

**PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT
FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS - DISTRICT A
(A Component Unit of the City of New Orleans)**

Audits of Financial Statements

December 31, 2023 and 2022



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Commissioners
Parish Hospital Service District
For the Parish of Orleans - District A
(A Component Unit of the City of New Orleans)
New Orleans, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Parish Hospital District for the Parish of Orleans - District A (the District) a component unit of the City of New Orleans, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of the District as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the respective changes in its financial position, and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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 the District 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 these 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 the District'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 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 judgement 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 the District'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 District'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.

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District' s basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 A(3) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations 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 basic 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 in the audit of 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, the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are 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 April 30, 2024 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on 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 District'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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



A Professional Accounting Corporation

Metairie, LA
April 30, 2024

**PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT
FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS - DISTRICT A
(A Component Unit of the City of New Orleans)
Statements of Net Position
December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	2023	2022
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,586,475	\$ 1,365,585
Receivables		
Patient accounts receivable, less allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$3,320,742 in 2023 and \$3,161,337 in 2022	4,765,123	4,587,285
Grant receivable	102,739	1,500
Assets whose use is limited	1,210,887	1,033,295
Inventory	786,078	1,121,667
Prepaid expenses and other assets	8,813,673	6,791,602
Supplemental payments receivable	7,168,555	6,535,589
Total current assets	27,433,530	21,436,524
Assets whose use is limited or restricted		
Under mortgage agreement for insurance	1,210,887	1,033,295
Under mortgage agreement for mortgage reserve fund	7,346,463	6,523,323
Less: Amounts considered current	(1,210,887)	(1,033,295)
Total assets whose use is limited or restricted	7,346,463	6,523,323
Capital assets, net	87,937,817	92,484,656
Other assets	9,950	9,950
Total assets	122,727,760	120,454,453
Deferred outflows of resources	1,204,321	1,284,608
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 123,932,081	\$ 121,739,061

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT
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Statements of Net Position (Continued)
December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	2023	2022
Liabilities and net position		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,812,483	\$ 3,475,616
Accrued interest	239,315	246,759
Other current liabilities	9,878,490	1,455,014
Due to related party	33,491,164	30,702,042
Amounts due within one year on long-term debt	2,797,613	2,706,921
Estimated third-party payor liability	2,666,346	4,502,745
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Total current liabilities	50,885,411	43,089,096
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Long-term debt, net of current portion	84,226,169	87,023,783
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Total liabilities	135,111,580	130,112,879
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	2,118,356	4,038,560
Restricted for debt service	7,346,463	6,523,323
Unrestricted	(20,644,318)	(18,935,701)
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Total net position	(11,179,499)	(8,373,818)
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Total liabilities and net position	\$ 123,932,081	\$ 121,739,061
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**PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT
FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS - DISTRICT A
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Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	2023	2022
Operating revenues		
Net patient service revenue, net of provision for bad debts of \$159,405 in 2023 and \$1,616,270 in 2022	\$ 84,583,669	\$ 78,197,675
Operating grants	106,969	100,000
Other operating revenue	2,234,980	13,750,857
Total operating revenues	86,925,618	92,048,532
Operating expenses		
Salaries and benefits	32,237,040	42,173,725
Supplies and other	9,185,872	8,158,008
Other direct expenses	28,972,400	30,446,667
Professional fees	5,542,225	5,772,076
Purchased services	7,543,614	4,635,643
Depreciation	6,521,653	6,420,767
Total operating expenses	90,002,804	97,606,886
Operating loss	(3,077,186)	(5,558,354)
Non-operating revenues (expenses)		
Interest expense	(3,034,481)	(3,081,251)
Federal and State Grants	3,056,483	2,456,520
Interest income	249,503	16,471
Total non-operating revenues (expenses), net	271,505	(608,260)
Change in net position	(2,805,681)	(6,166,614)
Net position, beginning of year	(8,373,818)	(2,207,204)
Net position, end of year	\$ (11,179,499)	\$ (8,373,818)

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**PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT
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Statements of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from patients and third-party payors	\$ 84,171,444	\$ 84,323,906
Receipts from operating grants	106,969	470,878
Payments for operating expenses	(43,385,100)	(51,955,904)
Payments to employees and for employee-related costs	(32,233,068)	(29,813,393)
Net cash provided by operating activities	8,660,245	3,025,487
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(1,974,812)	(1,732,186)
Escrow deposits	(1,000,732)	(1,004,817)
Principal payments on long-term debt	(2,706,921)	(2,619,169)
Interest payments	(3,062,876)	(3,008,167)
Federal and State Grants	3,056,483	2,456,520
Refund of security deposit	-	16,550
Repayment of security deposit	-	(74,000)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(5,688,858)	(5,965,269)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest income	249,503	16,471
Net cash provided by investing activities	249,503	16,471
Increase (Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,220,890	(2,923,311)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	1,365,585	4,288,896
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 4,586,475	\$ 1,365,585

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**PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT
FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS - DISTRICT A
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Statements of Cash Flows (Continued)
For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	2023	2022
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities		
Operating loss	\$ (3,077,186)	\$ (5,558,354)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	6,521,653	6,420,767
Provision for bad debts	159,405	1,616,270
Changes in:		
Patient accounts receivable	(337,245)	(1,691,345)
Grant receivable	-	316,457
Estimated third-party payor settlements, net	(1,836,399)	(745,006)
Inventory	335,589	174,380
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(2,022,071)	(5,699,548)
Supplemental payments receivable	(632,966)	18,468,734
Accounts payable	(1,663,133)	(1,036,024)
Other current liabilities	8,423,476	(9,447,151)
Medicare Advance Payments	-	(3,498,182)
Due to related party	2,789,122	3,704,489
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 8,660,245	\$ 3,025,487

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Description of Reporting Entity

Organization

The Parish Hospital Service District for the Parish of Orleans - District A (the District) is a Louisiana hospital service district established by Act 830 of the 2006 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature, as amended, which has been codified as Louisiana Revised Statutes 46:1094 through 1097. The mission of the District is to operate a state-of-the-art hospital, and to provide emergency and other essential hospital services to the residents of New Orleans East. The District opened the New Orleans East Hospital (NOEH) on July 12, 2014.

Reporting Entity

The District is a component unit of the City of New Orleans, the reporting entity, as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board pronouncement. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the fund maintained by the District, and does not present information on the City of New Orleans, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement

On April 1, 2014, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) was entered into between the District, Louisiana Children's Medical Center (LCMC), and Touro Infirmary. Louisiana Children's Medical Center and Touro Infirmary are collectively referred to as the Joint Parties throughout the CEA.

The CEA provides that the Joint Parties will manage and be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the public hospital and emergency department doing business as NOEH. LCMC is serving the primary role of managing, and being responsible for the day-to-day operations of NOEH, and to provide supplemental operational support for NOEH to support and enhance the continuity and viability of NOEH's operations for the citizens of eastern New Orleans.

Under the CEA, the Joint Parties are obligated for: (i) employing or contracting with those required to operate NOEH; (ii) providing comprehensive administrative, professional, operational, revenue cycle, and financial management of NOEH; (iii) obtaining and maintaining the appropriate licenses, software, and hardware and corresponding support services related to those technology systems; and (iv) assisting NOEH in recruiting medical staff. The agreement commenced on the Effective Date, as defined, and will expire June 30, 2029, with an option to renew for up to 10 years. See Note 8 for further details.

**PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT
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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The basic financial statements provide information about the District's activities. The books and records must be kept in accordance with the requirements of the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The financial statements of the District have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting using the economic resources measurement focus.

Use of Estimates

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

Estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant changes in the near-term and which require significant judgments by management include the allowances for doubtful accounts and contractual adjustments and third-party payor settlements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the statements of cash flows, the District considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Cash includes amounts in noninterest and interest-bearing demand deposits and time deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

Assets Whose Use is Limited or Restricted

Assets whose use is limited or restricted consists of cash balances held in escrow.

Inventories

Inventories, which consist primarily of drugs and supplies, are valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or market.

Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets

Prepaid expenses and other assets include prepaid expenses and amounts due to the District from Intergovernmental transfers.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Cost of Borrowing

Except for capital assets acquired through gifts, contributions, or capital grants, interest cost on borrowed funds during the period of construction of capital assets is capitalized as a component of the cost of acquiring those assets.

Deferred Outflow of Resources

In 2020, the District incurred costs in connection with the advance refunding of the District's long-term mortgage debt, which have been deferred and are being amortized over the life of the original term debt. Amortization on this deferred outflow was \$80,287 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and is included within interest expense on the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position.

Other Current Liabilities

Other current liabilities are primarily comprised of amounts that the District is committed to for Intergovernmental transfers.

Grants and Contributions

From time to time, the District receives grants from the State of Louisiana, as well as contributions from individuals and private organizations. Revenues from grants and contributions (including contributions of capital assets) are recognized when all eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. Grants and contributions may be restricted for either specific operating purposes or for capital purposes. Amounts that are unrestricted or that are restricted to a specific operating purpose are reported as non-operating revenues. Amounts restricted to capital acquisitions are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the District's operations were supported by laborers provided by the State of Louisiana at no cost to the District.

The District has recorded these contributions at their fair value which was determined by using market rates specific to the contract labor rates for skill set of the labor provided. The contribution is valued at approximately \$12,430,000 for the year ended December 31, 2022, and is recorded within other operating revenues and salaries and benefits.

Federal and State Grants

Non-exchange grants are recognized as non-operating revenue in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the District recognized funding from government agencies in the amount of approximately \$3,056,000 and \$2,457,000, respectively.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Net Patient Service Revenue and Related Receivables

The District has entered into payment agreements with certain commercial insurance carriers, health maintenance organizations, and preferred provider organizations. Inpatient and outpatient services rendered to managed care subscribers are reimbursed at prospectively determined rates per discharge, discounts from established charges, and prospectively determined daily rates. Net patient service revenue and the related accounts receivable are reported at the estimated net realizable amounts for services rendered. The District provides care to patients even though they may lack adequate insurance or may be covered under contractual arrangements that do not pay full charges. As a result, the District is exposed to certain credit risk. The District manages such risk by regularly reviewing its accounts and contracts, and by providing appropriate allowances.

Patient Receivables

Patient receivables, where a third-party payor is responsible for paying the amount, are carried at a net amount determined by the original charge for the services provided, less an estimate made for contractual adjustments or discounts provided to third-party payors, less an estimated allowance for doubtful accounts. Patient receivables due directly from the patients, net of any third-party payor responsibility, are carried at the original charge for the service provided less an estimated allowance for doubtful accounts. Management determines the allowance for doubtful accounts by identifying delinquent accounts and applying a reserve percentage based on historical experiences and current expectation of the collectability of aged accounts. The District does not charge interest on patient receivables. Patient receivables are written off as bad debt expense, a component of net patient service revenue, when deemed uncollectible.

Medicare and Medicaid Reimbursement Programs

All Medicaid Programs are accountable to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and to the State of Louisiana (State). LDH's objective is to continue collecting all Medicaid hospital program service costs through the annual cost report uniformly, whether the service is covered by traditional Medicaid fee for service or a Prepaid Plan.

Outpatient services rendered to Medicare outpatient services are reimbursed by the Outpatient Prospective System (OPPS), which establishes a number of Ambulatory Payment Classifications (APC) for outpatient procedures in which the District is paid a predetermined amount per procedure. Medicaid outpatient services (excluding ambulatory surgery, therapy, and clinical lab) are reimbursed at a percentage of the lower of cost or charges. Medicare and Medicaid outpatient clinical lab and Medicaid ambulatory surgery and outpatient therapy services are reimbursed based upon the respective fee schedules.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Medicare and Medicaid Reimbursement Programs (Continued)

Retroactive cost settlements, based upon actual cost reports, are estimated for those programs subject to retroactive settlement and recorded in the financial statements. Final determination of retroactive cost settlements to be received under the Medicare and

Medicaid regulations is subject to review by program representatives. The difference between an estimated settlement and a final settlement in any year is reported as an adjustment of net patient service revenue in the year the final settlement is made.

Laws and regulations governing the Medicare and Medicaid programs are extremely complex and subject to interpretation. As a result, there is a possibility that recorded estimates will change by a material amount in the near-term.

Financial Assistance

The District provides care to patients who meet certain criteria under its financial assistance care policy at amounts less than its established rates.

Financial assistance and discounted care are offered to those low-income patients who meet certain financial guidelines. The District uses a sliding scale method to determine the dollar amount to be considered as financial assistance for eligible patients. The minimum financial assistance approval begins with incomes at 400% of the Federal Poverty Level and continues to increase discounts as the individual or family income reaches 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Any guarantor at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, as adjusted for family size, will be entitled to financial assistance sponsorship for the full amount (100%) of patient responsibility related to appropriate hospital-based medical services that are not covered by private or public third-party sponsorship.

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, estimated costs associated with providing financial assistance were approximately \$4,609,834 and \$3,994,702, respectively.

Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

The District's statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position distinguishes between operating and non-operating revenues and expenses. Operating revenues result from exchange transactions associated with providing health care services - the District's principal activity.

Contributions of capital assets of financial resources required to be used to acquire capital assets are reported separately after non-operating revenues and expenses.

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Net Position

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments, as Amended*, net position is classified into three components: net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. These classifications are defined as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets - This component of net position consists of the historical cost of capital assets, including any restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets plus deferred outflows of resources less deferred inflows of resources related to those assets.

Restricted - This component of net position consists of assets that have constraints that are externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted - All other net position is reported in this category.

Restricted Resources

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

Capital Assets

The District's capital assets are reported at historical cost. Contributed capital assets are reported at their estimated fair value at the time of their donation. Costs associated with capital asset acquisitions under \$2,500 are generally expensed as incurred. All capital assets other than land are depreciated or amortized (in the case of capital leases) using the straight-line method of depreciation using these asset lives:

Buildings and Improvements	30 Years
Furniture and Equipment	3 - 10 Years

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Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The District reviews its long-lived assets, including property and equipment and other intangibles, for impairment when an event or change in facts and circumstances indicates that their carrying amount may not be recoverable, but at least annually.

The District determines recoverability of the assets by comparing the carrying amount of the asset to net future undiscounted cash flows that the asset is expected to generate or estimated fair values in the case of nonrevenue generating assets. When the carrying value of an asset exceeds the estimated recoverability, an asset impairment charge is recognized. There was no such charge in 2023 nor in 2022.

Board of Commissioners

Members of the District's Board of Commissioners receive no compensation or per diem.

Compensated Absences

As described in Note 1, the District entered into a CEA with Louisiana Children's Medical Center and Touro Infirmary. Through the CEA the personnel of the District are employees of Touro Infirmary. Compensated absences and payroll liabilities associated with employees are included in the amount owed to Touro Infirmary as detailed further in Note 8.

Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss from torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors and omissions; employee injuries and illnesses; natural disasters; medical malpractice; and employee health, dental, and accident benefits. Commercial insurance coverage is purchased for claims arising from such matters. See Note 7 for further details.

Recently Issued Accounting Principles

GASB Statement No. 96: The GASB issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, in May 2020. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITA) 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 GASB 87, *Leases*, as amended. For the District, this statement was effective January 1, 2023. The adoption of this standard had no material impact to the financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Recently Issued Accounting Principles Not Yet Adopted:

GASB Statement No. 100: The GASB issued Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*. The primary objective of the Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections. Management is still evaluating the potential impact of adoption on the District's financial statements. The Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023.

Note 3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Statutes authorize the District to invest in direct obligations of the U.S. Government, certificates of deposit of state banks and national banks having their principal office in the State of Louisiana, and any other federally insured investments, guaranteed investment contracts issued by a financial institution having one of the two highest rating categories published by Standard & Poor's or Moody's, and mutual or trust fund institutions registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (provided the underlying investments of these funds meet certain restrictions).

The District's cash deposits and money market accounts included in cash and cash equivalents on its statements of net position, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the District's name.

Concentration of Credit Risk

As required under GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures, an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 3*, concentration of credit risk is defined as the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. GASB further defines an at-risk investment to be one that represents more than five percent (5%) of the fair value of the total investment portfolio and requires disclosure of such at-risk investments. GASB 40 specifically excludes investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government and investments in mutual funds, external investment pools, and other pooled investments from the disclosure requirement. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the District had no investments requiring concentration of credit risk disclosure.

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Note 4. Capital Assets

Capital assets activity as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	December 31, 2022	Additions	Disposals	December 31, 2023
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 3,400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,400,000
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Buildings	116,848,858	134,178	-	116,983,036
Furniture and equipment	25,923,204	-	-	25,923,204
Total capital assets being depreciated	142,772,061	134,178	-	142,906,239
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Construction in progress	467,214	1,840,634	-	2,307,848
Total capital assets	146,639,275	1,974,812	-	148,614,087
Less: accumulated depreciation	(54,154,617)	(6,521,653)	-	(60,676,270)
Capital assets, net	\$ 92,484,658	\$ (4,546,841)	\$ -	\$ 87,937,817
	December 31, 2021	Additions	Disposals	December 31, 2022
Capital assets, not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 3,400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,400,000
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Buildings	114,840,043	2,008,815	-	116,848,858
Furniture and equipment	26,667,045	-	743,841	25,923,204
Total capital assets being depreciated	141,507,087	2,008,815	743,841	142,772,061
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Construction in progress	-	467,214	-	467,214
Total capital assets	144,907,087	2,476,029	743,841	146,639,275
Less: accumulated depreciation	(47,733,850)	(6,420,767)	-	(54,154,617)
Capital assets, net	\$ 97,173,237	\$ (3,944,738)	\$ 743,841	\$ 92,484,658

Depreciation expense totaled approximately \$6,522,000 and \$6,421,000 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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Note 5. Net Patient Service Revenue

Medicaid, Medicare and Supplemental Programs

To improve or expand allowable health care services for Medicaid beneficiaries or low-income, uninsured patients, the District is involved in a series of collaborative agreements and cooperative endeavors designed to allow additional Medicaid funds for providing these services in the community.

Through June 30, 2022, the State's plan included payments through multiple programs including Full Medicaid Pricing (FMP). Effective July 1, 2022, the State modified its supplemental payment program, moving to a Full Directed Payment Program (MFP). The District is recognizing MFP revenue based on an amount estimated by the Louisiana Department of Health for the State's fiscal year. MFP remittances are included within net patient service revenues on the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position. All amounts remitted under this program are subject to reconciliation based on volume of eligible Medicaid patients. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the District recognized revenues of approximately \$36,977,000 and \$43,992,000.

The District entered into agreements to receive or qualify for payments under the State's Medicaid Managed Care Quality Incentive Program (Program). Under the terms of the agreements, the District recognized estimated quality incentive payments for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 of \$3,884,000 and \$1,076,000, respectively, which is reported within net patient service revenue. Deficiencies in the accomplishment of defined performance measures may result in potential reduction of these incentives.

For the above programs, the District has receivable balances of approximately \$7,168,555 and \$6,535,589 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The District qualifies as a disproportionate share provider under the Medicare regulations. As such, the District receives an additional payment for Medicare inpatients served.

The District is paid for inpatient and outpatient capital costs upon filing its Medicare cost report, at an expected rate, which was eighty-six percent (86%) for the year ended December 31, 2023 and eighty-five percent (85%) for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Except for Medicare disproportionate share and Medicare bad debts, there is no retroactive settlement for inpatient costs under the Medicare inpatient prospective payment methodology.

Adjustments to estimated settlements resulted in a decrease to net patient service revenue of approximately \$4,089,000 and \$1,535,000 in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The District's Medicare cost for the reporting periods ended June 30, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 have been audited by the Medicare fiscal intermediary. The District's Medicaid cost for the reporting period ended June 30, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 have been audited by the Medicaid fiscal intermediary.

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Note 5. Net Patient Service Revenue (Continued)

Gross Revenue by Payor

A summary of the District's gross revenue by payor for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	2023	2022
Medicare/Medicaid	82.7%	84.7%
Managed Care/Commercial	11.8%	11.1%
Self Pay	5.5%	4.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Note 6. Mortgage Payable

The District entered into a Federal Housing Administration (FHA) 242-insured mortgage that significantly funded the construction, demolition, and remediation costs; design, project management, legal and organizational fees; equipment and furnishings; and financing charges of the Methodist Hospital Acquisition and Development Project. This mortgage is insured through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The mortgage carries an interest rate of 3.30%, with interest and principal payable until maturity in 2045. Interest incurred totaled approximately \$2,954,000 and \$3,001,000 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

In connection with the mortgage, the District is obligated to pay an annual mortgage insurance premium as well as maintain a mortgage reserve fund. As presented on the statements of net position, the District has assets limited as to their use for these specific requirements. The District's required mortgage insurance reserve fund balance at December 31, 2023 is approximately \$7,132,000. The District has met this requirement with its balance in the mortgage reserve fund of approximately \$7,631,528.

During 2023 and 2022 the District made principal payments of \$2,706,921 and 2,619,169, respectively.

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Note 6. Mortgage Payable (Continued)

Future principal and interest payments due on the mortgage loan are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest
2024	\$ 2,797,613	\$ 2,829,723
2025	2,891,344	2,735,992
2026	2,988,215	2,639,121
2027	3,088,331	2,539,005
2028	3,191,802	2,539,005
2029-2033	17,636,547	11,071,868
2034-2038	20,795,713	8,015,115
2039-2043	24,520,767	4,410,818
2044-2045	9,113,452	660,187
Total	\$ 87,023,782	\$ 37,440,834

Note 7. Risk Management and Regulatory Matters

Professional and General Liability Insurance

Professional and general liability claims have been asserted against the District and are in various stages of developing. Events occurring through December 31, 2023 may result in the filing of additional claims. The District has a risk management program that provides professional and general liability coverage up to \$43,000,000 in the aggregate.

Professional liability claims are limited through the District's participation in the Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund (the Fund). The Fund was established through state legislation and statutorily limits each medical professional liability claim to \$500,000. The District is self-insured for the first \$100,000 of each claim. The remaining \$400,000 of each claim is covered by the Fund. The District has additional coverage that reduces this self-insurance limit to \$10,000 and would cover any claims not covered by the Fund.

Estimated Employee Health and Workers' Compensation Claims

As mentioned in Note 1, the personnel servicing the District are employed by Touro Infirmary and insured under the LCMC Health Employee Medical Plan. LCMC Health's Employee Medical Plan is self-insured up to \$750,000 for non-domestic claims and fully self-insured for domestic claims. LCMC Health manages the workers' compensation, which is self-insured for claims up to \$800,000. LCMC Health has a risk management program that provides excess coverage for non-domestic employee health claims and both domestic and non-domestic workers' compensation claims on an occurrence basis.

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Note 7. Risk Management and Regulatory Matters (Continued)

Regulatory Matters

The health care industry is subject to numerous laws and regulations of federal, state, and local governments. These laws and regulations include, but are not necessarily limited to, matters such as licensure, accreditation, government health care program participation requirements, and reimbursement for patient services. Government activity has continued with respect to investigations and allegations concerning possible violations of fraud and abuse statutes and regulations by health care providers. Violations of these laws and regulations could result in expulsion from government health care programs together with the imposition of significant fines and penalties, as well as significant repayments for patient services previously billed. Management believes that the District is in compliance with fraud and abuse, as well as other applicable government laws and regulations.

Note 8. Commitments and Contingencies

Federal and Private Grants

The District receives grants from federal and private sources. The District is subject to discretionary audits by the funding sources. There have been no audits by funding sources during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and management does not anticipate any adjustments as a result of future audits.

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement

As mentioned in Note 1, the District entered into a CEA with Louisiana Children's Medical Center and Touro Infirmary, collectively referred to as the Joint Parties.

As detailed in Note 6, the District is obligated on a mortgage that is insured by HUD. So long as a mortgage on the District's property is insured or held by the Secretary of HUD, the Secretary may make a written request to the District and the Joint Parties to terminate the CEA with or without cause. The terms of the CEA provide that the District shall pay to the Joint Parties a fee that is comprised of management fees, revenue cycle billing and collection services, and direct and indirect operating components. The District and the Joint Parties have agreed that Operating Revenues of NOEH, as defined, shall be the only source of funds for paying the management fee.

Should the accumulated and unpaid fees and operational obligations of the Joint Parties reach \$12,000,000, the Joint Parties are relieved of performing further their operational obligations.

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Note 8. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (Continued)

Through the CEA, the District has recognized expenses of approximately \$2,957,000 and \$2,546,000 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the District owes the Joint Parties approximately \$33,500,000 and \$30,700,000 for both the costs incurred by LCMC and Touro Infirmary on behalf of the District as well as expenses recognized by the District and the annual management fee. These amounts are included within other current liabilities on the District's statements of net position.

As represented by the Joint Parties, they are not seeking relief from performing their operational obligations.

Note 9. Concentrations of Third-Party Payor Credit Risk

The District grants credit without collateral to its patients, who are mostly local residents that are insured under third-party payor agreements. The mix of receivables from patients and third-party payors, net of contractual allowances and discounts, at December 31, 2023 and 2022, was as follows:

	2023	2022
Medicare/Medicaid	63.0%	84.7%
Managed Care/Commercial	35.0%	11.1%
Self Pay	2.0%	4.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Note 10. Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified in order to be comparable with the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the reported results of operations.

Note 11. Subsequent Events

The District has evaluated subsequent events through April 30, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. The District determined that no additional events occurred that require disclosure.

**PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT
FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS - DISTRICT A
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**Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments
To Agency Head**

Agency Head

Mr. Ronnie Burns, Board Chairman

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$0
Benefits - Insurance	\$0
Benefits - Retirement	\$0
Benefits - Other	\$0
Car Allowance	\$0
Vehicle Provided by Government	\$0
Per Diem	\$0
Reimbursements	\$0
Travel	\$0
Registration Fees	\$0
Conference Travel	\$0
Continuing Professional Education Fees	\$0
Housing	\$0
Unvouchered Expenses	\$0
Special Meals	\$0

See independent auditor's report

**PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT
FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS - DISTRICT A
(A Component Unit of the City of New Orleans)
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor Program Title	Assistance Listing Number Number	Pass-Through Entity No.	Federal Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</u>			
<u>Direct Awards</u>			
Section 242 - Mortgage Insurance for Hospitals	14.128		\$ 89,730,704
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			<u>89,730,704</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>			
<u>Through: State of Louisiana</u>			
Activities to Support State, Tribal, Local and Territorial (STLT) Health Department Response to Public Health or Healthcare Crises	93.391		<u>760,234</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>760,234</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u>			
<u>Pass Through: State of Louisiana</u>			
Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters)	97.036		<u>2,509,161</u>
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			<u>2,509,161</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 93,000,099</u>

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

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**Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the District under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information in this schedule is presented 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*. Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the District.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting and the cost accounting principles contained in the Uniform Guidance. Under these cost principles, certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Expenditures for loan disbursements are recognized when paid.

Note 3. Sub-Recipients

There were no payments to sub-recipients for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

Note 4. Loan Balance

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.502, the loan balance reported on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards represents the loan balance at the beginning of the year. As of December 31, 2023, the outstanding balance of this loan program was \$89,730,704.

Note 5. Indirect Cost Rate

The District did not apply indirect costs to this program.

**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 Commissioners
Parish Hospital Service District
For the Parish of Orleans - District A
(A Component Unit of the City of New Orleans)
New Orleans, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Parish Hospital Service District for the Parish of Orleans - District A (the District) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 30, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District'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 District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District'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 the 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 may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District'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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.



A Professional Accounting Corporation

Metairie, LA
April 30, 2024

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

To the Board of Commissioners
Parish Hospital Service District
For the Parish of Orleans - District A
(A Component Unit of the City of New Orleans)
New Orleans, Louisiana

Report on Compliance for Each Major Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Parish Hospital Service District for the Parish of Orleans - District A's (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District, complied, in all material respects, with the types of 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; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; 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 District 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 District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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 District'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 District'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 generally accepted auditing standards, *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 District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, 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 District'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 District'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 District'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 a 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 that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "LaForte".

A Professional Accounting Corporation

Metairie, LA
April 30, 2024

**PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT
FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS - DISTRICT A
(A Component Unit of the City of New Orleans)**

**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

I. Summary of Independent Auditor's Results
Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness identified? _____ Yes _____ X No
- Significant deficiency identified that is not considered to be a material weakness? _____ Yes _____ X None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____ Yes _____ X No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness identified? _____ Yes _____ X No
- Significant deficiency identified that is not considered to be a material weakness? _____ Yes _____ X None Reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 2 CFR 200.516(a)? _____ Yes _____ X No

Identification of major programs

Assistance Listing Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
14.128 97.036	Section 242 - Mortgage Insurance for Hospitals Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Diasters)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs \$ 2,790,003

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? _____ X Yes _____ No

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**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

II. Financial Statement Findings:

None.

III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs:

None.

**PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT
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**Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

None.

AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES REPORT

Parish Hospital Service District for the Parish of Orleans - District A
(A Component Unit of the City of New Orleans)

Independent Accountant's Report
On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

For the Period January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

To the Board of Commissioners
Parish Hospital Service District
For the Parish of Orleans - District A
(A Component Unit of the City of New Orleans)
New Orleans, Louisiana and the
Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Parish Hospital Service District for the Parish of Orleans - District A (A Component Unit of the City of New Orleans) (the District) and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The District's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The District 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 the LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Additionally, the 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 results are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. 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:
 - i. **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

- ii. **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.
- iii. **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
- iv. **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).
- v. **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.
- vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- vii. **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- viii. **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).
- ix. **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.
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi. **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.
- xii. **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.

Results: The purchasing policy does not contain processes covering Public Bid Law, specifically 1Aii(4) and 1Aii(5). No other exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

Management's Response: NOEH has followed the purchasing policy of its manager LCMC Health which is not required to follow Public Bid Law. In order to maintain compliance, the District will review and revise policies as needed to comply with Bid Law. The District is not aware of any instance of noncompliance with Public Bid Law, and remains committed to remaining in compliance.

2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. 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, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, 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.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. 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, 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.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- 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 agency 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.

Results: For one out of two deposits selected, bank deposit was not made within one day of receipt. No other exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

Management's Response: It has been the procedure of the District to deposit collections once a week due to volume of transactions. Checks on hand not deposited are kept in a secure safe to minimize the risk of loss from the delay in deposit. Brinks is contracted to pick up deposits on a weekly basis due to the low dollar and volume of checks.

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

- A. 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).
- B. 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:
 - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
 - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
 - iii. 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;
 - iv. 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
 - v. 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.]

- C. 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.
- D. 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.

Results: 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:
 - i. 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
 - ii. 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 #6B above, excluding fuel cards, 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.

Results: 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.

Results: 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.

Results: 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 whether 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.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
 - i. 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
 - ii. 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.

- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

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).

Results: 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.

Results: 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."**
- i. 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.

- ii. 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.
 - iii. 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 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:
- i. Hired before June 9, 2020 - completed the training; and
 - ii. Hired on or after June 9, 2020 - completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

Results: We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- A. 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.
- B. 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).
- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1st, 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.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of these procedures.

We were engaged by the District 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 District 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 on those C/C areas identified in Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures, and the results 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "LaPorte".

A Professional Accounting Corporation

Metairie, LA
June 28, 2024

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LaPorte, APAC
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Dear Sirs:

The following are our responses to the exceptions noted in your report on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures performed for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023

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. **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.

The purchasing policy does not contain processes covering Public Bid Law, specifically (4) and (5).

Response: NOEH has followed the purchasing policy of its manager LCMC Health which is not required to follow Public Bid Law. In order to maintain compliance, the District will review and revise policies as needed to comply with Bid Law. The District is not aware of any instance of noncompliance with Public Bid Law, and remains committed to remaining in compliance.

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Response: It has been the procedure of the District to deposit collections once a week due to volume of transactions. Checks on hand not deposited are kept in a secure safe to minimize the risk of loss from the delay in deposit. Brinks is contracted to pick up deposits on a weekly basis due to the low dollar and volume of checks.

Sincerely,



Christine Bond
Chief Financial Officer
Parish Hospital Service District for the Parish of Orleans – District A
d/b/a New Orleans East Hospital