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| **SAMPLE HOSPITAL****INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORTS****BASIC FINANCIAL StatemenTSAND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION****SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTSJUNE 30, 2023** |

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|  | **Rob Sand****Auditor of State** |

Practitioners:

This sample report is presented by the Office of Auditor of State as required by Chapter 11.6 of the Code of Iowa. In developing this report, we have made every effort to ensure the highest professional standards have been followed while attempting to provide meaningful and useful information to the citizens, our ultimate client.

Audits of public hospitals should be performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and, if applicable, Title 2, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Additional guidance is provided in the Audit and Accounting Guide, Health Care Organizations, issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Sample Hospital is an example of a report for a hospital established under Chapter 347 of the Code of Iowa. This sample has been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The format shows the financial statements, required and supplementary information and Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs which are necessary to meet the requirements of this Office. The detail presented in the financial statements and supplementary information is the minimum breakdown that will be acceptable, subject, of course, to materiality considerations. If the auditor and the Hospital feel more detail is necessary to provide a fair presentation, this of course will be welcome. A sample such as this cannot present all situations. The auditor's professional judgment must be used in determining the additional information to be shown as well as the footnotes to be presented.

Hospitals with $750,000 or more of federal expenditures are required to receive a Single Audit in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. Any questions concerning Single Audit requirements should be directed to the Hospital’s cognizant or oversight agency.

In accordance with the Uniform Guidance, the reporting package and Data Collection Form shall be submitted to the central clearinghouse the earlier of 30 days after issuance of the audit report or 9 months after the reporting period. The Office of Management and Budget has designated the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census as the Single Audit Clearinghouse. The Data Collection Form and reporting package must be submitted using the Clearinghouse’s Internet Data Entry System at <https://harvester.census.gov/facweb/>. The system requires the reporting package be uploaded in a single PDF file. Both the auditee and auditor contacts receive automated emails from the Federal Audit Clearinghouse as verification of the submission.

Under Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission governing ongoing disclosure by municipalities to the bond markets, virtually any municipality which issues more than $1 million of securities per issue is subject to an ongoing filing responsibility. All continuing disclosure submissions must be provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) through its Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) system. In addition, submissions must be in an electronic format (text-searchable PDF), i.e., not scanned.

The findings on compliance, items 2023-A through 2023-G, detail those items which are to be commented on regardless of whether there are any instances of non-compliance or not. Any instances of non-compliance in other areas should also be reported.

We have also included a page for listing the staff actually performing the audit. Although we have found this page to be helpful, you are not required to use it.

As required by Chapter 11.14 of the Code of Iowa, the news media are to be notified of the issuance of the audit report by the CPA firm, unless the firm has made other arrangements with the Hospital for the notification. We have developed a standard news release to be used for this purpose. The news release (paper copy or electronic format) should be completed by the CPA firm or the Hospital and submitted to this Office with a **text-searchable** electronic copy of the audit report sent by the CPA firm. Report filing requirements are detailed on the attached listing. We will make the audit report and news release available to the news media in this Office.

In accordance with Chapter 11.6(7) of the Code of Iowa, this Office is to be notified immediately regarding any suspected embezzlement, theft or other significant financial irregularities.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to all CPA firms who are providing audit or other services to public hospitals. Together, we are able to provide a significant benefit to all taxpayers in the state.

 Rob Sand

 Auditor of State

**Report** – The Hospital or CPA firm is required to submit an electronic **text-searchable**, PDF copy of the audit report, including the management letter(s) if issued separately, with this Office upon release to the Hospital within nine months following the end of the fiscal year subject to audit.
Text-searchable files are required for the following reasons:

* The files created are much smaller in size than scanned-image files. Accordingly, text-searchable files require less storage space.
* Text-searchable files are required by the Census bureau when submitting Data Collection Forms and Single Audit reporting packages (i.e., consistent with Federal requirements).
* Text-searchable files provide transparency to the public.

**Per Diem Audit Billing and News Release** – A copy of the CPA firm's per diem audit billing, including total cost and hours, and a copy of the news release or media notification should also be submitted. These items can be submitted as either paper copies or electronic copies.

**Filing Fee** – The filing fee should be submitted based on the following designated budget strata:

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| Budgeted Expenditures in | Filing |
| Millions of Dollars | Fee Amount |
| Under 1 | $ 100  |
| At least 1 but less than 3 |  175  |
| At least 3 but less than 5 |  250  |
| At least 5 but less than 10 |  425  |
| At least 10 but less than 25 |  625  |
| 25 and over |  850  |

**Submission** – Electronic submission (text-searchable PDF) of the audit report, per diem audit billing and news release should be e-mailed to SubmitReports@AOS.iowa.gov.

If you are unable to e-mail the PDF files, you may mail a CD containing the files to this Office. You may direct any questions about submitting electronic files to the above e-mail address.

Notify the Hospital to remit filing fee to the following address:

Office of Auditor of State

State Capitol Building

Room 111

1007 East Grand Avenue

Des Moines, IA 50319-0001

1. GASB (GASBS) No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs), was not applicable to the Sample Hospital. Please review Sample County for the changes necessary for this standard.
2. The Sample Hospital may have a public-private and public-public partnership arrangement which requires reporting under GASB No. 94. The Sample Report was not modified to reflect this statement.

**Additional Notes**

1. Also attached are a sample Corrective Action Plan for Audit Findings (See **Sample A)** and a sample Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings (See **Sample B**). These are provided for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to match the findings shown in the sample entity nor are they required to be filed with this Office.
2. If the Hospital has deposits in credit unions at June 30, 2023, Note 2 should be modified to indicate whether the deposits were covered by federal depository insurance, collateralized with securities or letters of credit held by the Hospital or the Hospital’s agent in the Hospital’s name or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa.
3. Following is an example footnote for an early retirement or other benefit plan or policy which meets the definition of a “termination benefit” as defined by GASB Statement No. 47.

**Sample Note – Termination Benefits**

In September 2022, the Hospital approved a voluntary early retirement plan for employees. Eligible employees must have completed at least fifteen years of full-time service to the Hospital and must have reached the age of fifty-five on or before June 30, 2023. The application for early retirement was subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

Early retirement benefits are equal to 60% of the employee’s regular contractual salary in effect during the employee’s last year of employment, with a maximum retirement benefit of $30,000.

The policy requires early retirement benefits be paid in three equal annual installments beginning July 1, 2023.

At June 30, 2023, the Hospital has obligations to ten participants with a total liability of $171,285. Actual early retirement expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2023 totaled $125,534.

Sample Hospital
Corrective Action Plan
Year ended June 30, 2023

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| Comment Number | Comment Title | Corrective Action Plan | Contact Person,Title,Phone Number | AnticipatedDate ofCompletion |
| 2023-001 | Segregation of Duties | We have reviewed procedures and plan to make the necessary changes to improve internal control. | Tom Claim,Administrator,(515) YYY-XXXX | November 2, 2023 |
| 2023-002 | Financial Reporting | We will revise our current procedures to ensure the proper amounts are recorded in the financial statements in the future. | Joe Smith,Program Director,(515) YYY-XXXX | November 2, 2023 |
| 2023-003 | Unsupported Expenditures | We will revise our procedures so documentation (e.g., invoices and time cards) is maintained to support federal expenditures. We returned the $25,589 of questioned costs to the Iowa Economic Development Authority on November 3, 2023. | Tom Claim,Administrator,(515) YYY-XXXX | Documentation to support expenditures will be maintained effective immediately. The questioned costs were returned to the Iowa Economic Development Authority on November 3, 2023. |
| 2023-004 | Segregation of Duties over Federal Revenues | We have reviewed procedures and plan to make the necessary changes to improve internal control. Specifically, the custody, record-keeping and reconciling functions currently performed by the Deputy Treasurer will be separated and spread among the Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer and Clerk. | Julie Ledger,Treasurer,(515) YYY-XXXX | November 2, 2023 |
| 2023-005 | Financial Reporting | We have implemented an independent review process which requires review by the Program Director, effective immediately. In addition, beginning with the December 2023 quarterly report, we will submit federal financial reports within the required time frame. | Joe Smith,Program Director,(515) YYY-XXXX | Review procedures have been implemented. Timely report filing will begin with the quarter ending December 2023. |

**In accordance with Uniform Guidance Section 200.511(a), the Corrective Action Plan must include findings relating to the financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.**

Sample Hospital

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

Year ended June 30, 2023

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| CommentReference | Comment Title | Status | If not corrected, provide reason for finding’s recurrence and planned corrective action or other explanation |
| 2020-0012021-0012022-001 | Minority Business Enterprise/Women BusinessEnterprise (MBE/WBE) | No longer valid;does not warrant further action. | Over two years have passed since the reporting of this audit finding. The Grantor Agency has not followed up on this finding, nor has a management decision been issued on its part. |
| 2021-0022022-002 | Segregation of Duties over Federal Revenues | Not corrected. | Limited staff resulting from staff turnover. Plan to segregate duties for custody, recordkeeping and reconciling among staff when positions are filled. |
| 2021-0032022-003 | Capital Assets | Corrective action taken. |  |
| 2022-004 | Financial Reporting | Partially corrected. | Time was necessary to develop and implement review procedures.Timely report filing will begin with the quarter ending December 2023. |

**In accordance with Uniform Guidance Section 200.511(a), the Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings must also include findings relating to the financial statements which are required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.**

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Auditor of State Rob Sand today released an audit report on Sample Hospital, Anywhere, Iowa.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:**

The Hospital's revenues totaled $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the year ended June 30, 2023, a(n) \_\_\_\_ % increase (decrease) from the prior year. Expenses for Hospital operations for the year ended June 30, 2023 totaled $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_ % increase (decrease) from the prior year. The significant increase (decrease) in revenues and expenses is due primarily to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**AUDIT FINDINGS:**

Sand reported five findings related to the receipt and expenditure of taxpayer funds. They are found on pages 64 through 69 of this report. The findings address issues such as a lack of segregation of duties, material amounts of receivables, payables and capital asset additions not properly recorded in the Hospital’s financial statements and $15,195 of questionable expenses. Sand provided the Hospital with recommendations to address each of these findings.

Four of the five findings discussed above is repeated from the prior year. The Hospital Board of Trustees have a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the Hospital’s operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the “watchful and responsible care” a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

**(NOTE to CPAs: Include significant findings, including material weaknesses, significant non-compliance and all Federal findings. Auditor judgement should be used to determine which significant deficiencies reported under Government Auditing Standards, if any, should be included.)**

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State’s website at
[Audit Reports - Auditor of State](https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports).

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SAMPLE HOSPITAL
 **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

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**Sample Hospital**

**Officials**

 Term
Name Title Expires

Samuel Smith Chairperson Jan 2027

Frank Jones Vice-Chairperson Jan 2025

Frieda Friend Secretary/Treasurer Jan 2029

R. W. Jarvis Member Jan 2025

Verne Wilson Member Jan 2025

Arthur Johnson Member Jan 2027

J. Frank Smith Member Jan 2029

Adam Administration Administrator Indefinite

B.C. Accountant Chief Financial Officer Indefinite

Sample Hospital

Independent Auditor’s Report

To the Board of Trustees
 of Sample Hospital:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Sample Hospital, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related Notes to 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 respective financial position of Sample Hospital as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Sample Hospital, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe 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 Sample 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.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our 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 GAAS 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 judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

* Exercise professional judgement 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 Sample 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 judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Sample 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, the Budgetary Comparison Information, the Schedule of the Hospital’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, the Schedule of Hospital Contributions and the Schedule of Changes in the Hospital’s Total OPEB Liability, Related Ratios and Notes on pages 8 through 15 and 40 through 50 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, 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 opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Sample Hospital’s basic financial statements. The supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 8, including the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards required by Title 2, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is 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 GAAS. In our opinion, the supplementary information in Schedules 1 through 8 is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 21, 2023 on our consideration of Sample 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 Sample Hospital’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

 Ernest H. Ruben, Jr., CPA

 Deputy Auditor of State

October 21, 2023

MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Management of Sample Hospital provides this Management’s Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the Hospital’s financial statements, which follow.

**2023 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

* **(If the Hospital reported GASBS No. 96 SIBTAs add this paragraph.)** The Hospital implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement (GASBS) No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs), during fiscal year 2023. The implementation of this standard revised certain asset and liability accounts related to SBITAs, however had no effect on the beginning net position for governmental activities.
* The Hospital’s operating loss increased 1.6%, or approximately $12,000, from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023, primarily due to an increase in personnel costs.
* Net patient service revenue increased 10.9%, or approximately $173,000, from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023, primarily due to increased fees for hospital patients.
* Gifts and bequests increased 162.7%, or approximately $80,000, from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023, primarily due to an increase in restricted donations.
* The Hospital’s net position increased approximately $299,000 over the June 30, 2022 balance.

**2022 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

* The Hospital implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement (GASBS No. 87, Leases, during fiscal year 2022. The implementation of this standard revised certain asset and liability accounts related to leases, however, had no effect on the beginning net position.
* The Hospital’s operating loss decreased 22.8%, or approximately $232,000, from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022.
* Net patient service revenue increased 19.0%, or approximately $252,000, from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022, primarily due to increased fees for hospital patients.
* Operating expenses increased less than 1%, or approximately $20,000, from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022.
* Gifts and bequests decreased 59.7%, or approximately $73,000, from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022 due to a decrease in restricted donations.
* The Hospital’s net position increased approximately $175,000 over the June 30, 2021 balance.

**USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information, as follows:

Management’s Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the Hospital’s financial activities.

The basic financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position and a Statement of Cash Flows. These statements provide information about the activities of the Hospital on a comparative basis, including resources held by the Hospital but restricted for specific purposes by creditors, contributors, grantors or enabling legislation.

Notes to Financial Statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the Hospital’s budget for the year, the Hospital’s proportionate share of the net pension liability and related contributions, as well as presenting the Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability, Related Ratios and Notes.

Supplementary Information provides detailed information about the operations of the Hospital. In addition, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards provides details of various federal programs benefiting the Hospital.

**REPORTING THE HOSPITAL’S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

*The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position*

One of the most important questions asked about the Hospital’s finances is “Is the Hospital as a whole better or worse off as a result of the year’s activities?” The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position report information about the Hospital’s resources and its activities in a way which helps answer this question. These statements include all assets (restricted and unrestricted), deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year’s revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Hospital’s net position, which is the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources as one way to measure the Hospital’s financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Hospital’s net position are one indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating. Additional factors, such as changes in the Hospital’s patient base, changes in legislation and regulations, measures of the quantity and quality of services provided to its patients and local economic conditions, are also important in making this determination.

#### *The Statement of Cash Flows*

The Statement of Cash Flows reports cash receipts, cash payments and net changes in cash and cash equivalents resulting from four defined types of activities. It provides answers to such questions as where did cash come from, what was cash used for and what was the change in cash and cash equivalents during the reporting period.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE HOSPITAL

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. The Hospital’s net position increased approximately $299,000 from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023 and increased approximately $175,000 from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022.

Restricted nonexpendable net assets increased $72,000 from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023, primarily due to the increase of $75,100 in restricted donations. Restricted nonexpendable net assets increased $4,000 from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022.

Unrestricted net position increased $163,253 from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023, primarily due to an increase in net patient revenue netted with an increase in total OPEB liability. Unrestricted net position increased $144,315 from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022.

The following shows the changes in net position for the Hospital.

**Operating Losses**

The first component of the overall change in the Hospital’s net position is its operating loss, which is the sum of net patient service and other operating revenues reduced by the expenses incurred to perform those services. In each of the past three years, the Hospital has reported an operating loss. This is consistent with the Hospital’s recent operating history as the Hospital was formed and is operated primarily to serve residents of Sample Hospital and the surrounding area. The Hospital levies property tax to provide resources to enable the Hospital to serve lower income and other residents without the ability to pay for services received.

The operating loss for fiscal year 2023 increased $12,362, or 1.6%, compared to fiscal year 2022.

The primary components of the increased operating loss for fiscal year 2023 are:

* An increase in net patient service revenue of approximately $173,000, or 11.0%, due to increased fees for hospital patients.
* An increase in operating expenses of approximately $177,000, or 7.4%, as a result of personnel costs.

Non-operating revenues and expenses consist primarily of property tax, grants, gifts and bequests and investment income. Grants and investment income remained relatively constant in fiscal year 2023 as compared to fiscal year 2022, but gifts and bequests increased $79,900, or 162.7%, primarily due to an increase in restricted donations of $75,100 from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023.

The operating loss for fiscal year 2022 decreased $231,575, or 22.8%, compared to fiscal year 2021.

The primary component of the decreased operating loss for fiscal year 2022 was an increase in net patient service revenue of approximately $252,000, or 19.0%, as a result of increased fees for hospital services to patients.

Non-operating revenues and expenses consist primarily of property tax, grants, gifts and bequests and investment income. Investment income remained relatively constant in fiscal year 2022 as compared to fiscal year 2021. Gifts and bequests decreased $72,600, or 59.7%, primarily due to a decrease in restricted donations of $70,000 from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022. Grant income decreased $66,500, or 9.3%, in fiscal year 2022 compared to fiscal year 2021 due to reduced federal grants received from the Iowa Department of Public Health.

**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

#### Capital Assets

At June 30, 2023, the Hospital had $1,224,600 invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization, as detailed in Note 4 to the financial statements. In fiscal year 2023, the Hospital acquired or constructed capital assets costing $133,400, financed by funds designated by the Board of Trustees.

At June 30, 2022, the Hospital had $1,180,600 invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization, as detailed in Note 4 to the financial statements. The Hospital did not acquire any capital assets during fiscal year 2022.

**Long-Term Debt**

At June 30, 2023, the Hospital had outstanding revenue bonds and an equipment note totaling $690,000, as detailed in Note 6 to the financial statements. The Hospital issued no new debt in fiscal year 2023.

At June 30, 2022, the Hospital had outstanding revenue bonds and an equipment note totaling $711,000, as detailed in Note 6 to the financial statements. During fiscal year 2021, the Hospital entered into a $90,000 note for the purchase of equipment.

The Hospital’s formal debt issuances, revenue bonds, are subject to limitations imposed by state law. There have been no changes in the Hospital’s debt ratings during the past two years.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS**

Sample Hospital continued to improve its financial position during the current fiscal year. However, the current condition of the economy in the state continues to be a concern for Hospital officials. Some of the realities which may potentially become challenges for the Hospital to meet are:

* Drug costs will continue to increase.
* Facilities at the Hospital require constant maintenance and upkeep.
* Shortages of qualified employees.
* Potential changes in Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates.

The Hospital anticipates the current fiscal year will be much like the last and will maintain a close watch over resources to maintain the Hospital’s ability to react to unknown issues.

**CONTACTING THE HOSPITAL’S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our patients, suppliers, taxpayers and creditors with a general overview of the Hospital’s finances and to show the Hospital’s accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report and or need additional financial information, contact Hospital Business Administration, 201 Main Street, City of Anywhere, Iowa 50XXX-XXXX.

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* 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Sample Hospital is a County public hospital organized under Chapter 347 of the Code of Iowa which is governed by a seven member Board of Trustees elected for terms of six years.

The Hospital’s financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

1. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, Sample Hospital has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The Hospital has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Hospital are such that exclusion would cause the Hospital’s financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the Hospital to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Hospital. Sample Hospital has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

1. Basis of Presentation

The Statement of Net Position displays the Hospital’s nonfiduciary assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Net position is reported in the following categories:

*Net investment in capital assets* consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

*Restricted net position:*

*Nonexpendable* – Nonexpendable net position is subject to externally imposed stipulations which require them to be maintained permanently by the Hospital.

*Expendable* – Expendable net position results when constraints placed on net position use are either externally imposed or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted net position* consists of net position not meeting the definition of the preceding categories. Unrestricted net position is often subject to constraints imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

When both restricted and unrestricted net position is available for use, generally it is the Hospital’s policy to use restricted net position first.

1. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred.

1. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources 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.

1. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the statement of net position:

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments – The Hospital considers savings accounts and all other highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable – Accounts receivable are shown at the amount expected to be collected after determining the allowance for doubtful accounts based on an aging of all the individual patient balances.

Inventory – Inventory is valued at historical cost using the first-in, first-out method.

Restricted Assets – Restricted assets consist primarily of funds designated by the Board of Trustees for the improvement, replacement and expansion of capital assets. The Board retains control over these funds and may, at its discretion, subsequently use them for other purposes. Gifts and bequests whose use is restricted are also included in restricted assets.

Capital Assets – Capital assets are carried at cost (except for intangible right-to-use lease assets, the measurement of which is discussed under “Leases” below) of purchased or constructed. The costs of normal maintenance and repair that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Intangible assets follow the same capitalization policies as tangible capital assets and are reported with tangible assets in the appropriate capital asset class. Reportable capital assets are defined by the Hospital as assts with an initial, individual cost in excess of the following thresholds and estimate useful lives in excess of two years.

Land and construction in progress are not depreciated. The other tangible and intangible property, plant, equipment and right-to-use leased equipment are depreciation/amortization using primarily the straight-line method.

Leases – Hospital as Lessee: Sample Hospital is the lessee for a noncancellable lease of equipment. The Hospital has recognized a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset (lease asset) in the government-wide financial statements. The Hospital recognizes lease liabilities with an initial individual value of $5,000 or more.

At the commencement of a lease, the Hospital initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payment expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payment made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how Sample Hospital determines the discount rate is uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, lease term and lease payments.

Sample Hospital uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provide, the Hospital generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate a s the discount rate for leases.

The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and a purchase option price that the Hospital is reasonably certain to exercise.

The Hospital monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

**Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA) – Look at Sample County or Sample Community College report for language to report if Hospital has SBITAs – none reported in this sample.**

Deferred Outflows of Resources – Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position applicable to a future year(s) which will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. Deferred outflows of resources consist of unrecognized items not yet charged to pension and OPEB expense and contributions from the Hospital after the measurement date but before the end of the Hospital’s reporting period.

Pledges Receivable – Pledges, less a provision for uncollectible amounts, are recorded as a receivable in the year made.

Property Tax Receivable – Property tax receivable is recognized on the levy or lien date, which is the date the tax asking is certified by the County Board of Supervisors. Delinquent property tax receivable represents unpaid taxes for the current and prior years. The succeeding year property tax receivable represents taxes certified by the Board of Trustees to be collected in the next fiscal year for the purposes set out in the budget for the next fiscal year. By statute, the Board of Trustees is required to certify the budget in March of each year for the subsequent fiscal year. However, by statute, the tax asking and budget certification for the following fiscal year becomes effective on the first day of that year. Although the succeeding year property tax receivable has been recorded, the related revenue is reported as a deferred inflow of resources and will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied.

Investments – Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the reported sales price and current exchange rates at June 30, 2023.

Pensions – For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Iowa Public Employees’ Retirement System (IPERS) and additions to/deductions from IPERS’ fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by IPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions, are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Total OPEB Liability – For purposes of measuring the total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB and OPEB expense, information has been determined based on the Sample Hospital’s actuary report. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

Deferred Inflows of Resources – Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position applicable to a future year(s) which will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Deferred inflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position consists of succeeding year property tax receivable that will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied, the unrecognized items not yet charged to pension expense and the unamortized portion of the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan assets.

1. Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

For purposes of display, transactions deemed by management to be ongoing, major or central to the provision of health care services are reported as operating revenues and expenses. Property tax levied to finance the current year is included as non-operating revenues and peripheral or incidental transactions are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

1. Net Patient Service Revenue

Patient service revenue is reported at the estimated net realizable amounts from patients, third-party payers and others for services rendered, including estimated retroactive adjustments under reimbursement agreements with third-party payers and a provision for uncollectable accounts. 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.

1. Charity Care

The Hospital provides care to patients who meet certain criteria under its charity care policy without charge or at amounts less than its established rates. Revenue from services to these patients is automatically recorded in the accounting system at the established rates, but the Hospital does not pursue collection of the amounts. The resulting adjustments are recorded as bad debts or adjustments to patient service revenue, depending on the timing of the charity determination.

* 1. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

The Hospital’s deposits in banks at June 30, 2023 and 2022 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to ensure there will be no loss of public funds.

The Hospital is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Trustees; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts, and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

At June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, the Hospital had the following investments:

The Hospital uses the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles 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.

The recurring fair value measurements for the U.S. Treasury Bonds was determined using the last sales price at current exchange rates. (Level 1 inputs)

Interest rate risk – The Hospital’s investment policy limits the investment of operating funds (funds expected to be expended in the current budget year or within 15 months of receipt) to instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in investments with maturities longer than 397 days, but the maturities shall be consistent with the needs and use of the Hospital.

* 1. Estimated Amounts Due From and Due to Contracting Agencies

The Hospital has entered into reimbursement agreements with the Social Security Administration and Hospital Service, Inc. of Iowa for services rendered to Medicare, Medicaid and Wellmark patients. The reimbursements are based on the costs of caring for these patients as determined by cost findings prepared annually. However, reimbursements cannot exceed the charges for the patient service. Medicare and Medicaid allow any excess of cost over charges to be carried forward and recovered in the subsequent two years. Recovery is limited to the extent the cost finding for either year shows an excess of charges over costs.

Under the reimbursement agreements, interim payments at prevailing rates have been made to the Hospital during the year. The annual cost findings indicated the agencies owed the Hospital approximately $50,000 at June 30, 2023. At June 30, 2022, the Hospital owed the agencies approximately $3,500. A carry-over resulting from an excess of cost over charges of approximately $46,500 will expire June 30, 2023.

* 1. Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 was as follows:

* 1. Construction Commitment

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Hospital entered into a construction contract totaling approximately $85,000 to remodel existing laboratory facilities. At June 30, 2023, $23,700 of the project had been completed. Financing for the new construction is being provided by funds designated by the Board of Trustees.

* 1. Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

The bonds payable are revenue bonds issued under the provisions of Chapter 331.461 of the Code of Iowa and, as such, the Hospital has pledged future revenues, net of specified operating expenses, to repay the bonds. The bonds were issued in 2017 and the proceeds provided financing for building improvements. The bonds are payable solely from revenue from operations of the Hospital and are payable through 2043. During the year ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, the Hospital paid principal of $21,000 and $15,000, respectively, and interest of $33,275 and $34.100, respectively, on the bonds.

Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require less than 17% of the change in net position. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is $1,035,527. For the current year, principal and interest paid and the change in net position (plus depreciation expense) were $55,000 and $382,753, respectively. The details of the Hospital's bonded indebtedness are as follows:

The Hospital has reserved the right to call any of these bonds prior to maturity on or after November 1, 2025.

Direct borrowings and direct placements – Note Payable

On June 28, 2022, the Hospital borrowed $90,000 from the Sample Bank to secure equipment purchased. The loan bears interest at 7.5% per annum and matures on June 30, 2033.

The Hospital’s bank loan is secured by the equipment purchased and must be returned if the bank loan is not paid.

A summary of the annual direct borrowings and direct placements principal and interest requirements to maturity by year is as follows:

Right-To-Use Lease Agreements

The Hospital has entered into various agreements to lease laboratory and pharmacy equipment. The lease terms are primarily between 5 and 6 years. The lease terms began in various dates ranging from January 1, 2019 through June 1, 2023 expire between January 1, 2024 and June 30, 2029. The agreements require monthly payments over 5 to 6 years with an implicit interest rate of 5.5%. During the year ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, principal and interest paid were $42,810 and $7,990 for FY2023 and $40,578 and $10,222 for fiscal year 2022.

Future principal and interest lease payments as of June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 are as follows:

* 1. Pension Plan

Plan Description – IPERS membership is mandatory for employees of the Hospital, except for those covered by another retirement system. Employees of the Hospital are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Iowa Public Employees’ Retirement System (IPERS). IPERS issues a stand-alone financial report which is available to the public by mail at PO Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117 or at www.ipers.org.

IPERS benefits are established under Iowa Code Chapter 97B and the administrative rules thereunder. Chapter 97B and the administrative rules are the official plan documents. The following brief description is provided for general informational purposes only. Refer to the plan documents for more information.

Pension Benefits – A Regular member may retire at normal retirement age and receive monthly benefits without an early-retirement reduction. Normal retirement age is age 65, any time after reaching age 62 with 20 or more years of covered employment or when the member’s years of service plus the member’s age at the last birthday equals or exceeds 88, whichever comes first. These qualifications must be met on the member’s first month of entitlement to benefits. Members cannot begin receiving retirement benefits before age 55. The formula used to calculate a Regular member’s monthly IPERS benefit includes:

* A multiplier based on years of service.
* The member’s highest five-year average salary, except members with service before June 30, 2012 will use the highest three-year average salary as of that date if it is greater than the highest five-year average salary.

Protection occupation members may retire at normal retirement age, which is generally at age 55. The formula used to calculate a protection occupation member’s monthly IPERS benefit includes:

* 60% of average salary after completion of 22 years of service, plus an additional 1.5% of average salary for years of service greater than 22 but not more than 30 years of service.
* The member’s highest three-year average salary.

If a member retires before normal retirement age, the member’s monthly retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by an early-retirement reduction. The early-retirement reduction is calculated differently for service earned before and after July 1, 2012. For service earned before July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.25% for each month the member receives benefits before the member’s earliest normal retirement age. For service earned on or after July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.50% for each month the member receives benefits before age 65.

Generally, once a member selects a benefit option, a monthly benefit is calculated and remains the same for the rest of the member’s lifetime. However, to combat the effects of inflation, retirees who began receiving benefits prior to July 1990 receive a guaranteed dividend with their regular November benefit payments.

Disability and Death Benefits – A vested member who is awarded federal Social Security disability or Railroad Retirement disability benefits is eligible to claim IPERS benefits regardless of age. Disability benefits are not reduced for early retirement. If a member dies before retirement, the member’s beneficiary will receive a lifetime annuity or a lump-sum payment equal to the present actuarial value of the member’s accrued benefit or calculated with a set formula, whichever is greater. When a member dies after retirement, death benefits depend on the benefit option the member selected at retirement.

Contributions – Contribution rates are established by IPERS following the annual actuarial valuation which applies IPERS’ Contribution Rate Funding Policy and Actuarial Amortization Method. State statute limits the amount rates can increase or decrease each year to 1 percentage point. IPERS Contribution Rate Funding Policy requires the actuarial contribution rate be determined using the “entry age normal” actuarial cost method and the actuarial assumptions and methods approved by the IPERS Investment Board. The actuarial contribution rate covers normal cost plus the unfunded actuarial liability payment based on a 30-year amortization period. The payment to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability is determined as a level percentage of payroll based on the Actuarial Amortization Method adopted by the Investment Board.

In fiscal years 2023 and 2022, pursuant to the required rate, Regular members contributed 6.29% and 6.29%, respectively, of covered payroll and the Hospital contributed 9.44% and 9.44%, respectively, of covered payroll for a total rate of 15.73% and 15.73%, respectively. Protective occupation members contributed 6.21% and 6.21%, respectively, of covered payroll and the Hospital contributed 9.31% and 9.31%, respectively, of covered payroll, for a total rate of 15.52% and 15.52%, respectively.

The Hospital’s contributions to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 were $394,260 and $389,450, respectively.

Net Pension Liability, Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – At June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, the Hospital reported a liability of $2,789,964 and $2,197,773, respectively, for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021, respectively, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Hospital’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Hospital’s share of contributions to IPERS relative to the contributions of all IPERS participating employers. At June 30, 2022, the Hospital’s proportion was .058546%, which was a decrease of .000005% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the years ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, the Hospital recognized pension expense of $265,385 and $257,300, respectively. The Hospital reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions of $394,260 and $389,450 represent the amount the Hospital contributed subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the years ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2023, respectively. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

There were no non-employer contributing entities to IPERS.

ActuarialAssumptions – The total pension liability in the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of a quadrennial experience study covering the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021.

Mortality rates used in the 2022 valuation were based on the PubG-2010 mortality tables with mortality improvements modeled using Scale MP-2021.

The long-term expected rate of return on IPERS’ investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed employee contributions will be made at the contractually required rate and contributions from the Hospital will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, IPERS’ fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on IPERS’ investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Hospital’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the Hospital’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Hospital’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate 1% lower (6.00%) or 1% higher (8.00%) than the current rate.

IPERS’ Fiduciary Net Position – Detailed information about IPERS’ fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued IPERS financial report which is available on IPERS’ website at www.ipers.org.

Payables to IPERS – At June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, the Hospital reported payables to IPERS of $29,833 and $26,532, respectively, for legally required Hospital contributions and $19,878 and $18,742, respectively, for legally required employee contributions withheld from employee wages which had not yet been remitted to IPERS.

* 1. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Plan Description – The Hospital administers a single-employer benefit plan which provides medical and prescription drug benefits for employees, retirees and their spouses. Group insurance benefits are established under Iowa Code Chapter 509A.13. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

OPEB Benefits – Individuals who are employed by Sample Hospital and are eligible to participate in the group health plan are eligible to continue healthcare benefits upon retirement. Retirees under age 65 pay the same premium for the medical and prescription drug benefits as active employees, which results in an implicit rate subsidy and an OPEB liability.

Retired participants must be age 55 or older at retirement. The following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Total OPEB Liability – The Hospital’s total OPEB liability of $324,732 and $246,900 was measured as of June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, respectively, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

ActuarialAssumptions – The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and the entry age normal actuarial cost method, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 4.09% which reflects the index rate for 20-year tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher as of the measurement date.

Mortality rates are from the SOA Public Plan 2010 tables. Annual retirement probabilities are based on varying rates by age and turnover probabilities mirror those used by IPERS.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Changes of assumptions reflect a change in the discount rate from 2.66% in fiscal year 2021 to 2.19% in fiscal year 2022 and 4.09% in fiscal year 2023.

Sensitivity of the Hospital’s Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Hospital, as well as what the Hospital’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower (3.09%) or 1% higher (5.09%) than the current discount rate.

Sensitivity of the Hospital’s Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Hospital, as well as what the Hospital’s total OPEB liability would be it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1% lower (6.50%) or 1% higher (8.50%) than the current healthcare cost trend rates.

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to OPEB – For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Hospital recognized OPEB expense of $31,710. At June 30, 2023, the Hospital reported deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB from the following resources:

The amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized as OPEB expense as follows:

* 1. Contingent Liability

The Hospital has been named a co-defendant in a malpractice suit relating to care provided to a patient in May 2023. The total amount of the suit, $5,100,000, exceeds the applicable insurance coverage of the Hospital. The action is in its early stages and may ultimately be tried before a jury. Legal counsel is unable to evaluate the eventual outcome of the suit. Since the amount of the contingency arising from the claim cannot be reasonably estimated, no provision has been made.

* 1. Risk Management

Sample Hospital is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions, injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. The Hospital assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past three years.

* 1. Deferred Compensation Plan

The Hospital offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457 for employees. The 457 Plan, available to all Hospital employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to those amounts, property, or rights must be held in trust of the exclusive benefit of plan participants and beneficiaries. These funds are invested and held by the ABC Retirement Corporation and do not constitute a liability of the Hospital.

Required Supplementary Information

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

Budget and Actual (Cash Basis)

Required Supplementary Information

Year ended June 30, 2023

This budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary prospective differences resulting from Sample Hospital preparing a budget on the cash basis of accounting.

The Board of Trustees annually prepares and adopts a budget designating the amount necessary for the improvement and maintenance of the Hospital on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing in accordance with Chapters 24 and 347 of the Code of Iowa. The Board of Trustees certifies the approved budget to the appropriate County Auditor. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. Formal and legal budgetary control is based on total expenditures.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Hospital’s disbursements did not exceed the amount budgeted.

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Schedule of the Hospital’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

Iowa Public Employees’ Retirement System
For the Last Nine Years\*
(In Thousands)

Required Supplementary Information



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Schedule of Hospital Contributions

Iowa Public Employees’ Retirement System
For the Last Ten Years
(In Thousands)

Required Supplementary Information



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*Changes of benefit terms:*

There were no significant changes in benefit terms.

*Changes of assumptions*:

The 2022 valuation incorporated the following refinements after a quadrennial experience study:

* Changed mortality assumptions to the PubG-2010 mortality tables with mortality improvements modeled using Scale MP-2021.
* Adjusted retirement rates for Regular members.
* Lowered disability rates for Regular members.
* Adjusted termination rates for all membership groups.

The 2018 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a demographic assumption study dated June 28, 2018:

* Changed mortality assumptions to the RP-2014 mortality tables with mortality improvements modeled using Scale MP-2017.
* Adjusted retirement rates.
* Lowered disability rates.
* Adjusted the probability of a vested Regular member electing to receive a deferred benefit.
* Adjusted the merit component of the salary increase assumption.

The 2017 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of an experience study dated March 24, 2017:

* Decreased the inflation assumption from 3.00% to 2.60%.
* Decreased the assumed rate of interest on member accounts from 3.75% to 3.50% per year.
* Decreased the discount rate from 7.50% to 7.00%.
* Decreased the wage growth assumption from 4.00% to 3.25%.
* Decreased the payroll growth assumption from 4.00% to 3.25%.

The 2014 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

* Decreased the inflation assumption from 3.25% to 3.00%.
* Decreased the assumed rate of interest on member accounts from 4.00% to 3.75% per year.
* Adjusted male mortality rates for retirees in the Regular membership group.
* Reduced retirement rates for sheriffs and deputies between the ages of 55 and 64.
* Moved from an open 30-year amortization period to a closed 30-year amortization period for the UAL (unfunded actuarial liability) beginning June 30, 2017. Each year thereafter, changes in the UAL from plan experience will be amortized on a separate closed 20-year period.

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Schedule of Changes in the Hospital’s

Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

For the Last Six Years

Required Supplementary Information

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Notes to Required Supplemental Information –

OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

For the Last Six Years

**Notes to Schedule of Changes in the Hospital’s Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios**

*Changes in benefit terms:*

There were no significant changes in benefit terms.

*Changes in assumptions:*

The 2023 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a new actuarial opinion dated June 30, 2023:

* Changed mortality assumptions to the SOA Public Plan 2010 tables.

Changes in assumptions and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate each period. The following are the discount rates used in each period.

Year ended June 30, 2023 4.09%

Year ended June 30, 2022 2.19%

Year ended June 30, 2021 2.66%

Year ended June 30, 2020 3.51%

Year ended June 30, 2019 3.58%

Year ended June 30, 2018 4.50%
Year ended June 30, 2017 4.25%

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

Supplementary Information

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Patient Service Revenue

Years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

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Adjustments to Patient Service Revenue/Other Operating Revenues

Years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Sample Hospital

Nursing Service Expenses

Years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Sample Hospital

Nursing Service Expenses

Years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Sample Hospital

Other Professional Service Expenses

Years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Sample Hospital

Other Professional Service Expenses

Years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Sample Hospital

General Service Expenses

Years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Sample Hospital

Fiscal and Administrative Service Expenses

Years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

Sample Hospital

Patient Receivables and Allowance
for Doubtful Accounts

June 30, 2023 and 2022

Sample Hospital

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2023

**Basis of Presentation** – The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Sample Hospital under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Sample Hospital, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in financial position or cash flows of Sample Hospital.

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** – Expenditures reported in the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

**Indirect Cost Rate** – Sample Hospital has elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

**Sample Hospital**

Independent Auditor's 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 Trustees
of Sample Hospital:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Sample Hospital as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related Notes to Financial Statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 21, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Sample 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 Sample Hospital’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Sample 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. **(Use for** **Note 1, Note 2, Note 3)**

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 Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies. **(Note 4 only)**

**(Use this paragraph rather than preceding paragraph for Note 1)** 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.

**(Use this paragraph rather than preceding two paragraphs for Note 2, Note 3)** 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. **Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. (add bold for Note 2 only)** We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2023-0X1 through 2023-0X2 that we consider to be significant deficiencies. (**delete “significant deficiencies” add “material weaknesses.” for Note 3)**

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. We consider the deficiencies described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2023-001 and 2023-002 to be material weaknesses. **(Use this for Note 4 only)**

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. We consider the deficiencies described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2023-003 to be a significant deficiency. **(Use this for Note 4 only)**

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Sample 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 which are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters which are described in Part IV of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Hospital’s operations for the year ended June 30, 2023 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the Hospital. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

Sample Hospital’s Responses to Findings

Government Auditing Standards require the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Sample Hospital’s responses to the findings identified in our compliance audit and described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Sample Hospital’s responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

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.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of Sample Hospital during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

 Ernest H. Ruben, Jr., CPA

 Deputy Auditor of State

October 21, 2023

 **Note 1: No material weaknesses and no significant deficiencies.**

**Note 2: No material weaknesses but significant deficiencies exist.**

**Note 3: Material weaknesses exist but no significant deficiencies.**

**Note 4: Both material weaknesses and significant deficiencies exist.**

Independent Auditor’s Report on Compliance

for Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control over Compliance

Required by the Uniform Guidance

To the Board of Trustees
 of Sample Hospital:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on each Major Federal Program

We have audited Sample Hospital’s compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on Sample Hospital’s major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2023. Sample Hospital’s major federal program is identified in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, Sample Hospital complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

**Other Matters (Use next 2 paragraphs if noncompliance exists.)** The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item 2023-XXX. Our opinion on the major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Sample Hospital’s response to the noncompliance finding identified in our audit described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Sample County’s response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

**Omit the preceding paragraphs in the “Other Matters” if no instances of noncompliance exist.**

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

**(Use this paragraph for Note 1 only)** A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

**(Replace preceding paragraph with this paragraph for Note 2**) Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. **We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. (delete bold words if Note 3 or Note 4) However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be significant deficiencies. (Note 3 and Note 4 – replace bolded words with**  “**However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses *and significant deficiencies*.”)** **(Note 4 add italics words)**

**(Note 2, Note 3 and Note 4 add this paragraph)** A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. **A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. (Note 4 - delete bold words)** We consider thedeficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2023-004, to be **significant deficiencies** **(Note 3 and 4 replace bolded words with “material weaknesses”).**

**(Note 4 add paragraph)** A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2023-0X1 and 2023-0X2, to be significant deficiencies.

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

Government Auditing Standards require the auditor to perform limited procedures on Sample Hospital’s response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our audit described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Sample Hospital’s response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response. **(omit paragraph for Note 1)**

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

 Ernest H. Ruben, Jr., CPA

 Deputy Auditor of State

October 21, 2023

**Note 1: No material weaknesses and no significant deficiencies exist.**

**Note 2: No material weaknesses but significant deficiencies exist.**

**Note 3: Material weakness but no significant deficiencies exist.**

**Note 4: Material weaknesses and significant deficiencies exist.**

#### Part I: Summary of the Independent Auditor’s Results:

(a) An unmodified opinion was issued on the financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

(b) A significant deficiency and material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements.

(c) The audit did not disclose any non-compliance which is material to the financial statements.

(d) A material weakness in internal control over the major program was disclosed by the audit of the financial statements.

(e) An unmodified opinion was issued on compliance with requirements applicable to the major program.

(f) The audit disclosed an audit finding which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, Section 200.516.

(g) The major program was Assistance Listing Number 10.557 – WIC Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

(h) The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs was $750,000.

(i) Sample Hospital did not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

**Part II: Findings Related to the Financial Statements:**

##### INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES:

2023-001 Segregation of Duties

Criteria – Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control. A good system of internal control provides for adequate segregation of duties so no one individual handles a transaction from its inception to completion. In order to maintain proper internal control, duties should be segregated so the authorization, custody and recording of transactions are not under the control of the same employee. This segregation of duties helps prevent losses from employee error or dishonesty and maximizes the accuracy of the Hospital’s financial statements.

Condition – Cash receipts are issued, and bank deposits are prepared by the same person. An independent person does not open the mail and prepare an initial listing of the checks received and later compare the listing to the receipts issued.

Cause – The Hospital has a limited number of employees and procedures have not been designed to adequately segregate duties or provide compensating controls through additional oversight of transactions and processes.

Effect – Inadequate segregation of duties could adversely affect the Hospital’s ability to prevent or detect and correct misstatements, errors or misappropriation on a timely basis by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Recommendation – We realize segregation of duties is difficult with a limited number of office employees. However, the Hospital should review its procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances, utilizing currently available staff to provide additional control through review of financial transactions, reconciliations and reports. These independent reviews should be documented by the signature or initials of the reviewer and the date of the review.

Response and Corrective Action Planned – We will continue to review our procedures and implement additional controls where possible.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

2023-002 Financial Reporting

Criteria – A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting 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 of the financial statements on a timely basis. Properly designed policies and procedures and implementation of the policies and procedures are an integral part of ensuring the reliability and accuracy of the Hospital’s financial statements.

Condition – Material amounts of receivables, payables and capital asset additions were not recorded in the Hospital’s financial statements. Adjustments were subsequently made by the Hospital to properly include these amounts in the financial statements.

Cause – Hospital policies do not require, and procedures have not been established to require independent review of year end cut-off transactions to ensure the Hospital’s financial statements are accurate and reliable.

Effect – Lack of policies and procedures resulted in Hospital employees not detecting the errors in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. As a result, material adjustments to the Hospital’s financial statements were necessary.

Recommendation – The Hospital should implement procedures to ensure all receivables, payables and capital asset additions are identified and included in the Hospital’s financial statements.

Response – We will double check these in the future to avoid missing any receivables, payables or capital asset transactions.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

2023-003 Disbursement Approval

Criteria – An effective internal control system provides for internal controls related to ensuring proper accounting for disbursements. Internal controls over safeguarding assets constitute a process, effected by an entity’s governing body, management and other personnel designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized transactions and safeguarding assets from error or misappropriation.

Condition – Two disbursements tested had no evidence of approval.

Cause – The Hospital has not implemented procedures to ensure all claims are properly approved.

Effect – Lack of proper approval could result in unauthorized or improper transactions and the opportunity for misappropriation.

Recommendation – The Hospital should ensure all expenditures are properly approved.

Response – We will ensure all expenditures are properly approved.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

##### INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were noted.

**Part III: Findings and Questioned Costs For Federal Awards:**

**INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:**

No matters were noted.

**INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCY:**

Assistance Listing Number 10.557: Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for

 Women, Infants, and Children

**Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number: 5882A100 and 5883A100**

###### Federal Award Year: 2022 and 2023

**Prior Year Finding Number: 2022-004**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**

**Passed through the Iowa Department of Public Health**

2023-004 Segregation of Duties – The Hospital did not properly segregate collecting, depositing and posting functions for revenues, including those related to federal programs. See item 2023-001

**Part IV: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:**

2023-A Certified Budget – Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2022 did not exceed the amount budgeted.

2023-B Questionable Expenses – In accordance with Article III, Section 31, of the Iowa Constitution and an Attorney General opinion dated April 25, 1979, public funds may only be spent for public benefit. Certain expenses were noted which we believe may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in the Attorney General's opinion since the public benefits to be derived have not been clearly documented were noted. The majority of these expenses were coded to the Administration Account. These expenses are detailed as follows:

 According to the opinion, it is possible for certain expenses to meet the test of serving a public purpose under certain circumstances, although such expenses will certainly be subject to a deserved close scrutiny. The line to be drawn between a proper and an improper purpose is very thin.

 The gift certificates for employees noted above were not accounted for through the regular payroll system and, therefore, the appropriate federal and state taxes were not withheld and the appropriate employer’s share of FICA and IPERS was not paid.

 Recommendation – The Board of Trustees should thoroughly consider and document the public purpose and propriety of these expenses or, if appropriate, request reimbursement. If the practice is continued, the Hospital should establish written policies and procedures, including requirements for proper public purpose documentation. Expenses of this nature, if allowed in the future, should be clearly identified in the accounting records.

 Response – We will establish written policies, including appropriate taxation, and document the public purpose in the future.

 Conclusion – Response accepted.

2023-C Travel Expense – No expenditures of Hospital money for travel expenses of spouses of Hospital officials and/or employees were noted.

2023-D Business Transactions – Business transactions between the Hospital and Hospital officials are detailed as follows:

 This does not appear to be a voidable conflict of interest pursuant to Chapter 347.9A(2)(a) of the Code of Iowa which permits a direct interest of less than or equal to $1,500 of transactions between a Hospital Trustee or a Hospital Trustee’s spouse and the Hospital.

2023-E Restricted Donor Activity – No transactions were noted between the Hospital, Hospital officials, Hospital employees and restricted donors in compliance with Chapter 68B of the Code of Iowa.

2023-F Board Minutes – No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Board minutes but were not.

2023-G Deposits and Investments – No instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapters 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Hospital’s investment policy were noted.

2023-H Publication of Bills Allowed and Salaries – Chapter 347.13(11) of the Code of Iowa states, “There shall be published quarterly in each of the official newspapers of the county as selected by the board of supervisors pursuant to section 349.1 the schedule of bills allowed and there shall be published annually in such newspapers the schedule of salaries paid by job classification and category...”. The Hospital did not publish a schedule of bills allowed or a schedule of salaries paid as required by the Code of Iowa.

 Recommendation – The Hospital should publish the schedule of bills allowed and salaries by job classification in accordance with Chapter 347.13(11) of the Code of Iowa and a Supreme Court decision dated September 18, 1996.

 Response – The Hospital will comply with the publishing requirements set forth in Chapter 347.13(11) of the Code of Iowa and the Supreme Court Case dated September 18, 1996.

 Conclusion – Response accepted.

This audit was performed by:

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