



Report Highlights

Capital Area Human Services District Louisiana Department of Health

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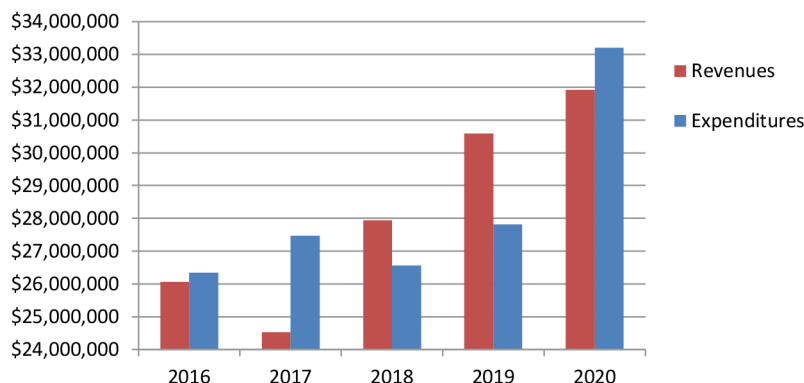
Why We Conducted This Work

We performed certain procedures at the Capital Area Human Services District (CAHSD) to evaluate certain controls CAHSD uses to ensure accurate financial reporting, compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and accountability over public funds for the period July 1, 2019, through June 7, 2021.

What We Found

- CAHSD did not ensure the purchase of its new electronic health record system was in accordance with state bid law and agency policy. CAHSD failed to advertise for the software purchase in accordance with state law and agency policy.
- We evaluated controls and transactions relating to revenue billings and collections, federal grant revenues and expenditures, payroll and personnel, and moving expenditures; and reviewed the selection process for the new electronic health records system. Except as noted above, we found these controls provided reasonable assurance of accountability over public funds and compliance with applicable laws and regulations for the period examined.
- We compared the most current and prior-year financial activity using CAHSD’s Annual Fiscal Reports and/or system generated reports to identify trends and obtained explanations from management for any significant variances.
- In analyzing financial trends over the past five fiscal years, CAHSD is funded with state general fund appropriations, federal funds, interagency transfers, and self-generated revenues. Due to decreases in state general fund appropriations over the past five fiscal years, the fund balance of self-generated revenues was used to pay for expenditures over revenues for fiscal years 2016, 2017, and 2020 as illustrated in the chart below. In addition, CAHSD received \$5.6 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds for fiscal year 2020 and per Act 255 of the 2020 regular legislative session, state general fund direct appropriation was reduced by that amount.

Five-Year Trend - Revenues and Expenditures



Source: Fiscal Year 2016-2020 Annual Fiscal Reports

View the full report, including management’s response, at www.la.gov.