

DUPAGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

A Blended Component Unit of
DuPage County, Illinois

COMMUNICATION TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE
AND MANAGEMENT

As of and for the Year Ended November 30, 2018

DUPAGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ILLINOIS

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REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS BY THE AUDITOR TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE



To the Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Health
DuPage County Health Department
Wheaton, Illinois

Thank you for using Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP as your auditor.

We have completed our audit of the financial statements of the DuPage County Health Department (Department) for the year ended November 30, 2018 and have issued our report thereon dated April 30, 2019. This letter presents communications required by our professional standards.

Our Responsibility Under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America, Government Auditing Standards and The Uniform Guidance

The objective of a financial statement audit is the expression of an opinion on the financial statements. We conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, and OMB's *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). These standards require that we plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are free of material misstatement, whether caused by error or fraud. Our audit included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit does not relieve management or the Board of their responsibilities.

We considered the Department's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control over financial reporting. We also considered internal control over compliance with types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for a major federal program 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 internal control over compliance.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Department's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit. Also, in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, we examined, on a test basis, evidence about the Department's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of your major federal programs for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the Department's compliance with those requirements. While our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance, it does not provide a legal determination on the Department's compliance with those requirements.

We have issued a separate document which contains the results of our audit procedures to comply with Uniform Guidance.

OTHER INFORMATION IN DOCUMENTS CONTAINING AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our responsibility does not extend beyond the audited financial statements identified in this report. We do not have any obligation to and have not performed any procedures to corroborate other information contained in client prepared documents, such as official statements related to debt issues.

PLANNED SCOPE AND TIMING OF THE AUDIT

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our communication dated April 30, 2018.

QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF THE ENTITY'S SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

Accounting Policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Department are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described in Note 1, the Department changed accounting policies related to reporting the other post-employment benefit liability by adopting GASB Statement No. 75 in 2018. Accordingly, the accounting change has been retrospectively applied to the prior period presented.

We noted no transactions entered into by the Department during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements were:

- > Allowances on patient accounts receivable balances are estimated based on management judgment, past reimbursement history, contracts with third party payors or rates established by government payors, as applicable.
- > Depreciation expense
- > Net IMRF pension liability
- > Total other postemployment benefit liability

Financial Statement Disclosures

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing our audit.

CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management.

A summary of uncorrected financial statement misstatements follows this required communication.

DuPage County Health Department
Wheaton, Illinois

QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF THE ENTITY'S SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRACTICES (cont.)

Management has determined that their effects are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter. This letter follows this required communication.

INDEPENDENCE

We are not aware of any relationships between Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP and the Department that, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence.

Relating to our audit of the financial statements for the year ended November 30, 2018, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP hereby confirms that we are, in our professional judgment, independent with respect to the Department in accordance with the Code of Professional Conduct issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We provided no services to the Department other than audit services provided in connection with the audit of the current year's financial statements and nonaudit services which in our judgment do not impair our independence:

- > Financial statement preparation
- > SEFA preparation
- > Adjusting journal entries
- > Preparation of the auditee section of the Data Collection Form

None of these nonaudit services constitute an audit under generally accepted auditing standards, including *Government Auditing Standards*.

OTHER AUDIT FINDINGS OR ISSUES

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Department's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

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Wheaton, Illinois

OTHER MATTERS

With respect to the required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements, we applied certain limited procedures to the RSI consisting of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

RESTRICTION ON USE

This information is intended solely for the use of the DuPage County Health Board and management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss the information included in this letter and any other matters. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP

Oak Brook, Illinois
April 30, 2019

MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS

April 30, 2019

Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP
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Oak Brook, IL 60523

Dear Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP:

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the DuPage County Health Department as of November 30, 2018 and for the year then ended for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the DuPage County Health Department and the respective changes in financial position in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the previously mentioned financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We are also responsible for adopting sound accounting policies, establishing and maintaining internal control over financial reporting, and preventing and detecting fraud.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made to you during your audit.

Financial Statements

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter.
2. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have engaged you to advise us in fulfilling that responsibility. The financial statements include all properly classified funds of the primary government and all component units required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to be included in the financial reporting entity.

3. We acknowledge our responsibility 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.
4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
5. Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, if any, are reasonable.
6. Related party relationships and transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
7. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed. No other events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements or in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.
8. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
9. We believe the effects of the uncorrected financial statement misstatements summarized in the attached schedule are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the basic financial statements as a whole. In addition, you have recommended adjusting journal entries, and we are in agreement with those adjustments.
10. The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Information Provided

11. We have provided you with:
 - a. Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as financial records and related data, documentation, and other matters and all audit or relevant monitoring reports, if any, received from funding sources.
 - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - d. Minutes of the meetings of Board of Health or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
12. We have not completed an assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
13. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:

a. Management,

b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or

c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.

14. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity received in communications from employees, former employees, regulators, or others.

15. We have no knowledge of known instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.

16. There are no known related parties or related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

Other

17. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.

18. We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.

19. We have identified to you any previous financial audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.

20. We have provided our views on reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as our planned corrective actions, for our report.

21. The DuPage County Health Department has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or equity.

22. We are responsible for compliance with federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits, debt contracts, and IRS arbitrage regulations; and we have identified and disclosed to you all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.

23. There are no:

a. Violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, federal, state, and local laws or regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance, except those already disclosed in the financial statement, if any.

b. Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

c. Nonspendable, restricted, committed, or assigned fund balances that were not properly authorized and approved.

d. Rates being charged to customers other than the rates as authorized by the applicable authoritative body.

24. In regards to the nonattest services performed by you listed below, we have 1) accepted all management responsibility; 2) designated an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services; 3) evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed, and 4) accepted responsibility for the results of the services.

a. Financial statement preparation

b. Adjusting journal entries

c. Preparation of auditee sections of the data collection form

d. SEFA preparation

None of these nonattest services constitute an audit under generally accepted auditing standards, including Government Auditing Standards.

25. The DuPage County Health Department has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.

26. The DuPage County Health Department has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statement in the event of noncompliance.

27. The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities.

28. All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB Statement No. 34 and No. 37 for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.

29. Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) and components of fund balance (nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.

30. The DuPage County Health Department has no derivative financial instruments such as contracts that could be assigned to someone else or net settled, interest rate swaps, collars or caps.

31. Provisions for uncollectible receivables, if any, have been properly identified and recorded.

32. Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.

33. Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues and general revenues.

34. Interfund, internal, and intra entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.

35. Deposits and investments are properly classified, valued, and disclosed (including risk disclosures, collateralization agreements, valuation methods, and key inputs, as applicable).

36. Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated/amortized. Any known impairments have been recorded and disclosed.

37. We have appropriately disclosed the DuPage County Health Department's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available and have determined that net position were properly recognized under the policy. We have also disclosed our policy regarding which resources (that is, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned) are considered to be spent first for expenditures for which more than one resource classification is available.

38. We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.

39. With respect to the supplementary information, (SI):

a. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the SI in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and we believe the SI, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The methods of measurement and presentation of the SI have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.

b. If the SI is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date we issue the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.

40. We assume responsibility for, and agree with, the findings of specialists in evaluating the total OPEB liability and have adequately considered the qualifications of the specialists in determining the amounts and disclosures used in the financial statements and underlying accounting records. We did not give or cause any instructions to be given to specialists with respect to the values or amounts derived in an attempt to bias their work, and we are not otherwise aware of any matters that have had impact on the independence or objectivity of the specialists.

41. We agree with the restatement presented in the current year's financial statements.

42. We assume responsibility for, and agree with, the information provided by the IMRF as audited by RSM relating to the net pension asset/liability and related deferred outflows and deferred inflows and have adequately considered the reasonableness of the amounts and disclosures used in the financial statements and underlying accounting records. We also assume responsibility for the census data that has been reported to the plan.

43. We have implemented GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions, and believe that all liabilities, deferred outflows and deferred inflows have been identified and properly classified in the financial statements and any other required classifications and RSI have been computed in compliance with the Standard.

44. With respect to federal award programs:

a. We are responsible for understanding and complying with and have complied with the requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, OMB's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), including requirements relating to preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA).

b. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the SEFA in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and we believe the SEFA, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. The methods of measurement and presentation of the SEFA have not changed from those used in the prior period and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the SEFA.

c. If the SEFA is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the SEFA no later than the date we issue the SEFA and the auditors' report thereon.

d. We have identified and disclosed to you all of our government programs and related activities subject to the Uniform Guidance and included in the SEFA, expenditures made during the audit period for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of grants, federal cost reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other direct assistance.

e. We are responsible for understanding and complying with, and have complied with the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements related to each of our federal programs and have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major federal program.

f. We are responsible for establishing and maintaining, and have established and maintained, effective internal control over compliance for federal programs that provide reasonable assurance that we are administering our federal awards in compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a material effect on our federal programs. We believe the internal control system is adequate and is functioning as intended. Also, no changes have been made in the internal control over compliance or other factors to the date of this letter that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action taken with regard to control deficiencies reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.

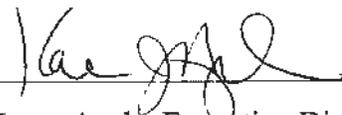
g. We have made available to you all contracts and grant agreements (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence with federal agencies or pass through entities relevant to the programs and related activities.

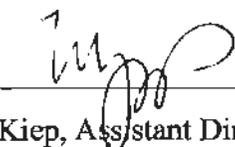
- h. We have received no requests from a federal agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.
- i. We have complied with the direct and material compliance requirements (except for noncompliance disclosed to you), including when applicable, those set forth in the OMB Compliance Supplement relating to federal awards and have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and any known noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements of federal awards.
- j. We have disclosed any communications from grantors and pass through entities concerning possible noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including communications received from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditors' report.
- k. We have disclosed to you the findings received and related corrective actions taken for previous audits, attestation agreements, and internal or external monitoring that directly relate to the objectives of the compliance audit, if any, including findings received and corrective actions taken from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditors' report.
- l. Amounts claimed or used for matching were determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in the Uniform Guidance.
- m. We have disclosed to you our interpretation of compliance requirements that may have varying interpretations.
- n. We have made available to you all documentation related to the compliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- o. We have disclosed to you the nature of any subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period affecting noncompliance during the reporting period.
- p. We are not aware of any instances of noncompliance with direct and material compliance requirements that occurred subsequent to the period covered by the auditors' report.
- q. No changes have been made in internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action we have taken regarding significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance, subsequent to the date as of which compliance was audited.
- r. Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the financial statements have been prepared.
- s. The copies of federal program financial reports provided you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal agency or pass through entity, as applicable.
- t. We have monitored subrecipients to determine that they have expended pass through assistance in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and have met the requirements of the Uniform Guidance.

- u. We have taken appropriate action, including issuing management decisions, on a timely basis after receipt of subrecipients' auditors' reports that identified noncompliance with laws, regulations, or the provisions of contracts or grant agreements to ensure that subrecipients have taken the appropriate and timely corrective action on findings.
- v. We have considered the results of subrecipient audits and made any necessary adjustments to our books and records.
- w. We have charged costs to federal awards in accordance with applicable cost principles.
- x. We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included by the Uniform Guidance and we have provided you with all information on the status of the follow up on prior audit findings by federal awarding agencies and pass through entities, including all management decisions.
- y. We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the auditee section of the Data Collection Form as required by the Uniform Guidance.

Sincerely,

DuPage County Health Department

Signed: 
Karen Ayala, Executive Director

Signed: 
Mike Kiep, Assistant Director of Finance

DuPage County Health Department
SUMMARY OF UNCORRECTED FINANCIAL STATEMENT MISSTATEMENTS

As of and For the Year Ended November 30, 2018

	Financial Statements Effect - Debit (Credit) to Financial Statement Total						
	<u>Total Assets/ Deferred Outflows</u>	<u>Total Liabilities/ Deferred Inflows</u>	<u>Total Net Position/ Fund Balances</u>	<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>Total Expenses/ Expenditures</u>	<u>Change in Net Position/ Fund Balances</u>	<u>Beginning Net Position</u>
Governmental Activities	-	130,725	130,725	-	67,483	67,483	63,242

**REQUIRED COMMUNICATION OF INTERNAL CONTROL RELATED MATTERS IDENTIFIED IN THE
AUDIT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE**

To the Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Health
DuPage County Health Department
Wheaton, Illinois

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the DuPage County Health Department (Department) as of and for the year ended November 30, 2018, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered its internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of its internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of its internal control.

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 significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

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 combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board, and others within the organization and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP

Oak Brook, Illinois
April 30, 2019

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

TWO WAY COMMUNICATION REGARDING YOUR AUDIT

As part of our audit of your financial statements, we are providing communications to you throughout the audit process. Auditing requirements provide for two-way communication and are important in assisting the auditor and you with more information relevant to the audit.

As this past audit is concluded, we use what we have learned to begin the planning process for next year's audit. It is important that you understand the following points about the scope and timing of our next audit:

- a. We address the significant risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, through our detailed audit procedures.
- b. We will obtain an understanding of the five components of internal control sufficient to assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements whether due to error or fraud, and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. We will obtain a sufficient understanding by performing risk assessment procedures to evaluate the design of controls relevant to an audit of financial statements and to determine whether they have been implemented. We will use such knowledge to:
 - > Identify types of potential misstatements.
 - > Consider factors that affect the risks of material misstatement.
 - > Design tests of controls, when applicable, and substantive procedures.

We will not express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts or grant programs. Since our audit is performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, our report will include a paragraph that states that the purpose of the report is solely to describe the (a) scope of testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance and (b) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering internal control over financial reporting and compliance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.

- c. The concept of materiality recognizes that some matters, either individually or in the aggregate, are important for fair presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles while other matters are not important. In performing the audit, we are concerned with matters that, either individually or in the aggregate, could be material to the financial statements. Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that material misstatements, whether caused by errors or fraud, are detected.

With respect to the audit of the federal awards programs:

- a. We address the significant risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, through our detailed audit procedures.

TWO WAY COMMUNICATION REGARDING YOUR AUDIT (cont.)

- b. We will obtain an understanding of the five components of internal control sufficient to assess the risk of material noncompliance related to the federal awards whether due to error or fraud, and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. We will obtain a sufficient understanding by performing risk assessment procedures to evaluate the design of controls relevant to an audit of the federal awards and to determine whether they have been implemented.

We will use such knowledge to:

- > Identify types of potential noncompliance.
- > Consider factors that affect the risks of material noncompliance.
- > Design tests of controls, when applicable, and other audit procedures.

Our audit will be performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards* and OMB's *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

We will not express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts or grant programs. Since our audit is performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance, our report will include a paragraph that states that the purpose of the report is solely to describe (a) the scope of testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, (b) the scope of testing internal control over compliance for major programs and major program compliance and the result of that testing and to provide an opinion on compliance but not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance and, (c) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering internal control over financial reporting and compliance and in accordance with the Uniform Guidance in considering internal control over compliance and major program compliance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.

- c. The concept of materiality recognizes that some matters, either individually or in the aggregate, are important for reporting material noncompliance while other matters are not important. In performing the audit, we are concerned with matters that, either individually or in the aggregate, could be material to the entity's federal awards. Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that material noncompliance, whether caused by error or fraud, is detected.

We are very interested in your views regarding certain matters. Those matters are listed here:

- a. We typically will communicate with your top level of management unless you tell us otherwise.
- b. We understand that the Department and Health Board have the responsibility to oversee the strategic direction of your organization, as well as the overall accountability of the entity. Management has the responsibility for achieving the objectives of the entity.
- c. We need to know your views about your organization's objectives and strategies, and the related business risks that may result in material misstatements.
- d. Which matters do you consider warrant particular attention during the audit, and are there any areas where you request additional procedures to be undertaken?
- e. Have you had any significant communications with regulators or grantor agencies?
- f. Are there other matters that you believe are relevant to the audit of the financial statements or the federal awards?

TWO WAY COMMUNICATION REGARDING YOUR AUDIT (cont.)

Also, is there anything that we need to know about the attitudes, awareness, and actions of the Department concerning:

- a. The Department's internal control and its importance in the entity, including how those charged with governance oversee the effectiveness of internal control?
- b. The detection or the possibility of fraud?

We also need to know if you have taken actions in response to developments in financial reporting, laws, accounting standards, governance practices, or other related matters, or in response to previous communications with us.

With regard to the timing of our audit, here is some general information. We will perform preliminary financial audit work during early January. Our final financial and single audit fieldwork is scheduled during the winter to best coincide with your readiness and report deadlines. After fieldwork, we wrap up our financial and single audit procedures at our office and issue drafts of our reports for your review. Final copies of our reports and other communications are issued after approval by your staff. This is typically 6-12 weeks after final fieldwork, but may vary depending on a number of factors.

Keep in mind that while this communication may assist us with planning the scope and timing of the audit, it does not change the auditor's sole responsibility to determine the overall audit strategy and the audit plan, including the nature, timing, and extent of procedures necessary to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence.

We realize that you may have questions or wish to provide other feedback. We welcome the opportunity to talk with you.

COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATIONAL POINTS TO MANAGEMENT

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UPDATE / INFORMATIONAL POINTS

INTERPRETING YOUR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Post-GASB No. 75

During the current year you elected to implement GASB Statement No. 75, which requires your government as the employer providing OPEB benefits to report the net OPEB liability in your full accrual financial statements. These standards are intended to parallel GASB Statements No. 67 and 68 for pensions provided through trusts, which together provide for more overall consistency and comprehensive guidance for pensions and other post-employment benefits.

Under the new standards your government is required to report the net OPEB liability, which is the difference between the total OPEB liability determined by the actuary and the net position in the OPEB trust fund. There are also OPEB-related deferred outflows and/or inflows due to the timing of benefit payments and to allow for smoothing of activity.

OPEB activity under GASB Statement No. 75 is reported in the government-wide financial statements, similar to long-term debt. The implementation of this new standard does not affect how you pay for or fund your OPEB benefits.

The accounting and reporting of OPEB has become more complex with the implementation of GASB Statement No. 75. We are available to answer any questions on how this new accounting standard affects your financial statements.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UPDATE / INFORMATIONAL POINTS (cont.)

GASB UPDATES

The following is a schedule of GASB projects:

Task or Event	Effective Date	Impact
GASB No. 83 – Asset Retirement Obligations	November 30, 2019	The objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by developing requirements on recognition and measurement for asset retirement obligations, other than landfills.
GASB No. 84 – Fiduciary Activities	November 20, 2020	The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported.
GASB No. 87– Leases	November 30, 2021	The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments.
GASB No. 88 – Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, Including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements	November 30, 2019	The objective of this Statement is to improve the information that is disclosed in notes to government financial statements related to debt, including debt borrowings and direct placements.
GASB No. 89 – Capitalization of Interest Cost	November 30, 2021	The objective of this Statement is to simplify the accounting and financial reporting standards for capitalization of interest cost, with the goal of enhancing the relevance of capital asset information and potentially simplifying financial reporting.
GASB No. 90 – Majority Equity Interests – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61	November 30, 2020	The objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting related to the reporting of majority equity ownership in legally separate entities.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UPDATE / INFORMATIONAL POINTS (cont.)

GASB UPDATES (CONT.)

Looking even further ahead, the Technical Agenda, below, outlines significant areas GASB is currently working on:

- > Major Projects
 - Financial Reporting Model
 - Public-Private Partnerships
 - Revenue and Expense Recognition
- > Practice Issues
 - Conduit Debt
 - Implementation Guidance
 - Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements
 - Implementation Guides – GASB No. 84 and No. 87
- > Pre-Agenda Research
 - Compensated Absences
 - Going Concern
 - Deferred Compensation Plans
 - Prior-Period Adjustments, Accounting Changes, and Error Corrections

Through our firm involvement on AICPA committees, Baker Tilly follows these developments closely so that we can help you prepare for the changes as they evolve. This participation also allows us to share with GASB the experiences and perspectives of our clients to potentially influence the direction of future projects.

Full lists of projects, as well as many resources, are available on GASB's website which is located at www.gasb.org.