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DEFIANCE COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
DEFIANCE COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015
Fiscal Years Audited Under GAGAS: 2016 and 2015



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Members of Council
Defiance County Family and Children First Council
500 Court Street
Defiance, Ohio 43512-2484

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Defiance County Family and Children First Council, Defiance County, prepared by BHM CPA Group, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. 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. The Defiance County Family and Children First Council is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

August 10, 2017

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Defiance County Family and Children First Council
Defiance County, Ohio
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Independent Auditor's Report

Defiance County Family and Children First Council
Defiance County
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To the Members of Council:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balance, receipts, and disbursements by fund type and related notes of the Defiance County Family and Children First Council, Defiance County, (the Council), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Council's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinion.

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the Council prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the Council does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

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* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Council as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, or changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined cash balances of the Defiance County Family & Children First, Defiance County, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 22, 2017, on our consideration of the Council's 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. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standard* in considering the Council's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



BHM CPA Group, Inc.
Columbus, Ohio
June 22, 2017

Defiance County Family and Children First Council
Defiance County
Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts			
Intergovernmental	\$ 57,693	\$ 63,446	\$ 121,139
Membership Dues	38,650	-	38,650
Donations	10,000	-	10,000
Miscellaneous	46	-	46
	<u>106,389</u>	<u>63,446</u>	<u>169,835</u>
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>			
Cash Disbursements			
Salaries	30,206	-	30,206
Insurance	8,212	-	8,212
OPERS/Workman's Compensation	4,848	-	4,848
Telephone	852	-	852
Ohio Children's Trust	7,125	-	7,125
MR/DD Program Services	-	44,012	44,012
Family Support	19,364	17,809	37,173
Supplies	502	91	593
Training - Grant, Conferences, and Travel	532	59	591
Other	10	1,342	1,352
	<u>71,651</u>	<u>63,313</u>	<u>134,964</u>
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>			
<i>Excess of Cash Receipts Over /(Under) Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>34,738</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>34,871</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>(145)</u>	<u>6,685</u>	<u>6,540</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted	-	6,818	6,818
Assigned	317	-	317
Unassigned	34,276	-	34,276
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 34,593</u>	<u>\$ 6,818</u>	<u>\$ 41,411</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Defiance County Family and Children First Council
Defiance County
Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Cash Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts			
Intergovernmental	\$ 52,662	\$ 52,559	\$ 105,221
Membership Dues	13,500	-	13,500
Miscellaneous	150	-	150
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>66,312</u>	<u>52,559</u>	<u>118,871</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Salaries	40,581	-	40,581
Insurance	8,526	-	8,526
OPERS/Workman's Compensation	6,168	-	6,168
Telephone	340	64	404
Ohio Children's Trust	14,250	-	14,250
Administration Fees	2,118	-	2,118
MR/DD Program Services	-	31,452	31,452
Family Support	21,327	21,648	42,975
Supplies	659	33	692
Training - Grant, Conferences, and Travel	708	284	992
Other	1,676	1,475	3,151
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>96,353</u>	<u>54,956</u>	<u>151,309</u>
<i>Excess of Cash Receipts Over /(Under) Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>(30,041)</u>	<u>(2,397)</u>	<u>(32,438)</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>29,896</u>	<u>9,082</u>	<u>38,978</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31			
Restricted	-	6,685	6,685
Unassigned	(145)	-	(145)
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ (145)</u>	<u>\$ 6,685</u>	<u>\$ 6,540</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**DEFIANCE COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

1. Reporting Entity/Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Description of the Entity

Ohio Revised Code § 121.37 created the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council and require each Board of County Commissioners to establish a County Family and Children First Councils. Statutory membership of a county council consists of the following individuals:

- a. At least three individuals representing the interest of families in the County. Where possible, the number of members representing families shall be equal to twenty percent of the Council's membership;
- b. The Director of the Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services that serves the County, or, in the case of a County that has a Board of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and a Community Mental Health Board, the Directors of both Boards. If a Board of Alcohol, Drug Addition, and Mental Health Services covers more than one County, the Director may designate a person to participate on the County's Council;
- c. The Health Commissioner, or the Commissioner's designee, of the Board of Health of each City or General Health District in the County. If the County has two or more health districts, the Health Commissioner membership may be limited to the Commissioners of the two districts with the largest populations;
- d. The Director of the County Department of Job and Family Services;
- e. The Executive Director of the public children services agency or the County agency responsible for the administration of children services pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 5153.15;
- f. The Superintendent of the County Board of Developmental Disabilities or if the Superintendent serves as Superintendent as more than one County Board of Developmental Disabilities, the Superintendent's designee;
- g. The Superintendent of the city, exempted village, or local school district with the largest number of pupils residing in the County, as determined by the Ohio Department of Education, which shall notify each Board of County Commissioner of its determination at least biennially;
- h. A School Superintendent representing all other school districts with territory in the County, as designated at a biennial meeting of the superintendents of those districts;
- i. A representative of the municipal corporation with the largest population in the County;
- j. The President of the Board of County Commissioners or an individual designated by the Board;
- k. A representative of the regional office of the Ohio Department of Youth Services;
- l. A representative of the County's Head Start agencies, as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.32;
- m. A representative of the County's Early Intervention collaborative established pursuant to the federal early intervention program operated under the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004"; and

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

1. Reporting Entity/Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

A. Description of the Entity (Continued)

- n. A representative of a local nonprofit entity that funds, advocates, or provides services to children and families.

The Board of County Commissioners may invite any other local public or private agency or group that funds, advocates, or provides services to children to have a representative become a permanent or temporary member of the County Council.

The purpose of the County Council is to streamline and coordinate existing government services for families seeking services for their children. In seeking to fulfill its purpose, a County Council shall provide for the following:

- a. Referrals to the Cabinet Council of those children for whom the County Council cannot provide adequate services;
- b. Development and implementation of a process that annually evaluates and prioritizes services, fills service gaps where possible, and invents new approaches to achieve better results for families and children;
- c. Participate in the development of a countywide, comprehensive, coordinated, multi-disciplinary, interagency system for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities or delays and their families, as established pursuant to federal grants received and administered by the Department of Health for early intervention services under the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004";
- d. Maintain an accountability system to monitor the County Council's progress in achieving results for families and children; and
- e. Establish a mechanism to ensure ongoing input from a board representation of families who are receiving services within the County system.

B. Reporting Entity

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the Council consists of all funds, departments, and activities that are not legally separate from the Council. They comprise the Council's legal entity which provides services including human, social, health and education to families and children.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the Council is financially accountable. The Council is financially accountable for an organization if the Council appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the Council is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the Council is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Council is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the Council is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the Council in that the Council approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes. The Council has no component units.

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

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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(D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Council 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(D) permit.

D. Fund Accounting

The Council 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 Council classifies its funds into the following types:

General Fund – The General Fund is the operating fund of the Council. It is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds – These funds are used to account for and report specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes. The Council had the following significant Special Revenue Fund.

Help Me Grow Grant Fund – This fund receives state and federal grant monies restricted for the purpose of the grant provisions.

E. Administrative/Fiscal Agent

Ohio Revised Code Section 121.37(B)(5)(a) requires the Council to select an administrative agent to provide fiscal and administrative services to the Council. The Council has selected the Defiance County Board of Commissioners. The Council authorizes the Defiance County Board of Commissioners, as fiscal agent and administrative agent, to subcontract with, designate, and/or seek assistance from any agencies and/or organizations that it deems necessary in order to complete the obligations set forth in the agreement. The Defiance County Commissioners agrees to be ultimately responsible for fulfilling the fiscal and administrative obligations of the agreement.

F. Budgetary Process

A Family and Children First Council established under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.37 is not a taxing authority and is not subject to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5705. As of October 1, 1997, all Family and Children First Councils are required to file an annual budget with its administrative agent. The Council filed an estimate of financial resources and an appropriation measure with the Defiance County Commissioners as required by Ohio law.

A summary of 2016 and 2015 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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1. Reporting Entity/Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

G. Cash

The Council designated the Defiance County Auditor as the fiscal agent for all funds received in the name of the Council. Deposits of monies are made with the Defiance County Treasurer and fund expenditures and balances are reported through the Defiance County Auditor. Deposits are made in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and are valued at the fiscal agent's carrying amount.

H. Property, Plant and Equipment

The Council records cash disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant and equipment when paid. These items are not reflected as assets in the accompanying financial statements.

I. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payouts for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

J. Fund Balance

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

Nonspendable – The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally required to be maintained intact. The “not in spendable form” criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

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 or enabling legislation.

Committed – The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Council. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Council removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned – Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by Council for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by policies of the Council, which includes giving the administrative/fiscal agent the authority to constrain monies for intended purposes.

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1. Reporting Entity/Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

J. Fund Balance (Continued)

Unassigned – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is only used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from the overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed, or assigned.

The Council 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.

2. Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments

The Defiance County Treasurer, as fiscal agent for the Council, maintains a cash and investments pool used by all of the Defiance County funds, including those of the Council. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments and the Defiance County Treasurer is responsible for compliance. The Council's carrying amount of cash on deposit with Defiance County at December 31, 2016 and 2015 was \$41,411 and \$6,540, respectively. The fiscal agent for the Council is responsible for maintaining adequate depository collateral for all funds in the agent's pooled and deposit accounts.

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2016 and 2015 follows:

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$103,662	\$106,389	\$2,727
Special Revenue	63,062	63,446	384
Total	\$166,724	\$169,835	\$3,111

2016 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$90,716	\$71,651	\$19,065
Special Revenue	66,962	63,313	3,649
Total	\$157,678	\$134,964	\$22,714

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015**

3. Budgetary Activity (Continued)

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$67,662	\$66,312	(\$1,350)
Special Revenue	51,317	52,559	1,242
Total	\$118,979	\$118,871	(\$108)

2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$97,152	\$96,353	\$799
Special Revenue	59,443	54,956	4,487
Total	\$156,595	\$151,309	\$5,286

4. Retirement System

The Council participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The Traditional Pension Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The Member-Directed Plan is a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20 percent per year). Under the Member-Directed Plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of the member and vested employer contributions plus any investment earnings. The Combined Plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. Under the Combined Plan, OPERS invests employer contributions to provide a formula retirement benefit similar in nature to, but less than, the Traditional Pension Plan benefit. Member contributions, the investment of which is self-directed by the members, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the Member-Directed Plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits, and annual cost-of-living adjustments to members of the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml>, writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4642, or by calling 614-222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions and currently limits the employer contribution to a rate not to exceed 14 percent of covered payroll for state and local employer units. Member contribution rates, as set forth in the Ohio Revised Code, are not to exceed 10 percent of covered payroll for members in State and local divisions. Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Council is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The Council has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2016 and 2015.

5. Risk Management

The Council is insured for general liability and casualty by the Defiance County Commissioners.

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6. Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the Council 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.

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

Defiance County Family and Children First Council
Defiance County
500 Court Street
Defiance, Ohio 43512-2484

To the Members of Council:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements by fund type the Defiance County Family and Children First, Defiance County, (the Council) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 22, 2017, wherein we noted the Council followed financial reporting provisions that Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Council's financial statements. 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 internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Council's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control testing and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Council's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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BHM CPA Group, Inc.
Columbus, Ohio
June 22, 2017

**Defiance County Family and Children First
Defiance County**

**Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
December 31, 2016 and 2015**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected; Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2014-001	Material Weakness – Fund Classifications	Yes	Fully Corrected

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Dave Yost • Auditor of State

DEFIANCE COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL

DEFIANCE COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

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

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
AUGUST 22, 2017**