund and zero for the Federal Opioid Specific Grant fund.

NOTE 5 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility located in the Board. Taxes collected from real property taxes (other than public utility) in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on the assessed value as of January 1 of that preceding year, the lien date. Assessed values are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. All property is required to be revalued every six years. Real property taxes are payable annually or semi-annually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semi-annually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits later payment dates to be established.

Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes collected in one calendar year are levied in the preceding calendar year on assessed values determined as of December 31 of the second year proceeding the tax collection year, the lien date. Public utility tangible personal property is assessed at varying percentages of true value; public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value. 2023 public utility property taxes became a lien December 31, 2022, are levied after October 1, 2023, and are collected in 2024 with real property taxes. Public utility property taxes are payable on the same dates as real property taxes described previously.

The full tax rate for all Board operations for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$0.70, \$1.20, \$0.65 and \$.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value for Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties, respectively. The assessed values of real and tangible personal property upon which 2023 property tax receipts were based are as follows:

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	Seneca County		Ottawa County	
Real property	\$ 1,067,163,760	71.97%	\$ 2,217,646,510	92.55%
Public utility personal property	<u>415,631,480</u>	<u>28.03%</u>	<u>178,475,620</u>	<u>7.45%</u>
Total assessed valuation	<u>\$ 1,482,795,240</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 2,396,122,130</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
	Sandusky County		Wyandot County	
Real property	\$ 1,325,202,300	78.32%	\$ 605,176,700	93.04%
Public utility personal property	<u>366,815,090</u>	<u>21.68%</u>	<u>45,245,310</u>	<u>6.96%</u>
Total assessed valuation	<u>\$ 1,692,017,390</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 650,422,010</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

NOTE 6 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Transfers

Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2023, consisted of the following, as reported on the fund statements:

<u>Transfers from the General fund to:</u>	
Nonmajor governmental funds	\$ 220,182
<u>Transfers to the General fund from:</u>	
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>100,632</u>
Total	<u>\$ 320,814</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and (2) use unrestricted revenues collected in the General fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations. All transfers were made in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.14, 5705.15 and 5705.16. The transfers from nonmajor governmental funds were made to close out special funds.

Interfund transfers between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Board is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During 2023, the Board contracted with County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSAs) for insurance coverage. The CORSAs program has a \$2,500 deductible. Coverage provided by CORSAs is as follows:

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General Liability	\$1,000,000
Employee Benefit Liability	1,000,000
Law Enforcement Professional Liability	1,000,000
Public Officials Error and Omissions Liability	1,000,000
Automobile Liability	1,000,000
Uninsured Motorist Liability	250,000
Ohio Stop GAP	1,000,000
Building and Contents	Replacement Cost
Flood and Earthquake	125,000,000
Crime Insurance	1,000,000

The Board issues against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

Settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the last three years. There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from last year.

NOTE 8 - PUBLIC ENTITY RISK POOL

The Board is a member of the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA), which is a public entity risk sharing pool of thirty-nine counties in Ohio. CORSA was formed as an Ohio nonprofit corporation for the purpose of establishing the CORSA Insurance/Self Insurance Program, a group primary and excess insurance/self-insurance and risk management program. Member counties agree to jointly participate in coverage of losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverage provided by CORSA. This coverage includes comprehensive general liability, automobile liability, certain property insurance and public officials' errors and omissions liability insurance. Each member county has one vote on all matters requiring a vote, to be cast by a designated representative. The affairs of the Corporation are managed by an elected board of not more than nine trustees. Only county commissioners of member counties are eligible to serve on the board. No county may have more than one representative on the board at any time. Each member county's control over the budgeting and financing of CORSA is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the Board of Trustees. CORSA has issued certificates of participation in order to provide adequate cash reserves. The certificates are secured by the member counties' obligations to make coverage payments to CORSA. The participating counties have no responsibility for the payment of the certificates. Financial statements may be obtained by contacting the County Commissioners Association of Ohio in Columbus, Ohio.

NOTE 9 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - Board employees participate in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple employer public employee retirement system which administers three separate pension plans. The traditional pension plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan and the combined plan is a combination cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit/defined contribution pension plan. Participating employers are divided into state, local, law enforcement and public safety divisions. While members in the state and local divisions may participate in all three plans, law enforcement and public safety divisions exist only within the traditional plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about OPERS' fiduciary net position that may be obtained by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 800-222-7377.

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Senate Bill (SB) 343 was enacted into law with an effective date of January 7, 2013. In the legislation, members in the traditional and combined plans were categorized into three groups with varying provisions of the law applicable to each group. The following table provides age and service requirements for retirement and the retirement formula applied to final average salary (FAS) for the three member groups under the traditional and combined plans as per the reduced benefits adopted by SB 343 (see OPERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report referenced above for additional information, including requirements for reduced and unreduced benefits):

Group A Eligible to retire prior to January 7, 2013 or five years after January 7, 2013	Group B 20 years of service credit prior to January 7, 2013 or eligible to retire ten years after January 7, 2013	Group C Members not in other Groups and members hired on or after January 7, 2013
State and Local	State and Local	State and Local
Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 60 with 60 months of service credit or Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age and Service Requirements: Age 57 with 25 years of service credit or Age 62 with 5 years of service credit
Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 30	Traditional Plan Formula: 2.2% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 2.5% for service years in excess of 35
Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 30 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 30	Combined Plan Formula: 1% of FAS multiplied by years of service for the first 35 years and 1.25% for service years in excess of 35

Final average Salary (FAS) represents the average of the three highest years of earnings over a member's career for Groups A and B. Group C is based on the average of the five highest years of earnings over a member's career.

Members who retire before meeting the age and years of service credit requirement for unreduced benefits receive a percentage reduction in the benefit amount. The amount of a member's pension benefit vests upon receipt of the initial benefit payment. The options for Public Safety and Law Enforcement permit early retirement under qualifying circumstances as early as age 48 with a reduced benefit.

When a traditional plan benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, the member is eligible for an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA). This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. Members retiring under the combined plan receive a cost-of-living adjustment on the defined benefit portion of their pension benefit. For those who retired prior to January 7, 2013, the cost-of-living adjustment is 3.00%. For those retiring on or after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the adjustment is based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3.00%.

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Defined contribution plan benefits are established in the plan documents, which may be amended by the Board. Member-directed plan and combined plan members who have met the retirement eligibility requirements may apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the combined plan consists of the member's contributions plus or minus the investment gains or losses resulting from the member's investment selections. Combined plan members wishing to receive benefits must meet the requirements for both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Member-directed participants must have attained the age of 55, have money on deposit in the defined contribution plan and have terminated public service to apply for retirement benefits. The amount available for defined contribution benefits in the member-directed plan consists of the members' contributions, vested employer contributions and investment gains or losses resulting from the members' investment selections. Employer contributions and associated investment earnings vest over a five-year period, at a rate of 20.00% each year. At retirement, members may select one of several distribution options for payment of the vested balance in their individual OPERS accounts. Options include the annuitization of the benefit (which includes joint and survivor options and will continue to be administered by OPERS), partial lump-sum payments (subject to limitations), a rollover of the vested account balance to another financial institution, receipt of entire account balance, net of taxes withheld, or a combination of these options. When members choose to annuitize their defined contribution benefit, the annuitized portion of the benefit is reclassified to a defined benefit.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions as follows:

	State and Local
2023 Statutory Maximum Contribution Rates	
Employer	14.0 %
Employee *	10.0 %
 2023 Actual Contribution Rates	
Employer:	
Pension **	14.0 %
Post-employment Health Care Benefits **	0.0
Total Employer	14.0 %
Employee	10.0 %

* This rate is determined by OPERS' Board and has no maximum rate established by ORC.

** This employer health care rate is for the traditional and combined plans. The employer contribution for the member-directed plan is 4%.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

The Board's contractually required contribution was \$90,811 for 2023.

NOTE 10 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS

Plan Description - Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)

Plan Description - The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: the traditional pension plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the member-directed plan, a defined contribution plan; and the combined plan, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

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OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care trust. The 115 Health Care Trust (115 Trust or Health Care Trust) was established in 2014, under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The purpose of the 115 Trust is to fund health care for the Traditional Pension, Combined and Member-Directed plans. Medicare-enrolled retirees in the Traditional Pension and Combined plans may have an allowance deposited into a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) account to be used toward the health care program of their choice selected with the assistance of an OPERS vendor. Non-Medicare retirees have converted to an arrangement similar to the Medicare-enrolled retirees, and are no longer participating in OPERS provided self-insured group plans.

With one exception, OPERS-provided health care coverage is neither guaranteed nor statutorily required. Ohio law currently requires Medicare Part A equivalent coverage or Medicare Part A premium reimbursement for eligible retirees and their eligible dependents.

OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to traditional pension plan and combined plan benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents.

OPERS members enrolled in the Traditional Pension Plan or Combined Plan retiring with an effective date of January 1, 2022, or after must meet the following health care eligibility requirements to receive an HRA allowance:

Medicare Retirees Medicare-eligible with a minimum of 20 years of qualifying service credit

Non-Medicare Retirees Non-Medicare retirees qualify based on the following age-and-service criteria:

Group A 30 years of qualifying service credit at any age;

Group B 32 years of qualifying service credit at any age or 31 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 52;

Group C 32 years of qualifying service credit and minimum age 55; or,

A retiree from groups A, B or C who qualifies for an unreduced pension, but a portion of their service credit is not health care qualifying service, can still qualify for health care at age 60 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying health care service credit

Retirees who don't meet the requirement for coverage as a non-Medicare participant can become eligible for coverage at age 65 if they have at least 20 years of qualifying service.

Members with a retirement date prior to January 1, 2022 who were eligible to participate in the OPERS health care program will continue to be eligible after January 1, 2022.

Eligible retirees may receive a monthly HRA allowance for reimbursement of health care coverage premiums and other qualified medical expenses. Monthly allowances, based on years of service and the age at which the retiree first enrolled in OPERS coverage, are provided to eligible retirees, and are deposited into their HRA account.

Retirees will have access to the OPERS Connector, which is a relationship with a vendor selected by OPERS to assist retirees participating in the health care program. The OPERS Connector may assist retirees in selecting and enrolling in the appropriate health care plan.

When members become Medicare-eligible, recipients enrolled in OPERS health care programs must enroll in Medicare Part A (hospitalization) and Medicare Part B (medical).

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OPERS reimburses retirees who are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A (hospitalization) for their Part A premiums as well as any applicable surcharges (late-enrollment fees). Retirees within this group must enroll in Medicare Part A and select medical coverage, and may select prescription coverage, through the OPERS Connector. OPERS also will reimburse 50.00% of the Medicare Part A premium and any applicable surcharges for eligible spouses. Proof of enrollment in Medicare Part A and confirmation that the retiree is not receiving reimbursement or payment from another source must be submitted. The premium reimbursement is added to the monthly pension benefit.

The health care trust is also used to fund health care for member-directed plan participants, in the form of a Retiree Medical Account (RMA). At retirement or separation, member directed plan participants may be eligible for reimbursement of qualified medical expenses from their vested RMA balance.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not require OPERS to provide health care to its eligible benefit recipients. Authority to establish and amend health care coverage is provided to the Board in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Disclosures for the health care plan are presented separately in the OPERS financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/financial/reports.shtml>, by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling (614) 222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

Funding Policy - The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority allowing public employers to fund postemployment health care through their contributions to OPERS. When funding is approved by OPERS Board of Trustees, a portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside to fund OPERS health care plans. Beginning in 2018, OPERS no longer allocated a portion of its employer contributions to health care for the traditional plan.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the earnable salary of active members. In 2023, state and local employers contributed at a rate of 14.00% of earnable salary and public safety and law enforcement employers contributed at 18.10%. These are the maximum employer contribution rates permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. Active member contributions do not fund health care.

Each year, the OPERS Board determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside to fund health care plans. For 2023, OPERS did not allocate any employer contribution to health care for members in the Traditional Pension Plan and beginning July 1, 2022, there was a 2.00% allocation to health care for the Combined Plan. The OPERS Board is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The employer contribution as a percentage of covered payroll deposited into the RMA for participants in the member-directed plan for 2023 was 4.00%; however, effective July 1, 2022, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

Employer contribution rates are actuarially determined and are expressed as a percentage of covered payroll.

For 2023, OPERS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

NOTE 11 - CONTINGENCIES

The Board receives significant financial assistance from numerous federal, state, and local agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the Board; however, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material effect on the financial position of the Board.

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NOTE 12 - COMMITMENTS

The Board utilizes encumbrance accounting as part of its budgetary controls. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reservations of fund balance for subsequent-year expenditures and may be reported as part of restricted, committed, or assigned classifications of fund balance. At year end, the Board's commitments for encumbrances in the governmental funds were as follows:

General fund	\$ 1,812,425
Nonmajor governmental funds	<u>99,500</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,911,925</u>

NOTE 13 - TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Other governments entered into property tax abatement agreements with property owners under Enterprise Zone Agreements (EZAs) and the Ohio Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) program with the taxing districts of the Board. The EZAs and CRA program are directive incentive tax exemption programs benefiting property owners who renovate or construct new buildings. Under these programs, the other governments designated areas to encourage revitalization of the existing housing stock and the development of new structures. Within the taxing districts of the Board, the City of Tiffin, the City of Fostoria, the City of Clyde, the City of Fremont, the City of Bellevue, Ballville Township, Hopewell Township, Madison Township and Village of Gibsonburg have entered into such agreements. The amount of foregone property tax revenue for 2023 was not material.

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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
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FEDERAL GRANTOR Pass Through Grantor Program / Cluster Title	Federal AL Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY				
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services</i>				
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds COVID-19 Crisis Infrastructure Expansion	21.027	N/A	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES				
<i>Direct</i>				
Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services For Children With Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED)	93.104	N/A		7,261
<i>Passed through Sandusky County Combined General Health District</i>				
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Projects of Regional and National Significance	93.243	5H79SP081382		17,500
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services</i>				
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	2301OHSOSR	95,769	106,650
Opioid STR	93.788	H79TI083294	417,831	449,889
Opioid STR	93.788	H79TI085753	533,229	535,119
Total Opioid STR			951,060	985,008
Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services	93.958	B09SM087381	97,818	97,818
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	B08TI084665	122,721	122,721
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	B08TI085827	595,129	615,468
COVID-19 Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	B08TI083541	139,784	139,784
Total Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse			857,634	877,973
<i>Passed through Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation</i>				
Rural Health Care Services Outreach, Rural Health Network Development and Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement	93.912	H7NRH42563	1,154	56,211
<i>Passed through The Ohio State University</i>				
Rural Health Care Services Outreach, Rural Health Network Development and Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement	93.912	G2846290		33,947
Total Rural Health Care Services Outreach, Rural Health Network Development and Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement			1,154	90,158
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			2,003,435	2,182,368
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 2,203,435	\$ 2,382,368

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties, Seneca County, Ohio (the Board) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Board, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the Board.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE

The Board has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE D – SUBRECIPIENTS

The Board passes certain federal awards received from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation to other governments or not-for-profit agencies (subrecipients). As Note B describes, the Board reports expenditures of Federal awards to subrecipients when paid in cash.

As a pass-through entity, the Board has certain compliance responsibilities, such as monitoring its subrecipients to help assure they use these subawards as authorized by laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and that subrecipients achieve the award's performance goals.

NOTE E – MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Certain Federal programs require the Board to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The Board has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.

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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

Mental Health and Recovery Services Board
of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties
Seneca County
1200 North State Route 53
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To the Members of the Board:

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties, Seneca County, Ohio (the Board) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Board's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 2, 2024, wherein we noted the Board uses a special purpose framework other than generally accepted accounting principles.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Board's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board's internal control.

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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Board's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. 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 deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Board's financial statements are free from 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 financial statements. 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 or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Board's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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July 2, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

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To the Members of the Board:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties, Seneca County, Ohio's (the Board) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties' major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties' major federal programs are identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

In our opinion, the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Board and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Board's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

The Board's management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Board's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Board's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Board's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Board's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the Board's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



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July 2, 2024

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**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD
OF SENECA, OTTAWA, SANDUSKY AND WYANDOT COUNTIES
SENECA COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – AL #21.027 Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse – AL #93.959
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR § 200.520?	No

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

None

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None

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**MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES BOARD OF SENECA, OTTAWA, SANDUSKY AND
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AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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