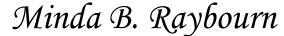
## OFFICE OF NUTRITION ASSISTANCE, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT WITH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024



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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Trustees of Office of Nutrition Assistance, Inc. 1001 NW Central Avenue Amite, LA 70422

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Office Of Nutrition Assistance, Inc., (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Office Of Nutrition Assistance, Inc., as of September 30, 2024, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 Office Of Nutrition Assistance, Inc. 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.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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 Office Of Nutrition Assistance, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

#### 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 opinion. 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 Office Of Nutrition Assistance, Inc.'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 Office Of Nutrition Assistance, Inc.'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 for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The information in the audited statement of claims and schedule of meals served and program reimbursements as required by the Louisiana Department of Education and the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to the agency head is also presented for purposes for additional analysis and is not part of the required 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the 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 March 28, 2025, on our consideration of Office Of Nutrition Assistance, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 Office Of Nutrition

Assistance, Inc.'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 Office Of Nutrition Assistance, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Minda Raybourn, CPA Franklinton, LA March 28, 2025

#### OFFICE OF NUTRITION ASSISTANCE, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

#### ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents\$ 8,0Due from Department of Education48,9Total Current Assets/Total Assets57,0	
Total Current Assets/Total Assets 57,	021
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable 4,5	597
Due to providers 35,1	112
Due to Department of Education 12,5	513
Withholding taxes payable 1,2	277
Accrued salaries payable 6,	670
Line of credit-Whitney Bank 6,7	729
Paycheck Protection Program	-
Total Current Liabilities/Total Liabilities 66,8	398
Net Assets (Deficit)	
With donor restrictions	_
Without donor restrictions (9.8	877)
	511)
Total Net Assets (Deficit) (9,5	377)
Total Liabilities and Net Assets (Deficit) \$ 57,	021

#### OFFICE OF NUTRITION ASSISTANCE, INC. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
SUPPORT AND OTHER GAINS			
Provider reimbursement	\$ -	542,506	\$ 542,506
Administrative reimbus rement	-	167,630	167,630
Fire inspections & other	9,601	-	9,601
Net assets released from restrictions	710,136	(710,136)	-
Total support and other gains	719,737		719,737
EXPENSES Program services Supporting services Fundraising contributions Other expenses Total expenses	542,507 165,984 - - 7,835 716,326	- - - - -	542,507 165,984 - - 7,835 716,326
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	3,411	-	3,411
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT), BEGINNING	(13,288)		(13,288)
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT), ENDING	\$ (9,877)	\$-	\$ (9,877)

## OFFICE OF NUTRITION ASSISTANCE, INC. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Cash received from provider and administrative reimbursements Cash received from other sources Cash paid for program expenses Cash paid to or on behalf of employees for services Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services Net cash used for opearting services	\$ 771,405 9,601 (603,976) (98,010) (80,048) (1,029)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	 
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Principal draws/payments on line of credit	1,928
Net cash provided by financing activities	 1,928
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING	7,128
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, ENDING	\$ 8,027
RECONCILIATION OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS TO NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 3,411
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used for operating activities (Increase) decrease in assets:	
Due from Department of Education	62,140
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:	
Accounts payable	2,853
Due to providers	(61,469)
Due to Department of Education	(871)
Withholding taxes payable	(938)
Accrued salaries payable	(6,155)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) FOR OPEARTING ACTIVITIES	\$ (1,029)

## OFFICE OF NUTRITION ASSISTANCE, INC. SCHEDULE OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

ACCOUNT	PROGRAM		PROGRAM SUPPORTING		GEN	ERAL
Advertising	\$	-	\$ 3,000	\$	-	
Accounting and audit		-	13,300		-	
Outside contract services		-	1,000		-	
Fire inspections		-	-		6,895	
Insurance		-	2,574			
Interest expense		-	-		940	
Office expenses		-	15,355		-	
Postage		-	4,209		-	
Provider payments/support		542,507	-		-	
Rent/occupancy		-	10,500		-	
Salaries		-	80,046		-	
Other costs		-	2,400		-	
Payroll taxes		-	7,480		-	
Telephone & internet		-	4,373		-	
Travel		-	17,251		-	
Utilities		-	4,496		-	
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$	542,507	\$ 165,984	\$	7,835	

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Nature of Activities

The Family Day Care Home Program of Office of Nutrition Assistance, Inc., (hereafter referred to as the Organization) was established to provide supervised provisions of meals. It serves an average of 113 homes per month to primarily low-income, disabled, elderly or other disadvantaged residents of Tangipahoa, St. Tammany and surrounding parishes. It engages in the U. S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services under 7 CFR Part 226.

It operates on a fiscal year ending on September 30th, and its significant accounting policies are as follows:

## **Basis of presentation**

The financial statements of Office of Nutrition Assistance, Inc. have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("US GAAP"), which require the Organization to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications:

**Net assets without donor restrictions:** Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Organization's management and the board of directors.

**Net assets with donor restrictions:** Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors, and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Organization or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, where by the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

Donor restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets are reclassified from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions in the statements of activities.

## Measure of operations

The statements of activities report all changes in net assets, including changes in net assets from operating and nonoperating activities. Operating activities consist of those items attributable to the Organization's ongoing services and interest and dividends earned on investments. Nonoperating activities are limited to resources that generate return from investments and other activities considered to be of a more unusual or nonrecurring nature

## **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of demand deposits. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid investments available for current use with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

## Receivables

Accounts receivable are stated at net realizable value. The Organization maintains allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers/vendors to make required payments. Because collection is expected at 100%, an allowance for doubtful accounts has not been recorded.

## Inventory

Inventory is stated at cost. It includes only office supplies and printed materials, the amount of which is considered immaterial. Therefore, the acquisition of these items is expensed when purchased, and the inventory on hand at year-end is not reported in the accompanying financial statements.

## **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment purchased by the Organization is recorded at cost. They are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Equipment with an original cost of \$5,000 or greater is generally capitalized. Donations of property and equipment are recorded as support at their estimated fair value. Such donations are reported as unrestricted support unless the donor has restricted the donated assets to a specific purpose. Assets donated with explicit restrictions regarding their use and contributions of cash that must be used to acquire property and equipment are reported as restricted support.

## Support and Expenses

The Organization reports administrative and program reimbursements on the accrual basis of accounting. The amounts due to providers are also reported on the accrual basis of accounting. A donor restriction applies to the program reimbursement, and the amount is shown as temporarily restricted net assets. When the donor restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated restriction ends by payments to providers, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Donor restricted reimbursements whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period are reported as unrestricted support.

Expenses are recorded when incurred in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting. Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. There were \$3,000 of advertising costs during the current year.

## **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Income Taxes

The Organization is a not-for-profit corporation that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The federal income tax returns of the company for fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024 are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service, generally for three years after they were filed.

## NOTE 2 – AVAILABILITY AND LIQUIDITY

The following represents the Organization's financial assets at September 30, 2024:

Financial assets at year end:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,027
Accounts Receivable	48,994
Financial assets available to meet	
general expenditures over the next twelve months	57,021
Less amounts to be used within 12 months: Provider expenditures	(35,112)
Total financial assets available for use	
over the next 12 months	\$ 21,909

The Organization's goal is to maintain financial assets to meet 3 months of operating expenses. As part its liquidity plan, cash is held in checking accounts.

## NOTE 3 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of demand deposits totaling \$1,089 in the general fund. These funds are utilized at the discretion of management. The Organization has provider and administrative fund accounts of \$6,938. The administrative and provider accounts are to be utilized for the family day care home program.

## **NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables are stated at the amount the Organization expects to collect. Management considers all receivables to be collectible at year-end.

Receivables at year-end consist of the following:

Due from Department of Education \$48,944

## NOTE 5 – ACCOUNTS AND OTHER PAYABLES

Payables at year end include the following:

Accounts payable	\$ 4,597
Payables to providers	35,112
Withholding taxes payable	1,277
Accrued salaries	6,670
Due to Department of Education	12,513
Total	\$ 60,169

## NOTE 6 - DEBT

The Organization has a line of credit with Hancock Bank. The original amount is \$10,000 dated March 18, 2016 with an interest rate of 8%. The maturity date is March 18, 2021. The line of credit was renewed to March 18, 2025. The organization make periodic payments.

The following chart shows the Organization's debt activity:

	Beg	ginning					E	Ending
	Ba	lance	A	Additions		eductions	B	alance
LOC	\$	4,801	\$	6,778	\$	(4,850)	\$	6,729
Total	\$	4,801	\$	6,778	\$	(4,850)	\$	6,729

## **NOTE 7 – NET ASSETS**

The Organization has a net deficit at the end of the year in the amount of (\$9,877). In order to increase the net assets to a positive balance, the Organization plans to hold several fundraising events in the near future and pursue grant opportunities.

## **NOTE 8 - RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS**

Substantially all of the restrictions on net assets relate to amounts requested from the State of Louisiana, Department of Education for reimbursement to the providers of meals through the Family Day Care Home Program of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services under 7 CFR Part 226. The amount due to providers requested but not yet received at year end has been accrued in the accompanying financial statements and is listed in the note above.

## **NOTE 9 - FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES**

The costs of providing the program and supporting services have been summarized on a functional basis in the schedule of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated between the program and supporting services.

## NOTE 10- CONCENTRATIONS

*Cash and Cash Equivalents*. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash deposits. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. At September 30, 2024, the Organization did not have bank balances in excess of FDIC insured limits. However, the collected balances exceed these limits in the provider's account for a few days each month. The Organization accepts this risk.

*Receivables and Revenues*. All receivables recorded are due from the Louisiana Department of Education, Division of Nutrition Assistance. Approximately 99% of the Organization's support is paid by the Department of Education, State of Louisiana through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Services, Family Day Care Home Program, under 7 CFR Part 226.

*Geographical Market*. The Organization is approved to operate in the parishes of Tangipahoa, St. Tammany and surrounding parishes. Volume is dependent on the willing and eligible providers in these areas.

## NOTE 11 – LEASES

The Organization has two leases:

- 1) The Organization leases an office building located at 1001 NW Central Avenue, Amite, Louisiana for \$675 per month. The lease is for twelve months. Due to the term being for one year, ASC 842 will not apply. The lease is considered an operating lease.
- 2) The Organization leases an office building located at 840 Farrington Drive, Marrero, Louisiana for \$500 per month. The lease is for twelve months. During the fiscal year, the

lease payments were ceased in January 2024. Due to the term being for one year, ASC 842 will not apply. The lease is considered an operating lease.

The Organization total lease expense was \$10,500 for the year.

## **NOTE 12 - LITIGATION**

We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in this financial report.

## NOTE 13 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no subsequent events between the close of the fiscal year and March 29, 2025, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued, that would materially impact the accompanying financial statements.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Trustees of Office of Nutrition Assistance, Inc. 1001 NW Central Avenue Amite, LA 70422

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 the financial statements of Office Of Nutrition Assistance, Inc., (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2024, and the related statements of activities, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2025.

#### **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Office Of Nutrition Assistance, Inc.'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Office Of Nutrition Assistance, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Office Of Nutrition Assistance, Inc.'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 entity'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Office Of Nutrition Assistance, Inc 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 organization'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 organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Minda Raybourn CPA Franklinton, LA 70438 March 28, 2025

## OFFICE OF NUTRITION ASSISTANCE, INC. AUDITED STATEMENT OF CLAIMS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

## REIMBURSEMENT PER AUDIT

Administrative	\$ 168,838
Program-meals	575,105
Total reimbursement per audit	743,943

## REIMBURSEMENTS CLAIMED AND RECEIVED

Administrative	168,838
Program-meals	575,105
Total reimbursement claims and received	743,943

$(OVER)$ UNDER CLAIM $\qquad \qquad \qquad$	(OVER) UNDER CLAIM \$ -
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See Independent Auditor's Report.

#### OFFICE OF NUTRITION ASSISTANCE, INC. SCHEDULE OF MEALS SERVIED AND PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENTS YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	NUMBER SERVED BY MEAL TYPE									
MEALS SERVED	BREAK	FAST	LUN	NCH	SU	<b>IPPLEMENTS</b>	SU	UPPER	ТО	TAL
From October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024										
Tier 1		40,284	2	37,822		68,384		52,320		198,810
Reimbursement rate		1.65		3.12		0.93		3.12		
Total for period	\$	66,469	\$ 11	18,005	\$	63,597	\$	163,238	\$	411,309
From July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024										
Tier 1		11,047	1	14,743		21,720		14,673		62,183
Reimbursement rate		1.66		3.15		0.93		3.15		
Total for period	\$	18,338	\$ 4	46,440	\$	20,200	\$	46,220	\$	131,198
TOTAL MEALS SERVED		51,331	4	52,565		90,104		66,993		260,993
NET REIMBURSEMENT	\$	84,807	\$ 16	54,445	\$	83,797	\$	209,458	\$	542,507

See Independent Auditor's Report.

## OFFICE OF NUTRITION ASSISTANCE, INC. SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Agency Head: Suzanne Todd, Executive Director

Purpose:	
Salary	\$ 62,126
Benefits-FICA	4,753
Travel-monitoring visits	12,502
Total compensation, benefits, and other payments	\$ 79,381

See independent auditor's report.

### OFFICE OF NUTRITION ASSISTANCE, INC. SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

#### Financial Statements

- a) Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: Unmodified
- b) Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control:Material WeaknessesYesSignificant DeficienciesNo

<u>Compliance:</u> Noncompliance Material to the Financial Statements No

Federal Awards-N/A

Was a management letter issued? No

#### OFFICE OF NUTRITION ASSISTANCE, INC. SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 Finding 2024-001 Written Policies and Procedures and Internal Controls

CRITERIA: The Organization should establish a system of internal controls to ensure accurate financial reporting and to safeguard assets.

CONDITION: The Organization has established a system of internal controls. However, some areas of the system could be enhanced by updated written policies and procedures to strengthen the area of internal controls.

CAUSE OF CONDITION: The Organization's internal controls are not strong.

POTENTIAL EFFECT OF CONDITION: Inaccurate financial reporting and lack of safeguarding of assets.

**RECOMMENDATION:** We recommend the following areas be incorporated into the written policies and procedures of the Organization:

- 1) Receipts/Collections, including recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions
- 2) Payroll/Personnel, including (1) payroll processing
- 3) Travel and Expense Reimbursement, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense.
- 4) Debt Service, including (1) debt issuance approval and (2) debt service requirements.
- 5) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE: We will follow the auditor's recommendation.

PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE: Suzanne Todd, Executive Director, 1001 NW Railroad Ave, Amite, LA 70422, Telephone (985) 747-6991.

## OFFICE OF NUTRITION ASSISTANCE, INC. SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

#### **Internal Control Findings**

#### Finding 2023-001 Provider Bank Reconciliation

CRITERIA: A properly designed and implemented internal control system over financial reporting provides, among other things, reasonable assurance that financial data is accurate and complete and that Organization's assets are properly safeguarded. Bank accounts should be reconciled on a timely manner to ensure that the accounts are stated correctly and all deposits and disbursements are accounted.

CONDITION: The provider bank account is not reconciled.

CAUSE OF CONDITION: Providers are paid by direct deposit or check. The provider bank account was not reconciled and outstanding provider checks were not reconciled.

POTENTIAL EFFECT OF CONDITION: Misstatement of the financial statements.

RECOMMENDATION: The Organization should hire an external accountant to assist with reconciling the bank accounts each month.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE: We will implement the auditor's recommendation.

PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE: Suzanne Todd, Executive Director, 1001 NW Railroad Ave, Amite, LA 70422, Telephone (985) 747-6991.

STATUS: Resolved.

#### Finding 2023-002 Written Policies and Procedures and Internal Controls

CRITERIA: The Organization should establish a system of internal controls to ensure accurate financial reporting and to safeguard assets.

CONDITION: The Organization has established a system of internal controls. However, some areas of the system could be enhanced by updated written policies and procedures to strengthen the area of internal controls.

CAUSE OF CONDITION: The Organization's internal controls are not strong.

POTENTIAL EFFECT OF CONDITION: Inaccurate financial reporting and lack of safeguarding of assets.

**RECOMMENDATION:** We recommend the following areas be incorporated into the written policies and procedures of the Organization:

Purchasing, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list;
 (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls

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to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

- 2) Disbursements, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
- 3) Receipts/Collections, including recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions
- 4) Payroll/Personnel, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- 5) Contracting, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- 6) Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable), including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage.
- 7) Travel and Expense Reimbursement, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense.
- 8) Debt Service, including (1) debt issuance approval and (2) debt service requirements.
- 9) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE: We will follow the auditor's recommendation.

PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE: Suzanne Todd, Executive Director, 1001 NW Railroad Ave, Amite, LA 70422, Telephone (985) 747-6991.

STATUS: Partially Resolved

#### Finding 2023-003 Report Submittal

CRITERIA: Audit reports are due no later than six months after the close of the fiscal year.

CONDITION: The report was submitted past the statutory due date.

CAUSE OF CONDITION: Management was reconciling the accounts after the close of the fiscal year.

POTENTIAL EFFECT OF CONDITION: Noncompliance with state law.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Management should have policies and procedures in place to ensure all accounts are closed within a reasonable time frame after the close of the fiscal year.

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MANAGEMENT RESPONSE: We will follow the auditor's recommendation.

STATUS: Resolved

PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE: Suzanne Todd, Executive Director, 1001 NW Railroad Ave, Amite, LA 70422, Telephone (985) 747-6991.

#### Finding 2023-004 Late Payment of Payroll Taxes

CRITERIA: Payroll taxes should be paid by required deadlines to ensure timely compliance.

CONDITON: The organization is a monthly depositor of federal payroll taxes; the due date is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month following the payroll. The federal payroll taxes for October 2022, May 2023, June 2023, August 2023, and September 2023 were after the 15<sup>th</sup> and were late.

CAUSE OF CONDITION: Payment due dates were not complied with.

POTENTIAL EFFECT OF CONDITION: Late penalties and interest will accrue on late payments.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Management should comply with the required due dates as a monthly depositor of federal payroll taxes which is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month of the payroll.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSE: We will follow the auditor's recommendation.

PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE: Suzanne Todd, Executive Director, 1001 NW Railroad Ave, Amite, LA 70422, Telephone (985) 747-6991.

STATUS: Resolved.

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Trustees of Office Of Nutrition Assistance

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. Office Of Nutrition Assistance's (the "entity") management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The entity has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

## 1) Written Policies and Procedures

- 1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
  - a) *Budgeting*, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
  - b) *Purchasing*, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions

and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

- c) *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
- d) *Receipts/Collections*, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
- e) *Payroll/Personnel*, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- f) *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- g) *Travel and Expense Reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- h) *Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)*, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.)
  42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

1) *Prevention of Sexual Harassment*, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

We noted the following policies and procedures were not in writing:

- 1) Receipts/Collections, including recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions
- 2) Payroll/Personnel, including (1) payroll processing
- 3) Travel and Expense Reimbursement, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense.
- 4) Debt Service, including (1) debt issuance approval and (2) debt service requirements.
- 5) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

## 2) Board or Finance Committee

- 1. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and
  - i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
  - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
  - iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative

ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

## 3) Bank Reconciliations

- 1. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
  - i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
  - ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and
  - iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

# 4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)- All collections are received electronically. These procedures are not applicable.

- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or

procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that

- i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
- ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;
- iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and
- iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or custodial fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.
- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and
  - i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
  - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
  - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
  - iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
  - v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

# 5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- 1. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- 2. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that
  - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
  - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
  - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;
  - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
  - e) Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

[Note: Findings related to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]

- 3. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and
  - i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
  - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.
- 4. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was

(a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. *Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.* 

*No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.* 

#### 6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and
  - a) Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and
  - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, <u>excluding fuel cards</u>, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

## 7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected
  - i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);
  - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
  - iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
  - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

## 8) Contracts

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and
  - i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
  - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
  - iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in

compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and

iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

*No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.* 

## 9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
  - i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
  - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
  - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
  - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

## 10) Ethics – The entity is a non-profit. These procedures are not applicable.

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
  - a. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
  - b. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
- 2. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

## 11) Debt Service

- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants.

No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

## 12) Fraud Notice

- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

## 13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

# A. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."

- a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
- b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
- c) Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.
- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in Payroll and Personnel procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:
  - Hired before June 9, 2020 completed the training; and
  - Hired on or after June 9, 2020 completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

# 14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment – The entity is a non-profit. The procedures are not applicable.

- 1. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- 2. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- 3. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
  - i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
  - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
  - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
  - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
  - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

We were engaged by the entity to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the entity and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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Minda B. Raybourn CPA Franklinton, LA March 28, 2025

## OFFICE OF NUTRITION ASSISTANCE, INC MANAGEMENT REPONSE TO AGREED UPON PROCEDURE FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

## Written Policies and procedures:

#### **Exception noted:**

We noted the following policies and procedures were not in writing:

- 1) Receipts/Collections, including recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions
- 2) Payroll/Personnel, including (1) payroll processing
- 3) Travel and Expense Reimbursement, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense.
- 4) Debt Service, including (1) debt issuance approval and (2) debt service requirements.
- 5) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

Management Response: We will implement the policies and procedures noted above.

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