

***HURON COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH***

HURON COUNTY

Single Audit

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024





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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of Huron County Public Health, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. Huron County Public Health is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State

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Tiffany L Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM
Chief Deputy Auditor

September 23, 2025

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**Huron County Public Health
Huron County
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Huron County Public Health
Huron County
28 Executive Dr.
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To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of Huron County Public Health, Huron County, Ohio (the District), which comprise the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2024, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by District on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *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 GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted to opine on the financial statements as a whole that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule) as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 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 to 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, this Schedule 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 June 27, 2025, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and 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 the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Charles E. Harris & Associates

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.
June 27, 2025

**HURON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts			
Property Taxes	\$ 911,223	\$ -	\$ 911,223
Charges for Services	386,372	97,827	484,199
Fines, Licenses and Permits	399,070	-	399,070
Intergovernmental:			
Grants	23,392	719,388	742,780
Other	-	7,725	7,725
Donations	2,112	-	2,112
Contract Services	194,054	-	194,054
Total Cash Receipts	<u>1,916,223</u>	<u>824,940</u>	<u>2,741,163</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Current:			
Health:			
Salaries	641,653	531,239	1,172,892
Office & Clinic Supplies	16,280	-	16,280
Project Expense	-	408,891	408,891
Other Expenses	51,852	-	51,852
OPERS	91,321	77,344	168,665
Workers Compensation	5,872	246	6,118
Medicare	9,030	7,300	16,330
Hospitalization	55,249	149,849	205,098
State Fees	60,840	-	60,840
Contract Repairs/Service/Personnel	191,964	-	191,964
Travel	1,203	-	1,203
Vaccine	188,185	-	188,185
Advertising & Printing	1,966	-	1,966
Equipment	19,073	-	19,073
Debt Service:			
Principal Retirement	140,000	-	140,000
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>1,474,488</u>	<u>1,174,869</u>	<u>2,649,357</u>
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements	<u>441,735</u>	<u>(349,929)</u>	<u>91,806</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)			
Transfers In	-	21,191	21,191
Transfers Out	-	(21,191)	(21,191)
Advances In	32,195	261,000	293,195
Advances Out	(261,000)	(32,195)	(293,195)
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)	<u>(228,805)</u>	<u>228,805</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	<u>212,930</u>	<u>(121,124)</u>	<u>91,806</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>778,816</u>	<u>735,757</u>	<u>1,514,573</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 991,746</u>	<u>\$ 614,633</u>	<u>\$ 1,606,379</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**HURON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

NOTE 1 – REPORTING ENTITY

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Huron County Public Health, Huron County, Norwalk, Ohio (the District) as a body corporate and politic. The District is a combined Board of Health as defined by Section 3709.07 of the Ohio Rev. Code. The District is the union of the General Health District and the Board of Health of the cities of Norwalk and Willard. The District operates under the direction of a nine-member appointed Board of Health with one member appointed by each of the cities, one member appointed by the Licensing Committee and five members appointed by the District Advisory Council. The City of Bellevue appoints a non-voting member to the Board. The Huron County Auditor and Huron County Treasurer are responsible for fiscal control of the resources of the District which are maintained in the funds described below. The District's services include communicable disease investigations, immunization clinics, inspections, public health nursing services and issues health-related licenses and permits.

The District participates in the Public Entities Pool of Ohio public entity risk pool. This organization provides property and casualty coverages for its members. Note 7 to the financial statements provide additional information for the entity.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Presentation

The District's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types, which is organized on a fund type basis.

B. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the District are presented below:

General Fund

The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.

Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Public Health Workforce Grant Fund

This is a Federal grant fund that is aimed at strengthening the public health workforce and infrastructure across the US.

Ohio Health Improvement Zones Fund

This is Federal grant fund that supports community-based organizations in addressing social determinants of health and improving health outcomes in specific neighborhoods.

COVID-19 Enhanced Operations Fund

This federal funding was awarded to local health departments to be utilized for contact tracing for coronavirus 19.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (C). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (C) permit.

D. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to budget each fund annually.

Appropriations Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The District Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

Estimated Resources Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must approve estimated resources.

Encumbrances The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2024 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

E. Capital Assets

The District records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

F. Accumulated Leave

District employees earn sick and vacation time that can be used for time off. In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

G. Leases and SBITAs

The District is the lessee in various leases (as defined by GASB 87) related to vehicles, and other equipment under noncancelable leases. Lease revenue/disbursements are recognized when they are received/paid.

The District has entered into noncancelable Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) contracts (as defined by GASB 96) for several types of software including contracts related to financial systems and various other software. Subscription disbursements are recognized when they are paid.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

H. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - The District classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

Restricted - Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed - The Board can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The District must adhere to these commitments unless the Board amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Assigned - Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

Unassigned - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 12.

NOTE 3 – BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2024 follows:

2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 1,982,004	\$ 1,948,418	\$ (33,586)
Special Revenue	928,309	1,107,131	178,822

2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 2,147,642	\$ 1,796,521	\$ 351,121
Special Revenue	1,631,182	1,230,652	400,530

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

NOTE 4 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

As required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Huron County Treasurer is the custodian for the District's deposits. The County's deposit and investment pool holds the District's assets, valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

NOTE 5 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUNDING AND PROPERTY TAXES

A. Intergovernmental Funding

The County apportions the excess of the District's appropriations over other estimated receipts among the townships and municipalities composing the District, based on their taxable property valuations. The County withholds the apportioned excess from property tax settlements and distributes it to the District. The financial statements present these amounts as intergovernmental receipts.

B. Property Taxes

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the taxing authority of the subdivision to whose jurisdiction the District is subject adopts rates. The State Department of Taxation, Division of Tax Equalization, adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the taxing district.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the District.

NOTE 6 - INTERFUND BALANCES

Advances

Outstanding advances at December 31, 2024, consisted of \$522,843 from General Fund advanced to 905 Reproductive Health (\$41,000), Fund 913 Public Health Information (\$44,000), Fund 914 Sewage Operation and Maintenance Fund (\$137,000), Fund 917 Creating Healthy Communities Grant (\$30,000), Fund 919 WPCLF Sewage System Repair and Replace Fund (\$32,427), Fund 920 FDA Food Standardized Training Grant \$2,875, Fund 921 Covid-19 Contract Tracing Fund \$40,000, Fund 924 Public Health Workforce Development Grant (\$81,291), Fund 931 Covid 19 Enhanced Operations Grant (\$125,000), Fund 932 Youth Suicide Prevention (\$40,000) and Fund 936 FDA Food Training Grant (\$35,000).

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

Worker's Compensation

Workers' Compensation coverage is provided by the State of Ohio. The District pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT – (Continued)

Risk Pool Membership

The District is a member of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (The Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the District's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31, 2023 (latest information available):

	<u>2023</u>
Cash and investments	\$ 43,996,442
Actuarial liabilities	19,743,401

NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The District's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefit.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2024.

Social Security

Several Board of Health employees contributed to Social Security. This plan provides retirement benefits, including survivor and disability benefits to participants.

Employees contributed 6.2% of their gross salaries. The District contributed an amount equal to 6.2% of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2024.

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NOTE 9 - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan. OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax-free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents. For calendar year 2024, the portion of OPERS employer contributions allocated to health care was 0% for members in the traditional pension plan and 2% for members in the combined plan. For 2024, the portion of employer contributions OPERS allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4%; however, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserve.

NOTE 10 - DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2024, was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
Howard Street Building Loan	\$140,000	0.00%

The District entered an agreement to purchase a building at 388 E Howard Street, Willard, OH on October 13, 2022. The total cost of the building is \$350,000. A payment of \$70,000 was made on October 13, 2022. The settlement paid at time of closing of \$457.41 was made November 10, 2022. The remaining balance will be paid in \$70,000 installments over a four-year period at zero percent interest to Mahala Properties.

Amortization

Amortization of the above debt is scheduled as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>Howard Street</u>
<u>December 31,</u>	<u>Building Loan</u>
2025	\$ 70,000
2026	<u>70,000</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 140,000</u>

NOTE 11 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

NOTE 12 - FUND BALANCES

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end, the balances of these amounts were as follows:

<u>Fund Balances</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Total</u>
Outstanding Encumbrances	\$ 61,033	\$ 2,397	\$ 63,430

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. These restricted and committed amounts in the special revenue funds include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

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NOTE 13 – OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FUNDS

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the District received federal funding passed through the Ohio Department of Health as follows:

Federal Grantor	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
AL Number	93.967	93.991	93.991	93.354
Grant Title	Public Health Workforce	Preventative Health and Human Services	Preventative Health and Human Services	Public Health Workforce
Project Number(s)	03910012WF0223	03910014CC0524	03910014CC0423	03910012WF0122
Federal Receipts	\$ 159,393	\$ 80,000	\$ 12,413	\$ 28,266
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Federal Grantor	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
AL Number	93.217	93.217	93.323	93.069
Grant Title	Family Planning Services	Family Planning Services	Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases	Public Health Emergency Preparedness
Project Number(s)	03910011RH1324	0390011RH1425	05910012EO0323	03910012PH1524
Federal Receipts	\$ 21,756	\$ 7,149	\$ 203,954	\$ 51,680
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Federal Grantor	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services		
AL Number	93.069	93.136		
Grant Title	Public Health Emergency Preparedness	Injury Prevention and Control Research		
Project Number(s)	03910012PH0125	03910011YS0124		
Federal Receipts	\$ 11,642	\$ 40,000		
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NOTE 14 – NONCOMPLIANCE

Contrary to the Ohio Revised Code Section 7505.41(D), 46% of the District's tested purchase orders were dated after the invoice dates.

HURON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Prepared by Management)

Federal Grantor / Pass Through Grantor / Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass Through Entity Identifying Number/ Additional Award Identification	Total Federal Expenditures
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES</u>			
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Health:</i>			
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069	03910012PH1524	\$ 21,147
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069	03910012PH0125	<u>42,175</u>
Total Public Health Emergency Preparedness			<u>63,322</u>
<i>Passed through the National Environmental Health Association:</i>			
NEHA-FDA Retail Flexible Funding Model Grant Program	93.103	G-BDEV2-202309-04563	26,976
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Health:</i>			
Injury Prevention and Control Research and State and Community Based Programs	93.136	03910011YS0124	26,060
Injury Prevention and Control Research and State and Community Based Programs	93.136	03910012YS0125	<u>10,114</u>
Total Injury Prevention and Control Research and State and Community Based Programs			<u>36,174</u>
Family Planning Services	93.217	03910011RH1324	21,756
Family Planning Services	93.217	03910011RH1425	<u>7,149</u>
Total Family Planning Services			<u>28,905</u>
<i>Passed through the Sandusky County Combined General Health District</i>			
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Projects of Regional and National Significance	93.243	1H79SP084243-01	12,661
<i>Passed through the Huron County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services</i>			
Drug Free Communities Support Program Grants	93.276	NH28CE003522	33,505
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Health:</i>			
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)	93.323	03910012EO0323	220,247
Activities to Support State, Tribal, Local and Territorial (STLT) Health Department Response to Public Health or Healthcare Crises	93.391	03910011OI0123	<u>179,358</u>
<i>Passed through the National Association of State and County Health Officials:</i>			
Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services Through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health			
Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services Through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health - Disability Inclusion Grant	93.421	5NU38OT000306-03-00	8,295
Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services Through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health- Volunteer Management Grant	93.421	N/A	531
Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services Through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health - SOAPP Grant	93.421	6NU38OT000306-04-01	35,595
Strengthening Public Health Systems and Services Through National Partnerships to Improve and Protect the Nation's Health - Vaccine Hesitancy Grant	93.421	5NU38OT000306-05-00	<u>16,158</u>
Total NACCHO Programs			<u>60,579</u>
<i>Passed through the MHARS Board of Seneca, Ottawa, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties</i>			
Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services	93.958	N/A	5,000
<i>Passed through the Ohio Department of Health:</i>			
Center for Disease Control and Prevention Collaboration with Academia to Strengthen Public Health	93.967	03910012WF0223	194,518
Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant	93.991	03910014CC0524	80,000
Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant	93.991	03910014CC0625	<u>18,342</u>
Total Creating Health Communities			<u>98,342</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>959,587</u>
Total Federal Expenditures			<u>\$ 959,587</u>

See notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
2 CFR 200.510(b)(6)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(Prepared by Management)**

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Huron County Public Health (the District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2024. The information on this Schedule is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, or changes in net position of the District.

NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement.

NOTE C – INDIRECT COST RATE

The District has elected not to use the 15 percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE D - MATCHING REQUIREMENTS

Certain Federal programs require the District to contribute non-Federal funds (matching funds) to support the Federally-funded programs. The District has met its matching requirements. The Schedule does not include the expenditure of non-Federal matching funds.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Huron County Public Health
Huron County
28 Executive Dr.
Norwalk, OH 44857

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, 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 the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements of Huron County Public Health, Huron County, (the District) and have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2025 wherein we noted the District followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(C) permit.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

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Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Required by *Government Auditing Standards*
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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item 2024-001.

District's Response to Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of This Report

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

Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.

June 27, 2025

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS
APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Huron County Public Health
Huron County
28 Executive Dr.
Norwalk, OH 44857

To the Board of Health:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Huron County Public Health, Huron County's (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2024. The District's major federal programs are identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the 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, 2024.

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 (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

The District's management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's federal programs.

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements

Applicable to Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or 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.

Huron County Public Health

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements

Applicable to Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over

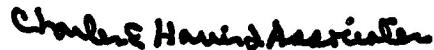
Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

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Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance* section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of this testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.

June 27, 2025

HURON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
HURON COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
2 CFR § 200.515
DECEMBER 31, 2024

1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Adverse on GAAP. Unmodified on regulatory basis
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	Yes
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material weaknesses in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC) – (AL# 93.323) Center for Disease Control and Prevention Collaboration with Academia to Strengthen Public Health - (AL# 93.967)
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR §200.520?	No

**HURON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH
HURON COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

Finding Number 2024-001 - Ohio Revised Code Non-Compliance

Certification of Expenditures:

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41 (D) (1) prohibits a subdivision or taxing entity from making a contract or ordering any expenditure of money unless a certificate signed by a fiscal officer is attached thereto. The fiscal officer must certify that the amount required to meet any such contract or expenditure has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury, or is in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrance.

There are several exceptions to the standard requirement stated above that a fiscal officer's certificate must be obtained prior to a subdivision or taxing authority entering into a contract or order involving expenditure of money. The main exceptions are: "then and now" certificates, blanket certificates, and super blanket certificates, which are provided for in sections 5705.41 (D)(1) and 5705.41 (D)(3), respectively, of the Ohio Revised Code.

1. "Then and Now Certificates" – If the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that contract or order was made ("then") and at the time that the fiscal officer was completing the certification ("now"), that sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the District can authorize the drawing of a warrant for payment of the amount due. The District has thirty days from the receipt of the "then and now" certificate to approve payment by resolution.

Amounts of less than \$3,000 may be paid by the fiscal officer without a resolution upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of expenditures by the District.

2. Blanket Certificates - Fiscal officers may prepare "blanket" certificates for a certain sum of money not in excess of an amount established by resolution adopted by a majority of members of the legislative authority against any specific line item amount over a period not running beyond the end of the current fiscal year. The blanket certificates may, but need not, be limited to a specific vendor. Only one blanket certificate may be outstanding at one particular time for any one particular line item appropriation.
3. Super Blanket Certificates – The District may also make expenditures and contracts for any amount for a specific line-item appropriation account in a specified fund upon certification of the fiscal officer for most profession services, fuel, oil, food items, and any other specific recurring and reasonably predictable operating expense. This certification is not to extend beyond the current year. More than one super blanket certificate may be outstanding at a particular time for any line item appropriation.

During 2024, 46% of purchase orders tested were not certified by the District Fiscal Officer prior to incurring the obligation. The transactions had no evidence of the above-mentioned exceptions. Failure to properly certify the availability of funds can result in overspending funds and negative cash fund balances.

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS - CONTINUED
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS - Continued)**

Finding Number 2024-001 - Ohio Revised Code Non-Compliance (continued)

Unless the exceptions noted above are used, prior certification is not only required by statute but is a key control in the disbursement process to assure that purchase commitments receive prior approval. To improve controls over disbursements and to help reduce the possibility of the District's expenditures exceeding budgetary spending limitations, we recommend that the District certify expenditures prior to incurring the liability. The District may use then and now and blanket purchase orders to assist in complying with this requirement.

Management Response:

See Corrective Action Plan

3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS

None.

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HURON COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

Prepared by Management

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2023-001	Material Weakness-Audit Adjustments and Reclassifications	Corrected	None
2023-002	Non-Compliance-Certification of Expenditures	Not Corrected	None

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**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024
Prepared by Management**

Finding Number	Planned Corrective Action	Anticipated Completion Date	Responsible Contact Person
2024-001	Aware of the issue. Will review purchase order procedures with the staff. We will be putting in purchase orders before the invoice dates and correcting this going forward. We will actively try to take the percentage down for purchase orders not approved before the dates.	Immediately	Bethany Bracken, Director of Administrative Services

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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



HURON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

HURON COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



Certified for Release 10/7/2025

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