

**ACADIANA CONCERN FOR AIDS RELIEF,
EDUCATION AND SUPPORT, INC.**

Lafayette, Louisiana

Financial Report

Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Acadiana Concern for AIDS Relief, Education and Support, Inc. (CARES) (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CARES as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of CARES 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 opinion.

Responsibility of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about CARES' ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of CARES' 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 CARES' ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Supplementary Information

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 25, 2024, on our consideration of CARES' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of CARES' 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 CARES' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Lafayette, Louisiana
September 25, 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**ACADIANA CONCERN FOR AIDS RELIEF,
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**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

ASSETS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 2,556,977	\$ 1,621,437
Contracts and Grants Receivable	2,262,861	3,702,176
Other Receivables	993,731	874,684
Prepaid Expenses	(7,074)	13,605
Employee Advances	<u>7,789</u>	<u>2,882</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>5,814,284</u>	<u>6,214,784</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (NET)	<u>5,849,903</u>	<u>5,694,952</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Deposits	<u>24,308</u>	<u>24,308</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 11,688,495</u>	<u>\$ 11,934,044</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 98,192	\$ 106,589
Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities	407,904	373,776
Accrued Compensated Absences	502,091	473,047
Tenant Deposits	365	-
Lines of Credit	1,121,049	1,121,049
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	<u>80,215</u>	<u>78,621</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>2,209,816</u>	<u>2,153,082</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Long-Term Debt (Less Current Maturities)	<u>787,664</u>	<u>867,886</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,997,480</u>	<u>3,020,968</u>
NET ASSETS		
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	454,313	454,313
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	<u>8,236,702</u>	<u>8,458,763</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>8,691,015</u>	<u>8,913,076</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 11,688,495</u>	<u>\$ 11,934,044</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**ACADIANA CONCERN FOR AIDS RELIEF,
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**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS		
PUBLIC SUPPORT		
Donations	\$ 8,346	\$ 13,352
Total Public Support	<u>8,346</u>	<u>13,352</u>
 REVENUES		
Rental Income	395,218	692,497
Governmental Grants and Contracts	14,524,018	14,053,585
Patient Service Fees - (SOS and Clinic)	4,518,580	3,447,020
Contractual Adjustments - (SOS and Clinic)	(2,686,962)	(2,190,448)
Clinic Revenue	163,447	36,320
Meals Revenue	178,971	202,946
Miscellaneous	109,577	41,044
Interest	-	43,125
Total Revenues	<u>17,202,849</u>	<u>16,326,089</u>
 TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES	<u>17,211,195</u>	<u>16,339,441</u>
 EXPENSES		
Program Services:		
AIDS Education and Relief	15,654,777	16,556,575
Supporting Services:		
Management and General	<u>1,778,480</u>	<u>1,842,307</u>
Total Expenses	<u>17,433,257</u>	<u>18,398,882</u>
 CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	<u>\$ (222,062)</u>	<u>\$ (2,059,441)</u>

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**ACADIANA CONCERN FOR AIDS RELIEF,
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**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	<u>(222,062)</u>	<u>(2,059,441)</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(222,062)	(2,059,441)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>8,913,076</u>	<u>10,972,517</u>
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 8,691,014</u>	<u>\$ 8,913,076</u>

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**ACADIANA CONCERN FOR AIDS RELIEF,
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**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	PROGRAM SERVICES	SUPPORTING SERVICES	
	AIDS EDUCATION AND RELIEF	MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	TOTAL
Compensation and Related Expenses			
Salaries	\$ 7,684,590	\$ 720,065	\$ 8,404,655
Compensated Absences	-	29,044	29,044
Employee Benefits			
Medical	924,214	83,832	1,008,046
Pension Plan	193,879	9,107	202,986
Payroll Taxes	584,862	56,323	641,185
	9,387,545	898,371	10,285,916
Advertising	8,776	9,390	18,166
Bad Debt	119,677	-	119,677
Bank Charges	-	2,418	2,418
Contract Personnel	463,435	5,043	468,478
Contractual	424,764	-	424,764
Depreciation	-	254,694	254,694
Direct Assistance	4,051,338	-	4,051,338
Dues and Subscriptions	24,469	7,361	31,830
Equipment Leasing	14,902	17,593	32,495
Education and Outreach	30,721	2,017	32,738
Insurance	150,865	81,940	232,805
Interest Expense	-	113,939	113,939
Landscaping	462	1,625	2,087
Legal and Accounting	15,699	89,448	105,147
Loss on Disposal of Assets	3,453	-	3,453
Miscellaneous	15,852	17,208	33,060
Office Expense	164,279	67,289	231,568
Postage	509	7,285	7,794
Repairs and Maintenance	94,419	99,493	193,912
Small Equipment	108,351	12,410	120,761
Supplies and Materials	265,419	28,687	294,106
Taxes and Licenses	2,650	15	2,665
Travel and Seminars	113,818	7,775	121,593
Utilities and Telephone	193,374	54,479	247,853
TOTAL	\$ 15,654,777	\$ 1,778,480	\$ 17,433,257

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**ACADIANA CONCERN FOR AIDS RELIEF,
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**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	PROGRAM SERVICES	SUPPORTING SERVICES	
	AIDS EDUCATION AND RELIEF	MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	TOTAL
Compensation and Related Expenses			
Salaries	\$ 7,216,008	\$ 753,946	\$ 7,969,954
Compensated Absences	-	27,034	27,034
Employee Benefits			
Medical	902,749	64,747	967,496
Pension Plan	184,497	15,750	200,247
Payroll Taxes	574,799	63,216	638,015
	8,878,053	924,693	9,802,746
Advertising	39,240	22,944	62,184
Bad Debt	-	342	342
Bank Charges	-	2,914	2,914
Contract Personnel	372,375	28,786	401,161
Contractual	863,322	-	863,322
Depreciation	-	334,276	334,276
Direct Assistance	3,641,317	-	3,641,317
Dues and Subscriptions	33,168	8,318	41,486
Equipment Leasing	8,891	3,332	12,223
Education and Outreach	30,375	885	31,260
Insurance	92,525	77,094	169,619
Interest Expense	-	60,374	60,374
Landscaping	4,770	9,675	14,445
Legal and Accounting	4,506	84,744	89,250
Loss on Disposal of Assets	1,629,191	-	1,629,191
Miscellaneous	6,404	18,520	24,924
Office Expense	174,074	56,498	230,572
Postage	1,301	5,534	6,835
Repairs and Maintenance	113,537	84,463	198,000
Small Equipment	52,176	20,484	72,660
Supplies and Materials	256,102	15,903	272,005
Taxes and Licenses	9	-	9
Travel and Seminars	96,858	25,246	122,104
Utilities and Telephone	258,381	57,282	315,663
	\$ 16,556,575	\$ 1,842,307	\$ 18,398,882

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**ACADIANA CONCERN FOR AIDS RELIEF,
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**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in Net Assets	\$ (222,062)	\$ (2,059,441)
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	254,694	334,276
Bad Debt	119,677	342
Loss on Disposal of Assets	3,453	1,629,191
Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities:		
Contracts Receivable	1,439,315	(426,516)
Other Receivables	(238,723)	(508,390)
Prepaid Expenses	20,679	(13,605)
Employee Advances	(4,907)	386
Deposits	-	7,217
Accounts Payable	(8,397)	(149,040)
Accrued Compensated Absences	29,044	27,034
Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities	34,128	66,280
Accrued Expenses	-	(10,171)
Tenant Deposits	<u>365</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Provided By/(Used In) Operating Activities	<u>1,427,266</u>	<u>(1,102,437)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(413,098)	(1,232,235)
Proceeds Sale of Fixed Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>2,138,340</u>
Net Cash Provided By/(Used In) Investing Activities	<u>(413,098)</u>	<u>906,105</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt	-	1,121,049
Payments on Long-Term Debt	<u>(78,628)</u>	<u>(69,044)</u>
Net Cash Provided By/(Used In) Financing Activities	<u>(78,628)</u>	<u>1,052,005</u>
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	935,540	855,673
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,621,437</u>	<u>765,764</u>
CASH, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 2,556,977</u>	<u>\$ 1,621,437</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Cash paid during the year for:		
Interest	<u>\$ 113,939</u>	<u>\$ 60,374</u>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

(A) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Activities

Acadiana Concern for AIDS Relief, Education, and Support, Inc. (CARES) is a client-centered organization dedicated to empowering vulnerable communities affected by inequities in health care, HIV/AIDS, homelessness, and substance use issues to change their lives by embracing a holistic approach to a healthy and self-determined life.

Basis of Presentation

The Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of Acadiana CARES, Inc. have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities.

Net Assets

Net assets, revenue, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor or grantor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

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

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the organization considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The Organization presents accounts receivable net of the allowance for doubtful accounts. The provision for doubtful accounts is calculated based on the company's collection histories with its customers and current credit conditions. Management evaluates the adequacy of the allowance periodically, using collection histories with its customers and current credit conditions. Accounts receivable is directly written off when management determines that the collectability of an account is not viable. As of December 31, 2023, management believes that no allowance is required.

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(A) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (continued)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure 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.

Federal Financial Awards

Revenues for direct and indirect federal contracts are recorded based on expenses incurred for contracts that are on a cost reimbursement basis and based on the units of service for those contracts which are on a fee for service basis. In the Statement of Activities, these revenues are referred to as 'governmental grants and contracts'. Related contract receivables are referred to as 'contracts and grants receivable' in the Statement of Financial Position.

Donated Services

CARES receives substantial volunteer services in areas such as transportation, clerical, medical, food bank, and fundraising. No amounts have been reflected on the statements for donated services because no objective basis is available to measure the value of such services.

Property and Equipment

The Organization capitalizes all expenditures in excess of \$2,500 for property and equipment at historical cost. Donated property and equipment are valued at fair market value at the time of donation. If donors stipulate how the assets must be used, the contributions are recorded as with donor restricted support. In the absence of such stipulations, contributions of property and equipment are recorded as without donor restricted support.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the assets' useful lives. Depreciation expense was \$254,694 and \$334,276 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Compensated Absences

Employees accrue personal leave time from the first day of employment with the amount being determined based on length of service. An employee is allowed to earn a maximum of leave based on length of employment, but they may not accrue more than this maximum balance. At the time of termination of employment, employees are entitled to receive payment for earned personal leave not yet taken. Accordingly, an accrual has been made for accumulated personal leave as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(A) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (continued)

Income Taxes

CARES qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, has no provision for federal income taxes. In addition, CARES has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a public charity within the meaning of Section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the code.

The Organization is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Organization believes it is no longer subject to tax return examinations for the periods prior to 2020.

Revenue Recognition

Grants and Contributions

The Organization recognizes contributions when cash, securities or other assets, an unconditional promise to give, or a notification of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give, that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier, and a right of return, are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met.

The Organization receives support in the form of grants from federal, state, and local governmental agencies, which are conditioned upon certain performance requirements and/or the incurrence of allowable qualifying expenses. Amounts received are recognized as revenue when the Organization has incurred expenditures in compliance with specific contract or grant provisions. Amounts received prior to incurring qualifying expenditures are reported as refundable advances in the Statement of Financial Position. No amounts were received in advance under the Organization's grants in 2023.

Grants and contributions are recorded depending on the existence or nature of any donor restrictions. Support that is restricted by a donor is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or a purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets as net assets released from restrictions. Donor restricted contributions whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period are reported as revenue without donor restrictions.

Patient Service Fees and Pharmacy Revenue

Patient service fees and pharmacy revenue represent the estimated net realizable amounts from patients, third party payers, and others for services rendered or prescriptions dispensed. Revenues are recorded during the period the health care services are provided or prescriptions dispensed, based upon the estimated amounts due from payers. Estimates of contractual allowances are based upon the specified payment terms.

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(A) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (continued)

Revenue Recognition – (continued)

Laws and regulations governing the Medicare and Medicaid programs are complex and subject to interpretation. The estimated reimbursement amounts are made on a payer-specific basis and are recorded based on the best information available regarding management's interpretation of the applicable laws, regulations, and contract terms. Management continually reviews the contractual estimation process to consider and incorporate updates to laws and regulations and the frequent changes in managed care contractual terms resulting from contract renegotiations and renewals. Due to the complexities involved in the classification and documentation of health care services authorized and provided, the estimation of revenues earned and the related reimbursement are often subject to interpretations that could result in payments that are different from the Organization's estimates.

The Organization provides discounts from gross charges to uninsured patients who do not qualify for Medicaid. These discounts are like those provided to many local managed care plans. After the discounts are applied, if the Organization is still unable to collect a significant portion of uninsured patients' accounts, it records bad debt using the direct write-off method.

The Organization receives payments for patient services from the federal government under the Medicare program, state governments under their respective Medicaid or similar programs, managed care plans, private insurers, and directly from patients.

The laws and regulations governing the Organization's operations, along with the terms of participation in various government programs, regulate how the Organization does business, the services offered and its interactions with patients and the public. These laws and regulations, and their interpretations, are subject to frequent change. Changes in existing laws or regulations, or their interpretations, or the enactment of new laws or regulations could materially and adversely affect the Organization's operations and financial condition.

The Organization is subject to various routine and non-routine governmental reviews, audits and investigations. Violation of the laws governing the Organization's operations, or changes in the interpretation of those laws, could result in the imposition of fines, civil or criminal penalties, and/or termination of the Organization's rights to participate in federal and state-sponsored programs and suspension or revocation of the Organization's licenses. The Organization believes that it is in material compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

340B Program Revenue

The Organization participates in the 340B Drug Pricing Program (340B Program) administered by the Office of Pharmacy Affairs of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The Organization contracts with local retail pharmacies under the program, which results in additional revenues and discounts on outpatient prescriptions for the Organization's patients. Revenue and expenditures related to this program are recorded once the prescription drugs are transferred from the retail pharmacy to the patient. Laws and regulations surrounding the 340B drug program are complex and are subject to interpretation and change.

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(A) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (continued)

Fair Value Considerations

Fair value is used to measure financial and certain nonfinancial assets and liabilities measured or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis (at least annually). Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. The fair value hierarchy established and prioritized fair value measurements into three levels based on the nature of the inputs. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to inputs based on market data from independent sources (observable inputs – Level 1) and the lowest priority to a reporting entity’s internal assumptions based upon the best information available when external market data is limited or unavailable (unobservable inputs – Level 3).

The fair value option allows entities to choose, at specified election dates, to measure eligible financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value that are not otherwise required to be measured at fair value. If an entity elects the fair value option for an eligible item, changes in that item’s fair value in subsequent reporting periods must be recognized in current earnings. The fair value option was not elected for the measurements of any eligible assets or liabilities.

The estimated fair values of each entity’s short-term financial instruments (primarily cash and cash equivalents, receivables, accounts payables, accrued expenses, short-term debt and lines of credit) approximate their individual carrying amounts due to the relatively short period between their origination and expected realization or payment. Based on market rates for similar loans, the fair value of long-term debt approximates their carrying value.

New Accounting Standards

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2016-13, Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (“Topic 326”). The ASU requires a financial asset to be measured at amortized cost and introduces a new impairment model, The Current Expected Credit Losses model, which replaces the current incurred loss impairment model with one that is based on expected losses.

The Organization adopted Topic 326 on January 1, 2023, under the modified retrospective transition approach with the cumulative effect of application recognized at the effective date. At the transition date, the Organization determined that there was no impact on the financial statements as a result of adoption.

(B) RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain accounts in the prior-year financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform with the presentation in the current-year financial statements.

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(C) PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and Equipment consist of the following:

	2023	2022
Land	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
Land Improvements	24,270	24,270
Buildings	4,308,255	4,308,255
Building Renovations	2,278,456	2,278,456
Autos and Trucks	138,378	138,378
Construction in Progress	1,750,951	1,353,432
Equipment	390,272	398,143
Total	8,935,582	8,545,934
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(3,085,679)	(2,850,982)
Net Property and Equipment	\$ 5,849,903	\$ 5,694,952

(D) ADVERTISING

The Organization uses advertising to promote its programs among the individuals it serves. The cost of this advertising is expensed as incurred. Advertising costs totaled \$18,166 and \$62,184 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

(E) LINES OF CREDIT

The Organization has a \$2,000,000 line of credit, secured by a mortgage on the organization's real property located in Lafayette, Louisiana. The line bears interest at a rate of prime plus 1.5 percent, currently 10.00 percent, with a maturity date of February 25, 2024. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the balance on the line was \$-0- and \$- 0 -, respectively.

The Organization also has a \$2,500,000 nonrevolving line of credit in connection with the renovation and expansion of property located at 809 and 811 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Lafayette, Louisiana. This Line of Credit has a termination date of January 29, 2024, at which point the unpaid balance on the line of credit will be converted to a term loan to be payable in forty-eight (48) consecutive monthly installments of principal and interest based on a 20 year amortization. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the balance on the line of credit was \$1,121,049 and \$1,121,049 respectively.

(F) CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The majority of CARES' revenues and accounts receivable are from contracts with the Louisiana Department of Health – Office of Public Health (OPH). The contracts are administered by OPH under programs which are funded primarily by federal government grants. If federal funding levels for the programs are reduced, or if the contracts are not renewed, the impact on CARES could be severe.

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(G) LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consisted of the following as of December 31, 2023:

In April 2020, the Organization was granted a loan from First Horizon Bank in the aggregate amount of \$1,580,200, pursuant to the Paycheck Protection Program (the “PPP”). The Loan, which was in the form of a Note dated April 13, 2020, matured on April 13, 2022, and bears interest at a rate of 1.0% per annum, payable monthly in 18 payments of \$89,673 commencing on September 13, 2021. The Note may be prepaid at any time prior to maturing with no prepayment penalties. On December 21, 2021, the Organization was granted partial forgiveness of this loan in the amount of \$1,373,478. The Organization owed the remaining balance of \$165,363 payable in 37 monthly payments of \$4,261 commencing on March 1, 2022, and a final payment of \$57,070 on April 1, 2025. \$ 115,656

On July 12, 2021, the Organization was granted a loan from First Horizon Bank for \$820,000 for the purchase of a building. The note bears interest at a rate of 3.95% with monthly payments of \$1,829 commencing on August 12, 2021, and a balloon payment of \$495,887 on July 12, 2031. 752,223

Total Long -Term Debt 867,879

Less: Current Maturities (80,215)

Long -Term Debt, Net of Current Portion \$ 787,664

Maturities of Long-Term Debt are as follows:

2024	\$	80,215
2025		96,780
2026		32,602
2027		33,932
2028		35,246
Thereafter		589,104
Total	<u>\$</u>	<u>867,879</u>

(H) EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

CARES has a defined contribution salary deferral plan covering substantially all employees. Under the plan, CARES matches 100% of eligible employees’ salary deferrals (match not to exceed 6% of employee salary). Pension expense incurred during 2023 and 2022 was \$202,986 and \$200,247, respectively.

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(I) NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, net assets with donor restrictions are available for the following purpose:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Building Improvements	<u>\$ 454,313</u>	<u>\$ 454,313</u>

The donor restriction of \$366,913 relates to the Wellness Center improvements funded through a Community Development Block Grant which has a seven-year time-restriction. The restriction will expire during the year ended December 31, 2024.

The donor restriction of \$87,400 relates to the rehabilitation of the Open-Door building, a therapeutic residential facility funded through a Community Development Block Grant which has a five-year time-restriction. The restriction will expire during the year ended December 31, 2027.

(J) LESSE OBLIGATIONS

The Organization has elected to apply the short-term lease exception to all leases with a term of one year or less. Leases with an initial term of twelve months or less are not recorded on the Statement of Financial Position. Lease expense is recognized for these leases on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. The Organization leases office and storage space under operating arrangements. Lease expense totaled \$28,170 and \$57,143 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

(K) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments that potentially subject CARES to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of temporary cash investments. The Organization places its temporary cash investments with one high quality financial institution. At times, amounts may be in excess of the FDIC insurance limit of \$250,000. As of December 31, 2023, CARES had \$2,793,180 of cash in excess of FDIC limits. It is the opinion of management that the solvency of the referenced financial instruments is not of particular concern at this time.

The fair values of CARES' financial instruments are as follows:

Cash and short-term investments – The carrying amount approximates fair value because of the short maturities of those investments.

Bank loans payable – Fair value approximates carrying value since stated rates are similar to rates currently available to the Organization for debt with similar terms and remaining maturities.

(L) NONCOMPLIANCE WITH GRANTOR RESTRICTIONS

Financial awards from federal, state, and local governmental entities in the form of grants are subject to special audit. Such audits could result in claims against the Organization for disallowed costs or noncompliance with grantor restrictions. No provision has been made for any liabilities that may arise from such audits since the amounts, if any, cannot be determined at this date.

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(M) COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A detail of compensation, benefits, and other payments paid to the Executive Director, Claude Martin, for the year ended December 31, 2023:

<u>Purpose</u>	
Salary and Related Expenses	\$ 127,804
Benefits – Insurance	\$ 2,381
Benefits – Retirement	\$ 7,486
Phone Allowance	\$ 780

(N) LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

The Organization has \$5,821,358 of financial assets available within one year of the balance sheet date to meet cash needs for general expenditures consisting of cash of \$2,556,977 and receivables of \$3,264,381. None of the financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditure within one year of the balance sheet date.

(O) CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

In the normal course of business, there may be various outstanding contingent liabilities such as lawsuits, etc, which are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements. Management is of the opinion that insurance coverage is adequate to cover any anticipated losses. No such liabilities have been asserted therefore, no estimate of loss, if any, is determinable.

(P) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On January 29, 2024 the organization's non-revolving line of credit was converted to a term loan with a term of forty-eight (48) consecutive months with principal and interest payments based on a 20-year amortization, with monthly payments of \$16,671. The Interest rate for the term loan is based on SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate) plus Two and 20/100 percent (2.20%).

Subsequent events were evaluated through September 25, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE
AND OTHER GRANT INFORMATION**

**ACADIANA CONCERN FOR AIDS RELIEF,
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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Program Title	ALN	Grant Number	Expenditures	Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				
Continuum of Care Program:				
Project Home Again II	14.267	LA0015L6H002013	\$ 214,853	\$ -
Project Home Again II	14.267	LA0015L6H002114	129,577	-
Project Home Again IV	14.267	LA0181L6H002009	<u>543,181</u>	<u>-</u>
			887,611	-
Passed through the Louisiana Department of Health:				
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS:				
Hope House	14.241	2000544880	<u>131,415</u>	<u>-</u>
Total for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			<u>1,019,026</u>	<u>-</u>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Coordinated Services and Access to Research for Women, Infants, Children, and Youth:				
Ryan White - Title III	93.153	H76HA46005	260,269	-
Ryan White - Title IV	93.153	H12HA26263	<u>155,593</u>	<u>-</u>
			415,862	-
COVID-19 - Grants for New and Expanded Services under the Health Center Program				
	93.527	6L2CCS42395-01-03	<u>216,837</u>	<u>-</u>
Total for U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>632,699</u>	<u>-</u>
Passed through the Louisiana Department of Health:				
Affordable Care Act (ACA) Personal Responsibility Education Program				
SIHLE/BART	93.092	2000656840	80,875	-
STD/HIV/Hepatitis	93.092	2000656848	<u>33,701</u>	<u>-</u>
			<u>114,576</u>	<u>-</u>

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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS - continued
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Program Title	ALN	Grant Number	Expenditures	Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Passed through the Louisiana Department of Health:				
HIV Care Formula Grants:				
HOPWA	93.917	2000544880	\$ 311,055	\$ -
Ryan White Program	93.917	2000370904	<u>1,537,298</u>	<u>-</u>
			<u>1,848,353</u>	<u>-</u>
HIV Prevention Grants:				
Medical Models	93.940 *	2000485858	215,780	-
Prevention Program - Fee for Service	93.940 *	2000413812	45,600	-
HIV Prevention	93.940 *	2000439038	<u>8,669,549</u>	<u>-</u>
			<u>8,930,929</u>	<u>-</u>
Passed through the Louisiana Department of Health:			<u>10,893,858</u>	<u>-</u>
Total for U.S. Department of Health			<u>11,526,557</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures			<u>\$ 12,545,583</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

* - denotes a major program

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
OF FEDERAL AWARDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

(A) BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of Acadiana Concern for AIDS Relief, Education and Support, Inc. 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 the Uniform Guidance. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Organization, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the Organization.

(B) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (1) Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as reimbursements.
- (2) Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

(C) INDIRECT COST RATE

The Organization has elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate for the year ended December 31, 2023, unless otherwise negotiated.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

The Board of Directors
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We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Acadiana Concern for AIDS Relief, Education and Support, Inc. (CARES) (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 25, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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 CARES' 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2023-001.

Purpose of this Report

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

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

The Board of Directors
Acadiana Concern for AIDS Relief, Education
and Support, Inc.
Lafayette, Louisiana

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Acadiana Concern for AIDS Relief, Education and Support, Inc. (CARES') 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 CARES' major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. CARES' major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, CARES 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of CARES 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 CARES' compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, CARES 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.

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 CARES' federal programs.

Auditors' 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 CARES' 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 CARES' 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 CARES' compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of CARES' 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 CARES' 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 Auditors' 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.

This report is intended for the information of the management and Board of Directors of the Acadiana Concern for AIDS Relief, Education and Support, Inc. and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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September 25, 2024
Lafayette, Louisiana

**ACADIANA CONCERN FOR AIDS RELIEF,
EDUCATION AND SUPPORT, INC.**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

We have audited the financial statements of Acadiana Concern for Aids Relief, Education, and Support, Inc. as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated September 25, 2024. 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 audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2023, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

Section I - Summary of Auditors' Reports

a. *Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements*

Internal Control

Significant Deficiencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Material Weaknesses	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Compliance

Noncompliance Material to Financial Statements	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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b. *Federal Awards*

Major Programs Identification

CARES at December 31, 2023, had one major program:

- Department of Health and Human Services – Passed through the Louisiana Department of Health – HIV Prevention Grants – ALN: 93.940

Low-Risk Auditee

CARES is considered a low-risk auditee for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Major Programs - Threshold

The dollar threshold to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs is \$750,000 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Auditors' Report - Major Programs

An unmodified opinion has been issued on CARES' compliance for its major programs as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Significant Deficiencies - Major Program

There were no significant deficiencies noted during the audit of the major federal programs.

**ACADIANA CONCERN FOR AIDS RELIEF,
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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – (continued)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

Finding No. 2023-001 - Late Filing

Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred: 2021

Statement of Condition:

CARES failed to comply with LA R.S. 24513, by not submitting audited financial statements to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor within six months after their December 31, 2023, fiscal year end.

Criteria:

The Organization should adhere to the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

Cause of Condition:

CARES had extenuating circumstances with key accounting personnel which hindered the ability to close the books in a timely manner.

Effect of Condition:

CARES is not in compliance with state law.

Recommendation:

No recommendation. As stated, these were circumstances outside of the Organization's control.

Section III - Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

The audit did not disclose any material noncompliance findings or questioned costs relative to its federal programs.

**ACADIANA CONCERN FOR AIDS RELIEF,
EDUCATION AND SUPPORT, INC.**

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Finding No. 2022-001 – Late Filing

Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred: 2021

Statement of Condition:

The Organization failed to comply with LA R.S. 24513, by not submitting audited financial statements to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor within six months after Fiscal year end.

Current Status:

The finding has not been resolved in the current year.



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**MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Louisiana Legislative Auditor

Acadiana Concern for AIDS Relief, Education and Support, Inc. respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Finding No. 2023-001 – Late Filing

Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred: 2021

Recommendation:

No recommendation. As stated, these were circumstances outside of the Organization's control.

Management's Corrective Action Plan:

The Organization agrees with this finding. The Organization is aware of reporting deadlines outlined in the Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, however, due to extenuating circumstances, the audit submission was delayed.

If the Louisiana Legislative Auditor has questions regarding this plan, please call Shamona Dean, Chief Financial Officer, at (337) 233-2437.

Sincerely,

Shamona Dean, MBA, CPA

Chief Financial Officer

Acadiana Concern for AIDS Relief, Education and Support, Inc.

**ACADIANA CONCERN FOR AIDS
RELIEF, EDUCATION
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Lafayette, Louisiana

Independent Accountants' Report
On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Year Ended December 31, 2023

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To the Board of Directors and Management
Acadiana Concern for Aids Relief
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Acadiana C.A.R.E.S.' management is responsible for those control and compliance areas identified in the SAUPs.

Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of evaluating management's assertions about Acadiana C.A.R.E.S.' compliance with certain laws, regulations, and best practices. Additionally, the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain the entity's written policies and procedures and report whether those written policies and procedures address each of the following financial/business functions (or report that the entity does not have any written policies and procedures), as applicable:

a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

b) **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above, with the exception of how vendors are added to the vendor list.

- c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- d) **Receipts**, 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.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- g) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers, and (5) monitoring card usage.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- h) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- i) **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.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

This section is not applicable to not for profits entities.

- k) **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

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

Per review of grant documents, the entity is not subject to the sexual harassment law, R.S. 42:341.

Board (or Finance Committee, if applicable)

2. 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:
 - a) 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.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that 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.

This procedure was not applicable.

- c) 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.

This procedure was not applicable.

- d) 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

This procedure was not applicable.

Bank Reconciliations

3. Obtain a listing of client bank accounts 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:

Obtained listing of client bank accounts, and management's representation that the listing is complete Selected five accounts for testing.

- a) 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);

There was no evidence of bank reconciliations being completed within two months of the statement's closing date.

- b) Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

Three of the five accounts tested show no evidence of management researching reconciling items of twelve months or more.

Collections

- 4. 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).

Obtained listing of deposit sites (1) and management's representation that the listing is complete.

- 5. 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 (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, 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:

- a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not 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.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

6. 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 enforced during the fiscal period.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (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). Alternately, 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:

- a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- d) 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).

All four collections tested were not deposited within one business day.

- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchase/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

8. 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).

Obtained listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.

9. For each location selected under #8 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, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:

- a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.

CARES does not have a written policy stating that the employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding vendors to the distribution system.

- d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- e) Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

10. For each location selected under #8 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:

- a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

11. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-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.

Obtained listing and management's representation that the listing is complete.

12. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:

- a) Observe that 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) was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.)]

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 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 (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). 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).

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

Travel and Expense Reimbursement

14. 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, 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:

Obtained listing and management's representation that the listing is complete.

- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- c) 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 policy (procedure #1h).

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

Contracts

15. 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. Alternately, 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:

Obtained listing and management's representation that the listing is complete.

- a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.

This procedure was not applicable for a not-for-profit entity.

- b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- c) 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.

This procedure was not applicable for a not-for-profit entity.

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

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

Payroll and Personnel

16. 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.

Obtained a listing and management's representation that the listing is complete.

17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:

- a) Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, an elected official is not eligible to earn leave and does not document his/her attendance and leave. However, if the elected official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

- d) Observe that the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

18. 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, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulate leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

19. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g. payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.

Ethics (excluding nonprofits)

20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:

- a. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

This procedure was not applicable for a not-for-profit entity.

- b. Observe that the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

This procedure was not applicable for a not-for-profit entity.

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

This section is not applicable for nonprofit organizations.

Debt Service (excluding nonprofits)

22. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all bonds/notes on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.

This procedure was not applicable for a not-for-profit entity.

23. 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).

This procedure was not applicable for a not-for-profit entity.

Fraud Notice

24. 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.

Management has asserted that the entity did not have any misappropriations of public funds or assets.

25. Observe that the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

No exceptions found as a result of this procedure.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

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

- a. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- b. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- c. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use, and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

27. 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.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

28. 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. 42:12671. The requirements are as follows:

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

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

Sexual Harassment

29. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, 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.

Per review of grant documents, the entity is not subject to the sexual harassment law, R.S. 42:341.

30. 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).

Per review of grant documents, the entity is not subject to the sexual harassment law, R.S. 42:341.

31. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

Per review of grant documents, the entity is not subject to the sexual harassment law, R.S. 42:341.

- a. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
- b. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- c. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- d. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action;
and
- e. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

We were engaged by the Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. 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. 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 management's financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. 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 Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. 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 for the information and use of Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

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The following is Management's response to the 2023 agreed upon procedures report submitted.

WRITTEN POLICIES

1. b) - Management is evaluating its policies related to how vendors are added.

BANK RECONCILIATIONS

3. a) and c) - Management is aware reconciliations should be completed within two months of the statement closing date and is working to correct the timing issue. Management is also working on reviewing checks that have been outstanding for greater than twelve months.

COLLECTIONS

4. 7. d) – Management is aware that it is best practice to deposit cash collections within one business day. Management is working towards getting collections deposited timely.

DISBURSEMENTS

9. c) – Management is currently reviewing written policies and procedures and will consider adding a policy stating which employees are allowed to add new vendors to the distribution system.

If any additional information is needed, please contact me.

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