# LOWER CAMERON AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District Creole, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying statements of net position of Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District, a component unit of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these basic financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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# **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District as of December 31, 2019 and 2018 and the changes in financial position and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the financial information of Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Cameron Parish Police Jury as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, the changes in its financial position, or its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Other Matters

# Required Supplementary Information

The Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District has not presented management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

#### Other Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedules of net patient service revenues, schedules of board fees and schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head or chief executive officer are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedules of net patient service revenues, schedules of board fees and schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head or chief executive officer are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedules of net

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patient service revenues, schedules of board fees and schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head or chief executive officer are 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 January 29, 2021, on our consideration of the Lower Cameron Ambulance Service 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 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 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 Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Certified Public Accountants Lafayette, Louisiana

Lester, Miller & Wells

January 29, 2021

# LOWER CAMERON AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31,

ASSETS		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
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CURRENT ASSETS  Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)  Certificates of deposits  Patient accounts receivable, net of allowance for estimated	\$	11,225 1,417,826	\$ 143,052 1,394,932
uncollectibles of \$8,500 in 2019 and \$20,275 in 2018 (Note 4) Ad valorem tax receivable, net of estimated uncollectibles		22,794	20,785
of \$304,085 in 2019 and \$271,868 in 2018 (Note 6)		612,406	360,836
Due from other governmental agencies		798,464	798,464
Other receivables		92,518	92,518
Prepaid expenses		79,157	79,783
Inventories  Total current enacts		20,232	27,658
Total current assets		3,054,622	2,918,028
CAPITAL ASSETS			
Nondepreciable assets (Note 7)		184,840	147,570
Property, plant and equipment, at cost, less accumulated		,	,
depreciation of \$1,311,696 in 2019 and \$1,225,650 in 2018 (Note 7)		1,550,855	1,261,122
Total capital assets		1,735,695	_1,408,692
OTHER ASSETS			
Investments (Note 3)	_	1,689,346	2,330,430
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	6,479,663	\$ <u>6,657,150</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$	96,680	\$ 96,720
Accrued liabilities		56,919	56,149
Total current liabilities		153,599	152,869
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets		1,735,695	1,408,692
Unrestricted		4,590,369	5,095,589
Total net position		6,326,064	6,504,281
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$	6,479,663	\$ <u>6,657,150</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# LOWER CAMERON AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
OPERATING REVENUES:  Net patient service revenues, net of provision for bad debts of			
\$4,454 in 2019 and \$14,315 in 2018	\$	73,398 \$	52,022
Other operating revenues	•	869	. 8
Total operating revenues		74,267	52,030
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OPERATING EXPENSES:		001000	000 070
Salaries and payroll taxes		934,969	926,873
Depreciation expense		86,046	81,438
Dispatch services		20,004	20,004
Education and travel		332	927
Employee benefits		396,700	400,934
Fuel expense		6,881	6,557
Insurance expense		56,684	68,167
Professional fees		29,541	27,206
Contract labor		250	368
Rent		600	600
Repairs and maintenance		22,632	14,848
Retirement expense		26,116	25,928
Supplies		46,122	19,215
Telephone		15,812	16,797
Utilities		28,709	25,825
Other expenses		16,066	17,569
Total operating expenses		<u>1,687,464</u>	1,653,256
Operating loss		(1,613,197)	(1,601,226)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES:			
Ad valorem taxes		1,420,000	1,119,140
Investment income		75,408	47,726
Total non-operating revenues		1,495,408	1,166,866
Deficiency of revenues over expenses before capital grants		(117,789)	(434,360)
Capital grants		(60,428)	-0-
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION		(178,217)	(434,360)
NET POSITION BEGINNING OF YEAR		6,504,281	6,938,641
NET POSITION END OF YEAR	\$	6,326,064 \$	6,504,281

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# LOWER CAMERON AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Receipts from and on behalf of patients Payments to employees Payments to suppliers and contractors Other receipts and payments, net	\$	71,389 (934,199) (658,437) 869	\$ 57,454 (928,945) (682,569)
Net cash used in operating activities		(1,520,378)	(1,554,052)
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES Ad valorem taxes		1,168,430	1,028,692
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities		1,168,430	1,028,692
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIE Purchase of capital assets Purchase of nondepreciable capital assets Changes in capital grants	S	(375,779) (37,270) (60,428)	(4,079) (61,378) 
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities		(473,477)	(65,457)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Interest income Purchase of certificates of deposit, net of renewals Purchase of investments, net of renewals		75,408 (22,894) 641,084	54,600 1,963,000 (2,330,430)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities		693,598	(312,830)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(131,827)	(903,647)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		143,052	1,046,699
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$	11,225	\$ 143,052

# LOWER CAMERON AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED) YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Operating loss  Adjustment to reconcile operating loss to net cash flows used in operating activities:	\$ (1,613,197) \$	(1,601,226)
Depreciation	86,046	81,438
Provision for bad debts	4,454	14,315
(Increase) decrease in assets -		
Patient accounts receivable	(6,463)	(8,883)
Prepaid expense	626	(4,119)
Inventories	7,426	(13,458)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities -		
Accounts payable	(40)	(20,047)
Accrued expenses	770	(2,072)
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ (1,520,378) \$	(1,554,052)

# NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District (the "Ambulance District") was established by the Cameron Parish Policy Jury, by virtue of the authority of R.S. 33:9053, et seq. The purpose of the Ambulance District is to provide ambulance services to Lower Cameron Parish. The board is appointed by the Cameron Parish Police Jury. The Ambulance District is a component unit of the Cameron Parish Police Jury. The accompanying financial statements present only the Ambulance District.

The financial statements of the Ambulance District have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ("GAAP") applicable to state and local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant accounting and reporting policies and practices used by the Ambulance District are described below.

### Method of accounting:

The Ambulance District's financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the time of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year they are levied. Grants are recognized as revenue as soon as eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. The Ambulance District's accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514 and to the guide set forth in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, and the *Audit and Accounting Guide* – *Health Care Organizations*, published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and standards established by the GASB.

#### Enterprise Fund:

Enterprise funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises – where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expense, including depreciation) of providing goods and or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered through user charges.

#### Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Cash and cash equivalents:

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Ambulance District considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Under state law, the Ambulance District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana Law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

#### Patient accounts receivable and allowance for uncollectible accounts:

Patient accounts receivable are carried at the original billed amount less an estimate made for uncollectible accounts based on a review of all outstanding amounts on a monthly basis. Management determines the allowance for uncollectible accounts by identifying troubled accounts and by using historical experience applied to an aging of accounts. Patient accounts receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible. Recoveries of trade receivables previously written off are recorded when received.

#### Inventories:

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost determined by the first-in, first-out, (FIFO) method, or net realizable value.

#### Capital assets:

Capital assets are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of each class of depreciable assets.

Ambulances	5 years
Building improvements	5 – 10 years
Equipment	5 – 10 years
Land improvements	15 years
Building	25 years

#### Net patient service revenues:

Net patient service revenues are reported at estimated net realizable amounts from patients, third-party payors, and others for services rendered, including estimated retroactive adjustments under reimbursement agreements with third-party payors. Retroactive adjustments are accrued on an estimated basis in the period the related services are rendered and adjusted in future periods as final settlements are determined.

# NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Grants and donations:

Revenues from grants and donations (including capital contributions of assets) are recognized when all eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. Grants and donations may be restricted for either specific operating purposes or for capital purposes. Amounts that are unrestricted or that are restricted to a specific operating purpose are reported as non-operating revenues. Amounts restricted to capital acquisitions are reported after non-operating revenues and expenses.

#### Operating revenues and expenses:

The Ambulance District's statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position distinguishes between operating and non-operating revenues and expenses. Operating revenues result from exchange transactions associated with providing health care services; the Ambulance District's principal activity. Non-exchange revenues, including taxes, grants and contributions received for purposes other than capital asset acquisition, are reported as non-operating revenues. Operating expenses are all expenses incurred to provide health care services, other than financing costs.

#### Income taxes:

The Ambulance District is a political subdivision and exempt from taxes.

#### Deferred outflows/inflows of resources:

In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure) until then. The Ambulance District does not currently have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Ambulance District does not currently have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

#### Net position flow assumption

Sometimes a government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position in the financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Hospital District's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

# NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Risk management:

The Ambulance District is exposed to various risks of loss from tort; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors and omissions; employee injuries and illnesses; natural disasters; and employee health. Commercial insurance coverage is purchased for claims arising from such matters.

#### **Environmental matters:**

The Ambulance District is subject to laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. The Ambulance District's policy is to accrue environmental and cleanup related costs of a non-capital nature when it is both probable that a liability has been incurred and when the amount can be reasonably estimated. Although it is not possible to quantify with any degree of certainty, the potential financial impact of the Ambulance District's continuing compliance efforts, management believes any future remediation or other compliance related costs will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or reported results of operations of the Ambulance District. At December 31, 2019, management is not aware of any liability resulting from environmental matters.

# Recently issued accounting principles

In June 2018, the GASB issued Statement No. 87 (GASB 87). The objective of GASB Statement No. 87, Leases, is to better meet the information needs of the financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increased the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that were previously classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Management is still evaluating the potential impact of adoption on the Hospital's financial statements. The requirements of this Statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2021.

#### NOTE 2. NET PATIENT SERVICE REVENUES

The Ambulance District has agreements with third-party payors that provide for payments to the Ambulance District at amounts different from its established rates. A summary of the payment arrangements with major third-party payors follows:

- •Medicare Covered ambulance services are paid based on a fee schedule.
- •Medicaid Covered ambulance services are paid based on a fee schedule.

During the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, approximately 56% and 63%, respectively, of the Ambulance District's gross patient services were furnished to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

# NOTE 2. NET PATIENT SERVICE REVENUES (CONTINUED)

The Ambulance District also has entered into payment arrangements with certain commercial insurance carriers, health maintenance organizations, and preferred provider organizations. The basis for payment to the Ambulance District under these agreements includes prospectively determined rates per ambulance trip and discounts on charges.

The Ambulance District also gives a parish resident discount to any resident of the parish who uses ambulance services. The Ambulance District bills private insurance companies, Medicare or Medicaid, or any other coverage of the patient and accepts this as payment in full from the resident.

#### NOTE 3. BANK DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Louisiana state statutes authorize the Ambulance District to invest in direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury and other federal agencies, time deposits with state banks and national banks having their principal office in the State of Louisiana, guaranteed investment contracts issued by highly rated financial institutions, and certain investments with qualifying mutual or trust institutions. Louisiana statutes also require that all of the deposits of the Ambulance District be protected by insurance or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged must equal or exceed 100% of the deposits not covered by insurance

<u>Custodial Credit Risks</u> – Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Ambulance District's deposits may not be returned to it. Louisiana state statutes require that all of the deposits of the Ambulance District be protected by insurance or collateral. The fair value of the collateral pledged must equal 100% of the deposits not covered by insurance. The Ambulance District's deposits were entirely insured or entirely collateralized by securities held by the pledging bank's trust department in the Ambulance District's name at December 31, 2019 and 2018.

<u>Interest Rate Risks</u> – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value is to changes in market interest rates. The Ambulance District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from changing interest rates.

The carrying amounts of deposits and investments are included in the Ambulance District's statements of net position as follows:

Carrying amount	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Deposits Certificates of deposit Investments	\$ 11,225 1,417,826 1,689,346	\$ 143,052 1,394,932 2,330,430
	\$ 3,118,397	\$ 3,868,414

# NOTE 3. BANK DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Account balances according to banks' records at December 31, 2019, for the Ambulance District are as follows:

	<u>Iberia Bank</u>	<u>The Bank</u>
Cash in bank	\$ 11,710	\$ 1,450,086
Insured by FDIC	\$ 11,710	\$ 250,000
Collateralization by fair market value	\$ -0-	\$ 1,200,086

Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP) is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the state of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pools of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LA – R.S. 33:2955.

LAMP is an investment pool that, to the extent practical, invests in a manner consistent with GASB Statement No. 79. The following facts are relevant for investment pools:

<u>Credit Risks</u> – Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

<u>Interest Rate Risk</u> – LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities in excess of 397 days or 762 days for U.S. Government floating/variable rate investments.

The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of pool shares.

LAMP is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

# NOTE 3. BANK DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

At December 31, 2019 and 2018 the Ambulance District had the following investments and maturities, all of which were held in the Ambulance District's name by LAMP.

December 31, 201	<u>19</u>					
Investment Type		Carrying <u>Amount</u>	Less <u>Than 1</u>	<u>1 - 5</u>	<u>6 - 10</u>	More <u>Than 10</u>
LAMP	\$	1,689,346	\$ 1,689,346	\$ 	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
December 31, 201	18					
Investment Type		Carrying <u>Amount</u>	Less <u>Than 1</u>	<u>1 - 5</u>	<u>6 - 10</u>	More <u>Than 10</u>
LAMP	\$	2,330,430	\$ 2,330,430	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ -0-	\$ 0-

The Ambulance District records these investments under the provision of the GASB Statement No 31. These investments are considered Level 2 investments under the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

At December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Ambulance District's investments were not rated by Moody's and rated as AAA by S&P.

#### NOTE 4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Patient accounts receivable reported as current assets by the Ambulance District at December 31, 2019 and 2018 consists of these amounts:

#### Patient Accounts Receivable

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Receivable from patients and their insurance carriers	\$ 11,487 \$	11,804
Receivable from Medicare	15,247	17,834
Receivable from Medicaid	4,560	11,422
Total patient accounts receivable	31,294	41,060
Less allowance for uncollectible amounts	(8,500)	(20,275)
Patient accounts receivable, net	\$ 22,794 \$	20,785

#### NOTE 5. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Ambulance District grants credit without collateral to its patients, most of whom are local residents and are insured under third-party payor agreements. The mix of receivables from patients and third-party payors at December 31, 2019 and 2018 is as follows:

Medicaid Medicare Other third-party payors/patients	<u>2019</u> 16 31 53	% % %	2018 17 35 48	% % %
	100	%	100	%

#### NOTE 6. AD VALOREM TAXES

The Ambulance District levied 29.72 mills and 24.54 mills on properties with assessed values of \$50,499,047 and \$51,098,957, net of homestead values, for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

The Ambulance District received approximately 90.9% and 91.8% in 2019 and 2018, respectively, of its financial support from ad valorem taxes. These funds were used to support operations.

The Ambulance District's property tax is levied by the parish on the taxable real property in the district in late October of each year. Bills are sent out in November of each year at which time the Ambulance District records the tax revenue, taxes become delinquent on December 31<sup>st</sup>, and become a lien in the following March.

# NOTE 7. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets additions, retirements, and balances for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 were as follows:

		December 31, 2018	Additions	 Retirements	December 31, 2019
Nondepreciable capital assets					
Land	\$	78,870	\$ 37,270	\$ -0-	\$ 116,140
Construction in progress		68,700	-0-	-0-	68,700
Total nondepreciable					
capital assets	\$	147,570	\$ 37,270	\$ 	\$ 184,840
Depreciable capital assets					
Land improvements	\$	22,765	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 22,765
Equipment		234,923	-0-	-0-	234,923
Office equipment		41,460	-0-	-0-	41,460
Buildings and improvements		1,477,656	375,779	-0-	1,853,435
Ambulances		709,968			709,968
Total historical cost		2,486,772	375,779	-0-	2,862,551
Less accumulated depreciation for	or:				
Land improvements		(9,770)	(1,518)	-0-	(11,288)
Equipment		(221,159)	(4,199)	-0-	(225,358)
Office equipment		(40,635)	(358)	-0-	(40,993)
Buildings and improvements		(339,870)	(50,507)	-0-	(390,377)
Ambulances		(614,216)	(29,464)		(643,680)
Total accumulated depreciation		(1,225,650)	(86,046)	-0-	(1,311,696)
Total depreciable					
Capital assets, net	\$	1,261,122	\$ 289,733	\$ -0-	\$ 1,550,855

NOTE 7. CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

		December 31, 2017	Additions	_	Retirements	December 31, 2018
Nondepreciable capital assets						
Land	\$	78,870	\$ -0-	\$	-0-	\$ 78,870
Construction in progress		7,322	61,378		-0-	68,700
Total nondepreciable						
capital assets	\$	86,192	\$ 61,378	\$	0-	\$ 147,570
Depreciable capital assets						
Land improvements	\$	22,765	\$ -0-	\$	-0-	\$ 22,765
Equipment		234,923	-0-		-0-	234,923
Office equipment		41,460	-0-		-0-	41,460
Buildings and improvements		1,473,577	4,079		-0-	1,477,656
Ambulances		709,968				709,968
Total historical cost		2,482,693	4,079			2,486,772
Less accumulated depreciation fo	r:					
Land improvements		(7,859)	(1,911)		-0-	(9,770)
Equipment		(215,920)	(5,239)		-0-	(221,159)
Office equipment		(39,584)	(1,051)		-0-	(40,635)
Buildings and improvements		(296,096)	(43,774)		-0-	(339,870)
Ambulances		(584,753)	(29,463)			(614,216)
Total accumulated depreciation		(1,144,212)	(81,438)		-0-	(1,225,650)
Total depreciable						
Capital assets, net	\$	1,338,481	\$ (77,359)	\$	-0-	\$ 1,261,122

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 amounted to \$86,046 and \$81,438, respectively.

#### NOTE 8. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Employees' vacation benefits are recognized in the period earned. Accrued compensated absences at December 31, 2019 and 2018 totaled \$33,960 and \$33,960, respectively, which is included in accrued liabilities on the statements of net position.

#### NOTE 9. SIMPLE IRA PLAN

The Ambulance District has a Simple IRA Plan covering all eligible employees as of June 2002. Employees can contribute a maximum of \$13,000 and \$12,500 for the 2019 and 2018 tax years, respectively. The Ambulance District contributed 2% of compensation to each eligible employee's Simple IRA through May of 2014 and then 3% thereafter. All contributions under the plan, as well as the earnings, are fully vested and nonforfeitable. Total Simple IRA plan expenses for the years ended 2019 and 2018 were \$26,116 and \$25,928, respectively.

#### NOTE 10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Ambulance District evaluated subsequent events through January 29, 2021, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Subsequent to December 31, 2019, the world was impacted by a pandemic caused by a coronavirus named COVID-19. In March of 2020, the State of Louisiana reported that there were confirmed cases of residents testing positive for COVID-19. As a result of the outbreak, the Hospital and the State of Louisiana have experienced significant disruptions in normal daily activity. In addition, the United States financial markets have experienced significant volatility. As of the date of this report, the District is not able to estimate the financial impact COVID-19 may have on the facility.

On August 27, 2020 Hurricane Laura made landfall in Southwest Louisiana as a Category 4 hurricane which was followed by Hurricane Delta on October 8, 2020. The full extent of the damages to the District's facilities or effects on operations have not been determined.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# LOWER CAMERON AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT SCHEDULES OF NET PATIENT SERVICE REVENUES YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Gross patient service revenues	\$ 156,372 \$	179,639
Less:		
Medicare and Medicaid contractual adjustments	(18,684)	(7,064)
Provision for uncollectible accounts	(4,454)	(14,315)
Parish resident discounts	(55,864)	(104,001)
Insurance and other discounts	(3,972)	(2,237)
Net patient service revenue	\$ 73,398 \$	52,022

# LOWER CAMERON AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT SCHEDULES OF BOARD FEES YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

# **BOARD MEMBERS**

The Ambulance District's board members did not receive any compensation during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

# LOWER CAMERON AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Agency Head Name: Byron Broussard

Position: Executive Director

Time Period: January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

Purpose		Amount
Salary	\$	95,495
Benefits - insurance		25,520
Benefits - retirement		2,886
Benefits - other		-0-
Car allowance		-0-
Vehicle provided by government		-0-
Per diem		5,140
Reimbursements		-0-
Travel		-0-
Registration fees		-0-
Conference travel		-0-
Continuing professional education fees		-0-
Housing		-0-
Unvouchered expenses		-0-
Special meals	_	-0-
	\$	129,041



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

To the Board of Commissioners Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District Creole, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 29, 2021.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the basic financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Lower Cameron Ambulance Service 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 Ambulance District's basic 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 preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, we identified a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses at 2019-1 to be a material weakness.

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#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District's financial statements are free of 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 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District Responses to Findings

Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

### Purpose of this Report

This report is intended 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. This report is intended for the information and use of management, the Board of Commissioners, others within the entity and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and the Legislative Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose, however, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Certified Public Accountants

ester Miller & Wells

Lafayette, Louisiana

January 29, 2021

### LOWER CAMERON AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

### Section I. Summary of Auditors' Results

Type of auditors' opinion: unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

• Material weakness(es) identified?

• Control deficiency(ies) identified that we do not consider to be material weaknesses

□ Yes □ None reported

Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

# Section II. Financial Statement Findings

☐ Yes ⊠ No

#### 2019-001 - Segregation of Duties

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted

<u>Condition:</u> The Ambulance District does not have adequate segregation of duties. A system of internal control procedures contemplates a segregation of duties so that no one individual handles a transaction from its inception to its completion. While we recognize the Ambulance District may not be large enough to permit such procedures, it is important that you be aware of this condition. This condition was also included in the 2018 audit as item 2018-1.

<u>Criteria:</u> An effective system of internal control requires a proper segregation of duties so that no one individual handles a transaction from its inception to its completion.

Cause: The Ambulance District has a limited number of employees within the accounting department.

**<u>Effect:</u>** Ineffective system of internal controls within the accounting function.

**Recommendation:** Keeping in mind the limited number of personnel to which duties can be assigned; the Ambulance District should continue to monitor assignment of duties to assure as much segregation of duties and responsibility as possible, and the Board should review financial information on a timely basis.

**Response:** The Ambulance District is aware of and evaluated this problem and concluded that it would not be cost beneficial or possible with the limited resources available to create a segregated accounting environment. However, the Ambulance District will continue to monitor this issue and the Board will review financial information on a timely basis.

# LOWER CAMERON AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

# Section III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Not Applicable

Section IV. Management Letter

Not Applicable

# LOWER CAMERON AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

#### Section I. Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

### 2018-001 - Segregation of Duties

<u>Recommendation:</u> Keeping in mind the limited number of personnel to which duties can be assigned; the Ambulance District should continue to monitor assignment of duties to assure as much segregation of duties and responsibility as possible, and the board should review financial information on a timely basis.

Current Status: This finding is repeated at 2019-001.

#### 2018-002 - Investments made with Investment Firm/Broker

Recommendation: The Ambulance District should adopt an investment policy that complies with La. R.S. 33:2955, regarding the direct purchase of certificates of deposit from a financial institution and cease the indirect purchase of certificates of deposit of financial institutions through a broker or brokerage firm.

Current Status: This finding was resolved during 2018.

#### Section II. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Not Applicable

Section III. Management Letter

Not Applicable

# LOWER CAMERON AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED PROCEDURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019



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Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Board of Commissioners Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by Lower Cameron Ambulance Service District (the "District") and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The District's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose of which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

#### Written Policies and Procedures

- 1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):
  - a) Budgeting, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget
  - b) **Purchasing,** including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
  - c) Disbursements, including processing, reviewing, and approving
  - d) Receipts/Collections, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

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- e) Payroll/Personnel, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked.
- f) Contracting, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process
- g) Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable), including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases)
- h) **Travel and expense reimbursement,** including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers
- i) Ethics, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that all employees, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service,** including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

**Findings:** All written policies and procedures were obtained. No exceptions noted in applying the above procedures.

#### Bank Reconciliations

- 2. Obtain a listing of client bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for selected each account, and observe that:
  - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);
  - b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
  - c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

**Findings:** A list of all bank accounts was obtained. Management provided representation that the list was complete. No exceptions noted in applying the above procedures

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#### **Collections**

3. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

Findings: A list of all deposit sites were obtained. Management provided representation that the list was complete.

- 4. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
  - a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

**Findings:** The District has one cash drawer that is shared by the Office Manager and Director.

Management's response: Cash is rarely collected at the location. All other collections are checks and automatic deposits by electronic fund transfers (EFTs).

- b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. prenumbered receipts) to the deposit.
- c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
- d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.

**Findings:** The Office Manager receives collections, post deposits, and reconciles cash collections to the ledgers. The Director receives collections and is responsible for preparing/making bank deposits.

**Management's response:** Management is aware of the segregation of duties deficiency and has compensating controls in place. The Assistant Director, who does not have any responsibility in the collection process, reviews and approves all reconciliations monthly.

5. Inquire of management that all employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.

Findings: Per written documentation, all employees are covered by an insurance policy for theft.

6. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #2 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

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- a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
- b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
- c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
- d) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100).
- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Findings: The No exceptions noted in applying the above procedures

We were not engaged to perform, and did not perform, an audit, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the user of management of Allen Parish Ambulance Service District No. 1 and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

**Certified Public Accountants** 

Lester, Miller & Wells

Lafayette, Louisiana

January 29, 2021