

G.B. COOLEY HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT

Monroe, Louisiana

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

G.B. COOLEY HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT
Monroe, Louisiana

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**The Board of Commissioners
G. B. Cooley Hospital Service District
Monroe, Louisiana**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of **G.B. Cooley Hospital Service District** (the Hospital), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Hospital's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of the Hospital as of June 30, 2024, and the changes in financial position and its cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Hospital, 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 opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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 Hospital'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.

**The Board of Commissioners
G. B. Cooley Hospital Service District
Monroe, Louisiana**

Auditors' 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 opinion. 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 Hospital'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 Hospital'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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 7 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

**The Board of Commissioners
G. B. Cooley Hospital Service District
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We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Hospital's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Per Diem Paid to Board Members on page 21 and Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head on page 22 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic 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 basic financial statements. The 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 basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Per Diem Paid to Board Members and Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic 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 December 20, 2024, on our consideration of the Hospital'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. 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 Hospital'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 Hospital's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Woodard & Associates

(A Professional Accounting Corporation)
Monroe, Louisiana

December 20, 2024

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

G. B. COOLEY HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT

Monroe, Louisiana

Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Our discussion and analysis of G. B. Cooley Hospital Service District's (the Hospital) financial performance provides an overview of the Hospital's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Please read it in conjunction with the Hospital's basic financial statements, which begin on page 8.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Hospital's total net position (that is the amount by which total assets exceed liabilities) was in the amount of \$17,017,627 at the close of 2024 fiscal year, which represents a \$1,286,563 (or 8.2%) increase from the prior year.
- The Hospital's operating revenue is generated primarily through Medicaid, which is based on each client's Inventory for Client and Agency Planning (ICAP) daily rate. Operating revenue is generally subject to the number of residents housed and the level of care required and can fluctuate but is generally consistent from year to year. The Hospital's operating revenues increased by \$771,208 (6.2%) from the prior year.
- The Hospital's nonoperating revenues consisted of ad valorem tax revenues (78.3%), interest income (19.1%), insurance recoveries (1.4%), and miscellaneous and other income (1.3%). Nonoperating expenses consisted entirely of interest expense.
- The Hospital's operating expenses increased by \$419,166 (or 3.0%) from \$13,818,507 in the prior year to \$14,237,673 this fiscal year. This was primarily a result of increases in expenses relating to salaries, taxes, and benefits, which were paid from bonus Title XIX funds that were provided in the form of a lump-sum rate increase in the 2023 fiscal year.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The graphic below illustrates the minimum requirements for special purpose governments engaged only in business-type activities established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Basic Financial Statements

Required Supplementary Information

This financial report consists of two sections – Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section) and the basic financial statements (including the related notes to the financial statements). Other than the MD&A, in the Hospital's case, there is no required supplementary information applicable.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements present information for the Hospital as a whole, in a format designed to make the statements easier for the reader to understand. The statements in this section include the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and the Statement of Cash Flows.

The Statement of Net Position presents the current and long-term portions of assets and liabilities separately. The difference between total assets and total liabilities is net position and may provide a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Hospital is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position presents information showing how the Hospital's position changed as a result of current year operations. Regardless of when cash is affected, all changes in net position are reported when the underlying transactions occur. As a result, there are transactions included that will not affect cash until future fiscal periods.

The Statement of Cash Flows presents information showing how the Hospital's cash balances changed as a result of current year operations. The statement is prepared using the direct method. It includes the reconciliation of operating income(loss) to net cash provided(used) by operating activities (the "indirect method") as required by GASB Statement No. 34.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE HOSPITAL AS A WHOLE

Condensed Statements of Net Position

June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023	% Change
Current assets	\$ 9,936,236	\$ 11,344,853	-12.4%
Noncurrent assets	12,152,301	9,333,649	30.2%
Total assets	22,088,537	20,678,502	6.8%
Current and other liabilities	1,518,410	2,341,976	-34.6%
Long-term obligations	3,552,500	2,605,461	35.2%
Total liabilities	5,070,910	4,947,438	2.5%
Net position			
Net investment in capital assets	6,678,107	4,599,435	45.2%
Restricted – Debt service	657,377	655,825	0.2%
Restricted – Capital projects	385,542	665,014	-42.0%
Unrestricted	9,296,601	9,810,790	-5.2%
Total net position	\$ 17,017,627	\$ 15,731,064	8.2%

Unrestricted net position represents excess amounts that do not have any specified limitation on what they may be used for, therefore, the net position is available for future operations. Net position increased by \$1,286,563 from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024. The Board planned for changes in operations through the budget process.

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

**Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023**

	2024	2023	% Change
Operating revenues	\$ 13,273,008	\$ 12,501,800	6.2%
Operating expenses	14,237,673	13,818,507	3.0%
Operating income (loss)	(964,665)	(1,316,707)	26.7%
Nonoperating revenues and expenses	2,251,228	2,255,767	-0.2%
Increase (decrease) in net position	\$ 1,286,563	\$ 939,060	37.0%

Operating revenues increased by \$771,208 while operating expenses increased by \$419,166. Nonoperating revenues and expenses decreased by \$4,539. The majority of the increase in operating revenues resulted from increases in Title XIX residential program revenue (\$886,426), and private residential revenue (\$55,486), which were partially offset by a decrease in Title XIX waiver program revenue (\$144,905). The majority of the increase in operating expenses resulted from increases in salary and benefit-related expenses (\$823,687), which were partially offset by decreases in facility maintenance expenses (\$243,550) and supplies expense (\$77,608).

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**Schedule of Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)
June 30, 2024 and 2023**

	2024	2023
Land	\$ 413,025	\$ 413,025
Construction in progress	4,470,068	1,589,002
Buildings and building improvements	6,914,980	6,381,733
Leasehold improvements	2,757,775	2,513,727
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	2,156,314	2,151,095
Motor vehicles	1,198,436	1,198,436
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(7,028,456)	(6,543,845)
Capital assets, net	\$ 10,882,142	\$ 7,703,173

At June 30, 2024, there was a book balance of \$10,882,142 (that is a balance of \$17,910,598, net of accumulated depreciation of \$7,028,456) invested in capital assets that consisted of land, buildings, vehicles, equipment, and furniture and fixtures. There were \$3,663,580 in net additions to construction in progress, buildings, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and leasehold improvements. The majority of the additions were a result of the Hospital continuing construction to open a new behavioral health facility, which is expected to be completed and operational during the 2025 fiscal year.

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Summary of Long-Term Debt

June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Revenue bonds, Series 2020	\$ 905,000	\$ 1,075,000
Certificate of indebtedness, Series 2022	3,177,000	2,037,500
Compensated absences	209,218	215,959
Less: Unamortized bond issuance costs	(20,764)	(24,917)
Total long-term debt	<u>\$ 4,270,454</u>	<u>\$ 3,303,542</u>

The Hospital has outstanding long-term obligations relating to compensated absences (accrued vacation, sick, and compensatory leave), revenue bonds, and a certificate of indebtedness. The certificate of indebtedness was issued during the prior year in the amount of \$3,500,000 for the previously mentioned purpose of opening a new behavioral health facility. As of June 30, 2023, \$2,037,500 of the \$3,500,000 balance had been drawn on the certificate. The remaining \$1,462,500 was drawn during the current year. All long-term debts are described further in the notes to the financial statements.

CONTACTING THE HOSPITAL'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the Hospital's finances and to show the Hospital's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Hospital's executive officer at 211 N. 3rd Street, Monroe, LA 71201.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

G. B. COOLEY HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT

Monroe, Louisiana

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2024

ASSETS**Current assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,416,656
Investments	185,582
Receivables	1,172,347
Prepaid and other assets	161,651
Total current assets	<u>9,936,236</u>

Restricted assets

Cash—individuals' funds	197,179
Cash—debt service funds	687,438
Cash—construction funds	385,542
Total restricted assets	<u>1,270,159</u>

Capital assets, net

Total assets	\$ <u>22,088,537</u>
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LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION**Current liabilities (payable from current assets)**

Accounts payable	\$ 251,328
Retainage payable	142,798
Accrued payroll	131,635
Withholding and payroll taxes payable	38,245
Interest payable	30,062
Other current liabilities	9,209
Current portion of long-term obligations	717,954
Total current liabilities	<u>1,321,231</u>

Liabilities payable from restricted assets

Individuals' funds liability	197,179
Total liabilities payable from restricted assets	<u>197,179</u>

Long-term liabilities

Long-term obligations, net of current portion	3,573,264
Less: Unamortized bond issuance costs	(20,764)
Total long-term liabilities	<u>3,552,500</u>
Total liabilities	\$ <u>5,070,910</u>

Net position

Net investment in capital assets	\$ 6,678,107
Restricted for debt service	657,377
Restricted for capital projects	385,542
Unrestricted	9,296,601
Total net position	\$ <u>17,017,627</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Monroe, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Operating revenues

Charges for services

Intergovernmental—State of Louisiana

Title XIX residential program \$ 9,660,324

Title XIX waiver program 2,451,899

Total intergovernmental operating revenues 12,112,223

Private revenue

Residential program 1,058,603

Other service revenue

Employment services 102,182

Total operating revenues 13,273,008

Operating expenses

Salaries 8,164,563

Payroll taxes and benefits 1,660,890

Supplies 478,343

Travel and mileage 153,880

Food 342,175

Facility 1,168,815

Insurance 488,223

Professional fees and services 1,296,173

Depreciation 484,611

Total operating expenses 14,237,673

Operating income (loss)

(964,665)

Nonoperating revenues and expenses

Ad valorem tax revenues 1,885,642

Interest income 458,876

Interest expense (157,260)

Rental income 12,000

Insurance recoveries 32,611

Gain on disposal of capital assets 1,144

Miscellaneous income 18,215

Excess of nonoperating revenues over nonoperating expenses 2,251,228

Changes in net position

1,286,563

Net position at beginning of year

15,731,064

Total net position at end of year

\$ 17,017,627

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Cash flow from operating activities

Receipts from third-party payors	\$ 11,546,159
Receipts from patients and others	1,211,759
Payments to employees and for employee-related costs	(10,157,745)
Payments for other operating expenses	<u>(3,644,329)</u>
Net cash flow provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(1,044,156)</u>

Cash flow from noncapital financing activities

Receipts from ad valorem taxes	1,885,642
Receipts from donations	14,415
Other noncapital financing receipts	<u>3,800</u>
Net cash flow provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>1,903,857</u>

Cash flow from capital and related financing activities

Receipts from sale of capital assets	219,542
Receipts from bond draws	1,462,500
Receipts from insurance recovery	32,611
Purchases of capital assets	(3,883,511)
Principal payments on bonds	(493,000)
Interest payments on bonds	<u>(158,229)</u>
Net cash flow provided (used) used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(2,820,087)</u>

Cash flow from investing activities

Rental income	12,000
Interest income	<u>451,155</u>
Net cash flow provided (used) by investing activities	<u>463,155</u>

Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents

(1,497,231)

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year

10,986,867

Cash and cash equivalents at end of year

\$ 9,489,636

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Statement of Cash Flows

As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024

**Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used)
by operating activities**

Operating income (loss)	\$ <u>(964,665)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided (used) by operating activities	
Depreciation	484,611
Changes in current assets and liabilities	
Accounts receivable	122,446
Prepaid items	69,288
Accounts and retainage payable	78,083
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	92,450
Accrued vacation and sick leave payable	(6,742)
Deferred revenue	(911,437)
Other liabilities	<u>(8,190)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>(79,491)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ <u><u>(1,044,156)</u></u>

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:

Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,416,656
Restricted assets	
Cash—debt service funds	687,438
Cash—construction funds	<u>385,542</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ <u><u>9,489,636</u></u>

The cash in the individuals funds accounts are considered agency accounts being held on behalf of the individuals and therefore are not included on the statements of cash flows.

(Concluded)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

G. B. COOLEY HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

History

G. B. Cooley Hospital Service District (the Hospital) is a training facility that provides twenty-four-hour care for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The Hospital was created April 11, 1962, by Ordinance Number 7127 of the Ouachita Parish Policy Jury. The Hospital provides all basic needs for each individual, which includes speech, occupational, and physical therapy, and psychological and vocational training services. The vocational training objective is to teach individuals vocational skills so that they may become eligible for community employment. The Hospital serves residents of Ouachita Parish for the length of their lifespan. There are 126 beds across 16 group homes, which have 91% occupancy as of June 30, 2024.

The Hospital is a component unit of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury because the Police Jury appoints the Board, and there is the potential for the Hospital to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Ouachita Parish Police Jury. Each member of the Board of Commissioners must be a qualified voter and resident of the Hospital Service District. The Board of Commissioners consists of seven members, each appointed to a six-year term. The members receive an allowance of \$150 per meeting attended.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Accounting and Presentation

The accompanying component unit financial statements of the Hospital have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The Hospital uses the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned, and expenses are recognized in the period incurred. Certain revenue sources are subject to review and audit by state agencies annually; the results of those examinations cannot be known with certainty and can result in the Hospital having to repay the state if certain conditions are not met.

The Hospital distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with an entity's principal ongoing operations. The Hospital's operating revenues primarily consist of charges for services rendered under the residential, waiver, and client employment programs. Operating expenses for the Hospital consist of amounts paid for wages and related benefits, contractual services, supplies used, equipment and facility maintenance and operations, client care needs, and other items directly or indirectly required for the provision of services. All revenues and expenses not meeting the previously mentioned definitions are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

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When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Hospital's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

B. Reporting Entity

Section 2100 of the *GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards* (GASB Codification) established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. In conformance with GASB Codification Section 2100, the Hospital is a component unit of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury. The accompanying basic financial statements present only the transactions of the Hospital.

C. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and interest-bearing demand deposits. The Hospital considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity date of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

D. Investments

As dictated by state law, the Hospital may invest in long-term certificates of deposit or bonds, debentures, or other investments guaranteed by the United States government. The Hospital has no policy concerning the maximum amount or length of time that assets may be invested.

E. Accounts Receivable

Receivables are primarily composed of amounts due from the State of Louisiana. The Hospital uses the direct write-off method for recognizing bad debts. Under this method, the receivable is charged to expense when the account is deemed to be uncollectible. The difference between the use of the direct write-off method and the allowance method for accounting for bad debts is not material to the financial statements of the Hospital.

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost, if purchased, or at fair market value, if donated and are capitalized if the cost is \$5,000 or greater and the expected life is at least two years.

The original land and buildings where the Hospital is operating are owned by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury and are leased to the Hospital in a nonexchange transaction. They are not recorded on the books. All improvements are reflected on the books, at cost, under leasehold improvements. The Hospital has acquired additional land and buildings, which are recorded on the books at cost.

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The Hospital computes depreciation using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets, which are as follows:

Buildings	7 - 39 Years
Leasehold Improvements	5 - 15 Years
Furniture and Equipment	3 - 15 Years
Vehicles	4 - 4.5 Years

Maintenance and repairs are generally charged to operations while significant betterments are capitalized. The cost and related accumulated depreciation of assets retired, or otherwise disposed of, are eliminated from the accounts with the resulting gain or loss being included in income.

G. Prepaid Assets

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid assets.

H. Compensated Absences

Employees of the Hospital earn vacation leave ranging from 40 to 160 working hours per year depending upon length of service. Vacation time in excess of 60 hours must be used by December 31st of the year in which it was earned, or it will be forfeited. Employees with a minimum of 24 hours of accrued vacation time are allowed to cash in up to 75% of their accrued vacation at any time during the year. Employees who are denied vacation because of their required presence at work are allowed to carry forward excess vacation upon recommendation of their supervisor and approval by the Director of Human Resources. Subject to the above limitations, unused vacation is paid to an employee upon retirement, separation, or death at hourly rates being earned by that employee upon separation. The Hospital reports a portion of its accrued vacation liability as a current liability based upon the ratio of leave taken to leave accrued during the current year. This ratio is multiplied by the total ending liability to determine the amount estimated to be due within one year.

Only full-time employees earn sick leave ranging from 40 to 96 working hours per year depending upon the length of service. Sick leave may be carried forward from year to year with no limit on the number of hours that can be accrued. Upon retirement, an eligible employee is paid up to 96 hours of sick leave at the employee's hourly rate of pay at the time of retirement. Any excess sick leave at the retirement date is forfeited. No pay will be given for accumulated but unused sick leave except upon retirement. The Hospital therefore does not accrue a liability for sick leave and recognizes payments of accrued sick leave upon retirement as they occur.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

I. *Net Position*

Net position is comprised of the various net earnings from operations and nonoperating revenues, expenses, and contributions of capital. Net position is classified in the following three components:

- **Net investment in capital assets** – consists of all capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by any debt that is attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- **Restricted net position** – consists of external constraints placed on net asset use by creditors, grantors, contribution, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- **Unrestricted net position** – consists of all other net assets that are not included in the other categories previously mentioned.

Net position as of June 30, 2023 was reclassified into the above components to correctly categorize net position. The restatement did not change the total of net position as of that date.

J. *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management of the Hospital to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 – Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consisted of the following at June 30, 2024:

Cash in bank – Checking and savings deposits	\$ 9,683,587
Petty cash	3,228
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 9,686,815</u>

Deposits with financial institutions consisted of the following at June 30, 2024:

Current assets	
Cash in bank – Checking and savings deposits	\$ 8,458,759
Restricted assets	
Restricted cash – Debt service	687,439
Restricted cash – Construction	385,542
Restricted cash – Individuals' funds	289,523
Total deposits	<u>\$ 9,821,263</u>

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Custodial credit risk—deposits – At year-end, as reported on the Statement of Net Position, the book balance of the Hospital's deposits was \$9,683,587 (cash and cash equivalents less petty cash, plus restricted cash). The Hospital's bank balances totaled \$9,821,263 at June 30, 2024. State law dictates that all funds maintained in financial institutions be supported by Federal Depository Insurance or collateral held by the trust departments of agents of the pledging financial institutions in the Hospital's name. Of the June 30, 2024, bank balances, \$1,104,765 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance, \$8,716,468 was covered by pledged securities, and the remaining \$30 was uninsured.

Note 3 – Investments

Investments held by the Hospital at June 30, 2024 consisted entirely of certificates of deposit with maturities greater than 90 days. The Hospital had investments of \$185,582 stated at cost plus interest earnings, which approximates market value. The entire amount was covered by Federal Depository Insurance as of June 30, 2024.

ASC Section 820 establishes the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820-10 are described as follows:

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| Level 1 | Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in active markets that the Hospital has the ability to access; |
| Level 2 | Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted market prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. |
| Level 3 | Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement. There is no movement in Level 3 year to year. |

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The Hospital's investments at June 30, 2024, are valued using quoted market prices for similar assets in active markets and are considered to be level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

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The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future value. Furthermore, while the Hospital believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in different fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy.

Note 4 – Receivables

Receivables consisted of the following at June 30, 2024:

State of Louisiana	
Title XIX residential program	\$ 870,429
Title XIX waiver program	199,678
Private pay – residential program	90,096
Employment services	12,144
Total receivables	<u>\$ 1,172,347</u>

Revenue from governmental agencies accounted for 89.3% of total revenues for the year ended June 30, 2024. Receivables from governmental agencies accounted for 91.3% of total receivables at June 30, 2024.

Note 5 – Capital Assets

Changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2024 were as follows:

	July 1, 2023	Additions	Deductions	June 30, 2024
Nondepreciable assets				
Land	\$ 413,025	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 413,025
Construction in progress	1,589,002	3,172,871	(291,805)	4,470,068
Total nondepreciable assets	<u>2,002,027</u>	<u>3,172,871</u>	<u>(291,805)</u>	<u>4,883,093</u>
Depreciable assets				
Buildings	6,381,733	753,178	(219,931)	6,914,980
Leasehold improvements	2,513,727	244,048	-	2,757,775
Furniture, fixtures, & equip.	2,151,095	5,219	-	2,156,314
Vehicles	1,198,436	-	-	1,198,436
Total depreciable assets	<u>12,244,991</u>	<u>1,002,445</u>	<u>(219,931)</u>	<u>13,027,505</u>
Less: Accum. depreciation	<u>(6,543,845)</u>	<u>(484,611)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,028,456)</u>
Depreciable assets, net	<u>5,701,146</u>	<u>517,834</u>	<u>(219,931)</u>	<u>5,999,049</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 7,703,173</u>	<u>\$ 3,690,705</u>	<u>\$ (511,736)</u>	<u>\$ 10,882,142</u>

Depreciation expense was \$484,611 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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Note 6 – Restricted Cash

Per the terms of its bond agreements, which are further discussed in Note 7, the Hospital is required to maintain various bank accounts related to their debt. These accounts are reflected in restricted assets at June 30, 2024 as cash–debt service funds of \$687,438 and cash–construction funds of \$385,542. The debt service funds are used to maintain required reserves and pay principal and interest payments as they come due. The construction funds are used to maintain the unspent bond proceeds until such time that they are used on construction.

In accordance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act, the Hospital is also required to maintain cash that is the property of the individuals for their personal use. The individuals' cash is reflected in restricted assets as cash–individuals' funds accounts on the Statement of Net Position in the amount of \$197,179 as of June 30, 2024.

Note 7 – Long-Term Obligations

A summary of changes in long-term obligations for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2023	Additions	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2024	Due Within One Year
Revenue bonds	\$ 1,075,000	\$ -	\$ (170,000)	\$ 905,000	\$ 175,000
Certificate of indebtedness	2,037,500	1,462,500	(323,000)	3,177,000	337,000
Compensated absences	215,959	281,775	(288,516)	209,218	205,954
Less: Unamortized bond issuance costs	(24,917)	-	4,153	(20,764)	-
	<u>\$ 3,303,542</u>	<u>\$ 1,744,275</u>	<u>\$ 777,363</u>	<u>\$ 4,270,454</u>	<u>\$ 717,954</u>

Long-Term Debt

During the year ended June 30, 2021, the Hospital issued \$1,500,000 Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, equipping, and furnishing facilities for the Hospital and paying the costs of issuance of the bonds. The bonds have a stated maturity date of March 1, 2029, carry an annual interest rate of 2.880%, and are secured and payable by the excess of the Hospital's annual revenues above statutory, contractual, necessary, and usual charges. The future minimum debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 175,000	\$ 26,064	\$ 201,064
2026	175,000	21,024	196,024
2027	180,000	15,984	195,984
2028	185,000	10,800	195,800
2029	190,000	5,472	195,472
	<u>\$ 905,000</u>	<u>\$ 79,344</u>	<u>\$ 984,344</u>

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During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Hospital issued a \$3,500,000 Certificate of Indebtedness, Series 2022 for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring, constructing, renovating, and equipping an existing building for use as a free-standing psychiatric hospital and behavioral health outpatient services facility in Monroe, Louisiana, and for paying costs of issuance. The certificate has a stated maturity date of March 1, 2032, carries an annual interest rate of 4.46%, and is also secured and payable by the excess of the Hospital's annual revenues above statutory, contractual, necessary, and usual charges. At June 30, 2023, the Hospital had drawn \$2,037,500 of the total issuance. The remaining \$1,462,500 was drawn during the 2024 fiscal year. The future minimum debt service requirements to maturity for the certificate are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 337,000	\$ 115,746	\$ 452,746
2026	353,000	126,664	479,664
2027	369,000	110,920	479,920
2028	386,000	94,463	480,463
2029	404,000	77,247	481,247
2030-2032	1,328,000	120,242	1,448,242
	<u>\$ 3,177,000</u>	<u>\$ 645,282</u>	<u>\$ 3,822,282</u>

Note 8 – Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied on real and business personal property located within the boundaries of Ouachita Parish at a levied millage of 1.42. The Ouachita Parish Tax Assessor, an elected official, determines the fair market value of all property subject to taxation, except public service properties, which are valued by the Louisiana Tax Commission. The fair market values determined by the Assessor are subject to review and approval of the Louisiana Tax Commission.

Property taxes are levied on a portion of fair market value as follows:

Land and Improvements for Residential Purposes	10%
Machinery, Industrial, and Commercial Improvements	15%
Public Service Properties, Excluding Land	25%

The Assessor is required to reappraise all property subject to taxation at intervals of not more than four years. The Sheriff of Ouachita Parish is the official tax collector of property taxes levied by the parish and special districts within the Parish. The 2023 property tax calendar was as follows:

Assessment	January 1, 2023
Levy Date	November 15, 2023
Total Taxes Are Due	December 31, 2023
Lien Date	January 1, 2024

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Property taxes are recorded as revenue when they become available and measurable. Property taxes are considered measurable when levied. Generally, the majority of taxes are collected before the end of the Hospital's fiscal year.

Note 9 – Commitments

A. Contract and Agreement

On April 1, 2002, the Hospital entered into an agreement with the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to jointly construct, renovate, and provide for the operation and maintenance of the facility then known as the G. B. Cooley Hospital for Retarded Citizens. The agreement requires that the Hospital maintain and operate the facilities for the exclusive purpose of caring for, treating, housing, and otherwise attending to the needs of retarded citizens who are residents of Ouachita Parish and non-residents after the needs of Ouachita Parish residents are fulfilled. Either party may construct improvements to the Hospital, at its own cost, with the improvements subject to the terms of the agreement. The agreement is for a term of 25 years beginning January 1, 2002 and ending December 31, 2026.

B. Management Contract

On February 16, 1984, the Hospital entered a 40-year management contract with the Monroe Housing Authority (the MHA) to manage five community homes. The contract was amended during the 2021 fiscal year to extend until December 31, 2028 for three of the community homes. However, the Hospital and the MHA finalized a purchase agreement on the three homes in August 2023, which terminated the management contract. One of the homes was a under buy-and-sale agreement in which the Hospital purchased the home and subsequently sold it to a different organization. The other two homes are reflected as capital assets of the Hospital as of June 30, 2024. Amounts paid to the MHA for rent during the 2024 fiscal year were \$21,120.

Note 10 – Subsequent Events

The Hospital has evaluated subsequent events through December 20, 2024, the date at which the financial statements were available for issue and noted the following event that occurred subsequent to the reporting period and requires disclosure.

In 2023, the Hospital purchased and began renovating a facility for the purpose of opening a new behavioral health hospital. This project was completed in July 2024 and began operations in August 2024. The project finished with total costs of \$4,470,067, and the retainage payable balance of \$142,798 at June 30, 2024 was paid in August 2024.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Schedule of Per Diem Paid to Board Members

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Board Member	Amount
Dan Sartor	\$ 1,800
Taronda Goodin	1,800
Jackie Slack	1,800
Kenneth Wilson	1,800
Cindy Johns	1,800
Lynn Wilson	1,800
Dawn Stanfield	<u>1,800</u>
	\$ <u><u>12,600</u></u>

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**Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and
Other Payments to Agency Head**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Benjamin Pitts, Executive Director

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 152,615
Benefits	
Health insurance	33,203
Life insurance	70
Retirement	1,300
Vehicle provided by government	1,120
Other	
Vacation time cash-in	<u>6,663</u>
	<u>\$ 194,971</u>

REPORTS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*



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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**

**The Board of Commissioners
G. B. Cooley Hospital Service District
Monroe, 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 financial statements of the business-type activities of G. B. Cooley Hospital Service District (the Hospital), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Hospital's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 20, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

**The Board of Commissioners
G.B. Cooley Hospital Service District
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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Hospital'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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 Hospital'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 Hospital's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Woodard & Associates

(A Professional Accounting Corporation)
Monroe, Louisiana

December 20, 2024

REPORT REQUIRED BY THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

**To the Board of Commissioners of the G.B. Cooley Hospital Service District
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor**

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. **G.B. Cooley Hospital Service District's** (the Hospital's) management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Hospital has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in the LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Additionally, the LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
- i. **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - ii. **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.
 - iii. **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - iv. **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).
 - v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

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- vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- vii. **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- viii. **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase 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).
- ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi. **Information Technology 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.
- xii. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Result: The Hospital did not have written policies and procedures addressing the following areas:

- Payroll/Personnel: (3); Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity: (1) through (6); and Prevention of Sexual Harassment: (2) and (3).

2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and
 - i. Observe that the board/finance committee meets with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - ii. Observe whether the minutes referenced or included quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds.

Result: No exceptions were identified as a result of this procedure.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. Obtain a listing of entity 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

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select 4 additional accounts. Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain, and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

- i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date.
- ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
- iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date.

Result: One of the five selected bank reconciliations did not include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks reviewed the bank reconciliation. Management did not have documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- A. 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. Select all deposit sites.
- B. For each deposit site, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site, obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is also not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation to the deposit.
 - iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also 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; and
 - iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.
- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

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- iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location.
- v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Result: The Hospital does not maintain a receipt log, so it is unknown whether time held was one business day or less.

5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all locations.
- B. For each location obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties, and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase.
 - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and
 - v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
- C. For each location selected, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and
 - i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
 - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence of segregation of duties tested under #5B, as applicable.
- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy.

Result: No exceptions were identified as a result of this procedure.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

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- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card. Obtain supporting documentation, and
- i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder; and
 - ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

Result: No exceptions were identified as a result of this procedure.

7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected
- i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
 - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
 - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Result: No exceptions were identified as a result of this procedure.

8) Contracts

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and
- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law, if required by law.
 - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law;
 - iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms; and
 - iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Result: No exceptions were identified as a result of this procedure.

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9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
 - i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave.
 - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
 - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
 - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Result: There was no documentation showing supervisors' approval of attendance and leave for two of the five employees selected.

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from the Payroll and Personnel procedure, obtain ethics documentation from management, and
 - i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Result: Two of the five employees selected did not have documentation showing completion of ethics training.

11) Debt Service

- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants.

Result: No exceptions were identified as a result of this procedure.

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12) Fraud Notice

- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted on its premises and website the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Result: No exceptions were identified as a result of this procedure.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures,
 - i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
 - ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
 - iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.
- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees using the list of terminated employees obtained in the Payroll and Personnel procedure. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.
- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from the Payroll and Personnel procedure, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates the following:
 - If hired before June 9, 2020 – completed training
 - If hired on or after June 9, 2020 - completed training within 30 days of initial service or employment

Result: We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from the Payroll and Personnel procedure, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website.
- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
 - i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements.
 - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency.

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- iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred.
- iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- v. The amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Result: Two of the five employees selected did not have documentation of training completion. The Hospital did not have its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on their website, nor did they have an annual sexual harassment report.

Management's Response: We will update our policies and procedures as needed. We will ensure all bank reconciliations are signed by someone that does not handle cash, issue checks, or post ledgers and that items outstanding more than 12 months are reviewed and cleared. We will ensure that funds are deposited within one business day of receipt. We have new payroll software now which requires supervisor approval prior to processing payroll. We will ensure that ethics and sexual harassment training are completed and documented for all employees. We will ensure that our sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure is posted on our website, and we will ensure that annual sexual harassment reporting is completed. All exceptions are expected to be rectified in 2025.

We were engaged by the Hospital to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Hospital and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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