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RUACH, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Ruach, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Ruach, Inc. (a Louisiana nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 1998, and the related statement of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ruach, Inc. as of December 31, 1998, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated July 23, 1999, on our consideration of Ruach, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of Ruach, Inc. taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S.

Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Luther C. Speight & Company

New Orleans, LA July 23, 1999

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1998

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1996	1998	
ASSETS	1990	
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 12,785	
Accounts Receivable	689	
Grant Receivable	329,792	
Due From Other Programs	86,046	
Total Current Assets	429,312	
Fixed Assets		
Property and Equipment	61,379	
Accumulated Depreciation	(29,464)	
Total Fixed Assets (Net)	31,915	
Other Assets		
Prepaid Insurance	4,867	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 466,094	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Due to Other Programs	\$ 86,046	
Payroll Taxes Payable	33,285	
Accounts Payable	17,816	
Line Of Credit	170,000	
Total Current Liabilities	307,147	
NET ASSETS		
Net Assets - Restricted (Property)	61,379	
Net Assets - Unrestricted	38,220	
Current Year Change In Net Assets	59,348	
Total Net Assets	158,947	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 466,094	nte

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

	1998
REVENUE	
Grant Revenue	\$ 1,418,673
Interest Income	1,048
Miscellaneous Revenue	3,670
Total Revenue	1,423,391
EXPENSES	
PROGRAM SERVICES:	
Target Cities	1,115,390
C-SAP	46,984
D-Metro	10,700
Total Program Services	1,173,074
SUPPORT SERVICES:	
Management and General	190,969
Total Expenses	1,364,043
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	59,348
NET ASSETS, Beginning of Year	104,693
NET ASSET ADJUSTMENT	(5,094)
NET ASSETS, End of Year	\$ 158,947

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Changes in Net Assets Adjustments to Reconcile Net Revenues over Expenditures to net Cash Provided by Operating Activities: Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:	\$	59,348
Depreciation		15,345
Accounts Receivble		3,552
Grant Receivable		(86,141)
Prepaid Insurance		(3)
Due From Other Programs		(2,463)
Payroll Taxes Payable		29,195
Due to Other Programs		2,463
Accounts Payable		(121,853)
LOC-Dryades Bank	-	95,000
Net Increase In Cash From Operating Activities		(5,557)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Property and Equipment Purchases		(4,902)
Net Decrease in Cash From Investing Activities		(4,902)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Increase in Cash From Financing Activities	_	0
NET INCREASE IN CASH		(10,459)
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	_	23,244
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$ _	12,785

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

General - Ruach, Inc. (the Organization) is a nonprofit corporation which is located at 1515 Poydras St., in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Organization provides management consulting services to several substance abuse treatment centers in the New Orleans area. The program is primarily funded by grants from the Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Basis of Accounting - The financial statements of the Organization are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred.

Property and Equipment - Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives, which ranges from 3 to 40 years, of the related assets using primarily the straight-line method.

Income Taxes - The Organization has been determined to be tax exempt under Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Cash - Cash is comprised of cash on hand and in banks.

Grant Receivable - Management does not consider any of the receivables to be uncollectible at December 31, 1998. Therefore, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been provided for.

2. FUND BALANCE ADJUSTMENT

The organizations' 1998 beginning fund balance did not agree with the prior year's audit. Management was unable to identify the difference and accordingly recorded a fund balance adjustment totaling \$ 5,094.

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3. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following as of December 31, 1998:

Furniture and Fixtures \$ 755
Equipment 60,624

TOTAL \$61,379

4. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The Target Cities' Project which is Ruach, Inc.'s main source of funding was a five year demonstration program. The program was due to end on September 30, 1998. As of our report date, the organization was operating with a combination of carryover monies from the five fiscal years under the Target Cities' Project. The organization anticipates that the carryover funds will carry them through September 30, 1999.

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

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EXPENSE CATEGORY	PR(PROGRAM SERVICES	ES					Ś	ERVICES	•	EXPENSES
							TOTAL				
		Target		C-SAP	å	D-METRO	PROGRAM	MA	MANAGEMENT		
		Cities,					SERVICES	AND	GENERAL		
Salaries	ഗ	504,801	↔	19,704			\$ 524,505	G	110,912	(635 417
Group Insurance		72,766						+) •	•	72,766
Payroll Taxes		63,754		1,581			65,335		1.712		67.047
Client Intakes		29,714					29,714		! :		29.714
Repair/Maintenance		9,408					9,408				9.408
Depreciation Expense		15,345					15,345				15.345
Equipment Lease							0				•
Office Rent		79,501					79,501				79.501
Insurance		8,216					8,216				8.216
Convention and Travel		21,551					21,551		7,463		29,014
Travel-Local		24,935		643			25,578		102		ົ ເກ
Courier/Delivery				3,070			3,070		61		3.131
Printing and Binding		7,555		178			7,733				~
Computer Services		15,667					15,667		40		15,707
Consultants		184,714		18,283		10,700	213,697		23,719		237,416
Bonus Expense									11,003		11,003
Accounting & Auditing				3,500			3,500		9,500		13,000
Computer Supplies		10,426					10,426		4,002		14,428
Office Expense		11,852		25			11,877		2,245		14,122
Postage		818					818		166		984
Information Services		40,491					40,491		6,591		47,082
Dues and Memberships							0		1,105		1,105
Seminars and Meetings		3,876					3,876		1,675		5,551
Donations		10,000					10,000		(6,100)		3,900
Interest Expense							0		5,526		5,526
Miscellaneous						1	0		11,247		11,247
GRAND TOTAL	တ	1,115,390	ഗ	46,984	Ø	10,700	\$ 1,173,074	(A)	190,969	ဟ	1,364,043

See the Independent Auditor's Report

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS

RUACH, INC. SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

Federal Grantor/ Pass Through Grantor	Federal Contract Number	Expenses
Department of Health and Hospitals/Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse	ADA-98-HP-522342	\$ 1,298,198
City of New Orleans	98-HLTH-063	46,984
Total		<u>\$ 1,345,182</u>



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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors of Ruach, Inc.

We have audited the financial statements of Ruach, Inc. as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated July 23, 1999. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Ruach, Inc.'s financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. 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 that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item #1 and #4.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Ruach, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention related to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgement, could adversely affect Ruach, Inc.'s ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe none of the reportable conditions described above is a material weakness.

This report is intended for the information of the audit committee, management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Luther C. Speight & Company

New Orleans, Louisiana July 23, 1999



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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

To the Board of Directors of Ruach, Inc.

<u>Compliance</u>

We have audited the compliance of Ruach, Inc. with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 1998. Ruach, Inc.'s Major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its' major federal program is the responsibility of Ruach, Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Ruach, Inc.'s compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material affect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Ruach, Inc.'s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on Ruach, Inc.'s compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Ruach, Inc. complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 1998. However, the results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance with those requirements that are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Ruach, Inc. is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Ruach, Inc.'s internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the audit committee, management and federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Luther C. Speight & Company

New Orleans, Louisiana July 23, 1999 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

RUACH, INC. Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended December 31, 1998

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements				
A unqualified opinion was issued on the financial statements of	of the aud	itee.		
Internal control over financial reporting:				
Material weakness(es) identified?		yes	<u>X</u>	no
Reportable condition(s) identified		· 		
not considered to be material weaknesses?	X_	yes		no
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	·· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	yes	<u>X</u>	no
Federal Awards				
Internal control over major programs:				
Material weakness(es) identified?		yes	X	no
Reportable condition(s) identified				_
not considered to be material weaknesses?		yes _	<u>X</u>	_no
An unqualified opinion was issued on compliance for the maj	or prograi	n.		
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be				
Reported in accordance with Circular				
A-133, Section 510(a)?	····	_yes _	<u>X</u> _	no
The major program for the year ended December 31, 1998 was	s as follov	vs:		
Target Cities' Project ADA – 96-HP-0237				

RUACH, INC. SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

FINDING #1: ACCOUNTING RECORDS NOT AVAILABLE TIMELY

QUESTIONED COST: -0-

CONDITION:

The accounting records for Ruach, Inc. were not available in a timely manner, as such the audit was delayed.

EFFECT OF CONDITION:

The effect of this condition is the organization's noncompliance with the requirements in Louisiana revised statutes (LSA-RS) 24.513.

CRITERIA:

The audit must be completed within six months of the close of the fiscal year, or if engaged after the close of the fiscal period, within six months of the engagement agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

The audit should be engaged within six months of the fiscal year, or completed within six months of the engagement agreement.

FINDING #2: INADEQUATE CASH RECEIPT PROCEDURES

QUESTIONED COST: -0-

CONDITION:

During our evaluation of Ruach's internal control procedures for the cash receipts process, we noted the inadequacies detailed below:

- Checks were not stamped "For Deposit Only" immediately upon opening the mail.
- The employee who opens the mail does not prepare the check log.

EFFECT OF CONDITION:

Although the cash receipts process is important in any control environment, it is especially critical in an organization that receives funding from various sources at varying times throughout the year. The organization also receives various checks from employees for repayment of phone usage charges. Without proper monitoring of those receipts, management may not detect revenues not received and/or receipts not deposited.

CRITERIA;

The internal control process for cash receipts is critical in safeguarding the assets of an organization.

RECOMMENDATION:

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The cash receipt process should include stamping checks "For Deposit Only" immediately upon opening the mail and the completion of a check log at that time.

FINDING #3: CONSOLIDATED GENERAL LEDGER LACKS DETAIL OF EXPENSES

QUESTIONED COST: -0-

CONDITION:

During our examination of grant expenditures, we noted that several accounts were not posted in detail. The accounts contained monthly summary journal entries that were prepared by the external accountant who generates the consolidated financial statements for Ruach, Inc.

Any adjustments made by the external accountant were not recorded to the detailed general ledger. This resulted in the detailed general ledger not agreeing to the financial statements. The differences were subsequently manually reconciled by the external accountant.

The in-house and external accountants do not reconcile the amounts contained in the individual program financial statements to the expenses in the consolidated Ruach, Inc. financial statements.

EFFECT OF CONDITION:

The audit trail for expenses was lost and had to be recreated manually during the audit.

CRITERIA:

The grantee must provide an audit trail for its' financial statements to facilitate completion of an audit in accordance with grant agreements.

RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend that on a monthly basis the in-house and external accountants reconcile all financial statement balances to ensure that year-end amounts are agreeable and properly supported by detail.

FINDING #4: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

QUESTIONED COST: \$ 1,500

CONDITION:

During our review of consulting expenses, we noted payments to a board member that totaled \$1,500. The board member was contracted to provide accounting services that would summarize Ruach's financial statements in a manner that would be most useful to the Board. Further review showed that the services provided were not ultimately used in the accounting process at Ruach, Inc.

EFFECT OF CONDITION:

The hiring of a board member as a contractor results in a conflict of interests.

CRITERIA:

Related party transactions must be adequately disclosed according to generally accepted accounting principles.

RECOMMENDATION:

We further recommend that all related party transactions be adequately disclosed.

FINDING #5: IMPROPER RECOGNITION OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT
ADJUSTMENTS

QUESTIONED COST: -0-

CONDITION:

There were several prior year audit adjustments (mainly accruals) provided to Ruach, Inc. for posting to its' general ledger. Those audit adjustments were erroneously posted in the 1998 fiscal year to various expense and revenue accounts. As such, revenues and expenses were overstated and the beginning fund balance for the year was incorrect. Additionally, the posted audit adjustments were not reduced when actual payments were made, thereby overstating again the expense/revenue accounts and the corresponding liability/receivable accounts.

EFFECT OF CONDITION:

Various expense, revenue, liability, and receivable accounts, as well as the beginning fund balance account were not fairly stated at December 31, 1998.

CRITERIA:

The financial statements should be fairly stated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend that the organization post all audit adjustments appropriately and reconcile fund balance to audited amounts. Additionally, Ruach, Inc. should fully implement accrual accounting.

RUACH, INC. UPDATE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS 12/31/98

		Resolved	Unresolved
FINDING #1	Current year audit not engaged timely		X

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July 30, 1999

Luther C. Speight & Company 10001 Lake Forest Boulevard, Suite 404 New Orleans, Louisiana 70127

Dear Mr. Speight:

Management has reviewed the initial findings of the Ruach audit report. Please accept the attached responses as resolution to the findings.

Thank you for your services and assistance, if there are any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Dr. Willie Gable, Jr.

CEO

Attachment

RESPONSES TO SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

Finding #1: Current Year Audit Not Engaged

A new procedure has been established to disseminate audit engagement bids within six months of the fiscal year to guarantee timely completion.

Finding #2: Inadequate Cash Receipts Procedures

Ruach has changed its cash receipt procedure to permit the person, who opens the mail to stamp "Ruach, Inc For Deposit Only" on all checks received as well as prepare the check log.

Finding #3: Consolidated General Ledger Lacks Detail of Expenses

Ruach recognized the consolidated general ledger problem during the 1998 fiscal year and began to install software to be used by both the internal and external accountants. This new system is currently being completed.

Finding #4: Related Party Transactions

The contracted board member, who is an accountant, was authorized by the Ruach Board of Directors to develop a simplified monthly financial report for the board from the detailed financials generated from the automated system. A contract was developed and executed by the board to adequately disclose the transition of service.

Finding #5: Improper Recognition of Prior Year Audit Adjustments

The audit adjustments for the prior year were not included in the current year's financial statements, because once a financial year is closed the system does not allow reentries. The agency has implemented an accrual procedure that provides for any audit adjustments to be entered and noted.