

Report on Federal and State Awards

December 31, 2022

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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

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Finance Committee and Board of Supervisors of Lafayette County

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Lafayette County (the Organization) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Organization's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 20, 2023. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County, a major enterprise fund of Lafayette County, as described in our report on the Organization's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Organization's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization'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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2022-001 and 2022-002, that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Organization's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Organization's Response to Findings

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Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Organization's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Organization's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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

Madison, Wisconsin September 20, 2023



Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and Major State Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance; and Report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Guidelines

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Finance Committee and Board of Supervisors of Lafayette County

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and Major State Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal and Major State Program

We have audited Lafayette County's (the Organization) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* and the *State Single Audit Guidelines* (the *Guidelines*) that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Organization's major federal and major state programs for the year ended December 31, 2022. The Organization's major federal and major state programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Organization complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and major state programs for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal and Major State 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*); 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); and the *Guidelines*. Our responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance, and the *Guidelines* are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

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Auditors' 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 the Organization'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, the Uniform Guidance, and the Guidelines 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 the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Organization's compliance with the requirements of each major federal and major state program as a whole.

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

- exercise professional judgment 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 the Organization's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to
 above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the Organization'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 and the Guidelines, but not
 for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization'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 that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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 or state 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 or state 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 or state 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 Auditors' 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.

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.

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 and the *Guidelines*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance and the Guidelines

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Organization as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Organization's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated September 20, 2023, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County, a major enterprise fund of Lafayette County, as described in our report on Lafayette County's financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and the Guidelines 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Madison, Wisconsin September 20, 2023

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Grantor Agency / Program Title	Federal AL Number	Pass- Through Agency	Pass- Through Agency ID	Expenditures
FEDERAL PROGRAMS				
U.S. Department of Agriculture SNAP Cluster				
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Total SNAP Cluster	10.561	DHS	N/A	\$ 74,464 74,464
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture				74,464
U.S. Department of Natural Resources				
National Recreation Trails Program	20.219	DNR	N/A	45,000
Total U.S. Department of Natural Resources				45,000
U.S. Department of Treasury	04.007	DO4	N 1/A	44.000
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027 21.027	DOA DHS	N/A N/A	11,086 16,921
Total U.S. Department of Treasury	21.021			28,007
U.S. Department of Education				
Special Education-Grants for Infants and Families	84.181	DHS	CARS 550	21,396
Total U.S. Department of Education				21,396
U. S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part D, Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services	93.043	GWAAR	N/A	1,508
Aging Cluster	00.044	01444.5		40.004
Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part B, Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044	GWAAR	N/A	13,291
COVID-19 Special Programs for the Aging, Title III, Part B, Grants for	00.044	GWAAR	NI/A	34 003
Supportive Services and Senior Centers Total Aging Cluster	93.044	GWAAR	N/A	31,993 45,284
COVID-19 National Family Caregiver Support, Title III, Part E	93.052	GWAAR	N/A	(1,528)
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069	DHS	CARS 155015	43,522
Immunization Cooperative Agreements	93.268	DHS	CARS 155020	7,107
COVID-19 Immunization Supp 3 Cons	93.268	DHS	N/A	26,027
Subtotal				33,134
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)	93.323	DHS	CARS 155802	29,350
Enhancing Detection	93.323	DHS	CARS 155817	7,337
Subtotal				36,687
Public Health Workforce	93.354	DHS	N/A	14,845
COVID-19 HRSA Uninsured Program	93.461	None	N/A	57,864
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556	DCF	SPARC 2022	33,310

Grantor Agency / Program Title	Federal AL Number	Pass- Through Agency	Pass- Through Agency ID	Expenditures
FEDERAL PROGRAMS				
U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (Continued) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Total TANF	93.558 93.558	DHS DCF	CARS 561 N/A	\$ 40,363 2,308 42,671
Child Support Enforcement	93.563	DCF	SPARC 2022	161,096
CCDF Cluster				
Child Care and Development Block Grant Total CCDF Cluster	93.575	DCF	SPARC 2022	26,524 26,524
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	DCF	N/A	12,706
COVID-19 Foster Care - Title IV-E	93.658	DCF	N/A	216,572
Adoption Assistance	93.659	DCF	N/A	5,891
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	DHS	N/A	75,941
COVID-19 Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions Program	93.747	DHS	N/A	2,814
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	DHS	CARS 284	12,326
Medicaid Cluster				
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	DHS	N/A	154,652
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	Green County	N/A	180,379
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	DHS	N/A	143,139
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	DHS	N/A	16,148
Total Medicaid Cluster				494,318
COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Rural Distribution	93.498	None	N/A	605,296
COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Rural Distribution - Infection Control	93.498	None	N/A	56,344
Subtotal				661,640
Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services	93.958	DHS	CARS 515, 569	59,549
Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	DHS	N/A	70,849
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	DHS	CARS 159320	12,352
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				2,119,875
U. S. Department of Homeland Security				
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	DMA	N/A	40,320
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security				40,320
Total Federal Programs				\$ 2,329,062

Grantor Agency /	State ID	Pass- Through	Pass- Through	
Program Title	Number	Agency	Agency ID	Expenditures
STATE PROGRAMS				
Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection				
County Staff and Support	115.150	N/A	N/A	\$ 64,063
Land and Water Resource Management	115.400			(7,172)
Total Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection				56,891
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources				
Venison Processing	370.549	N/A	N/A	2,320
All Terrain Vehicle Enforcement	370.551	N/A	N/A	9,875
Wildlife Damage Abatement	370.553	N/A	N/A	8,285
Snowmobile Trail Aids	370.574	N/A	N/A	141,880
Snowmobile Trail Aids	370.575	N/A	N/A	31,320
All-Terrain Vehicle Trails	370.576	N/A	N/A	85,747
All-Terrain Vehicle Trails	370.577	N/A	N/A	114,595
Total Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources				394,022
Wisconsin Department of Transportation				
Elderly and Handicapped County Aids	395.101	N/A	N/A	79,889
Local Roads Improvement Program	395.278	N/A	N/A	3,437
General/Winter Maintenance/Special Highway Maintenance	395.365	N/A	N/A	1,320
Total Wisconsin Department of Transportation				84,646
Wisconsin Department of Health Services				
IMAA State Share	435.000283	N/A	N/A	64,363
IMAA Federal Share	435.000284	N/A	N/A	1,208
APS-Adult Protective Services	435.000312	N/A	N/A	17,522
Children's COP	435.000377	N/A	N/A	36,079
Alzheimers Family Support	435.000381	N/A	N/A	3,882
Coordinated Services Team Initiative	435.000515	N/A	N/A	11,015
Community Mental Health	435.000516	N/A	N/A	16,289
Birth to Three Initiative	435.000550	N/A	N/A	23,553
Basic County Allocation	435.000561	N/A	N/A	433,597
STATE/COUNTY MATCH	435.000681	N/A	N/A	60,191
CLTS WAIVER CWA ADMIN GPR	435.000877	N/A	N/A	961
COMM DISEASE CTRL & PREV	435.155800	N/A	N/A	2,111
Aging & Dis Resource Ctr	435.560100	Green County	N/A	181,193
SENIOR COMMUNITY SVS PROG	435.560330	GWAAR	N/A	5,400
CLTS Other GPR	435.871000	N/A	N/A	73,476
Total Wisconsin Department of Health Services				930,840

		Pass-	Pass-	
Grantor Agency /	State ID	Through	Through	
Program Title	Number	Agency	Agency ID	Expenditures
STATE PROGRAMS				
Wisconsin Department of Children and Families				
Food Stamp Agency Incentives	437.0965	N/A	N/A	\$ 3,141
Medicaid Agency Incentives	437.0980	N/A	N/A	4,216
JJ Community Intervention Program	437.3410	N/A	N/A	95
JJ AODA	437.3411	N/A	N/A	1,459
JJ Youth Aids	437.3413	N/A	N/A	99,995
CW Children and Families Allocation	437.3561	N/A	N/A	204,818
CW Children & Families Allocations	437.3681	N/A	N/A	23,744
CW WiSACWIS Annual Operation Maintenance Fee	437.3935	N/A	N/A	(2,276)
PDS Partnership Fees	437.3940	N/A	N/A	(758)
CS State GPR/PR Funding Allocation	437.7502	N/A	N/A	22,504
CS Medical Support GPR Earned	437.7606	N/A	N/A	554
CW Kinship Care Program - Benefits	437.3377A	N/A	N/A	16,926
CW Kinship Care Program - Benefits	437.3377B	N/A	N/A	40,685
CW Kinship Care Program - Assessment	437.3380A	N/A	N/A	359
CW Kinship Care Program - Assessment	437.3380B	N/A	N/A	486
Total Wisconsin Department of Children and Families				415,948
Wisconsin Department of Justice				
Treatment Alternatives and Diversion	455.279	N/A	N/A	25,460
Law Enforcement Training Fund Local Assistance	455.231	N/A	N/A	3,597
Victim and Witness Assistance Program	455.532	N/A	N/A	11,983
Total Wisconsin Department of Justice				41,040
Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs				
Public Safety - Emergency Government Disaster Assistance	465.305	N/A	N/A	9,402
Emergency Government Response Equipment	465.308	N/A	N/A	456
Emergency Planning Grant	465.337	N/A	N/A	49,322
Total Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs				59,180
Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs				
County Veterans Service Officer	485.001	N/A	N/A	9,350
Total Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs				9,350
Wisconsin Department of Administration				
Land Information Board Grants	505.173	N/A	N/A	123.880
Utility Public Benefits - Low Income Assistance	505.371	N/A	N/A	33,450
Total Wisconsin Department of Administration				157,330
Total State Programs				\$ 2,149,247
. Class Called				Ψ 2,110,271

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards Year Ended December 31, 2022

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards (the Schedule) includes the federal and state award activity of Lafayette County, including Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County, under programs of the federal and state government for the year ended December 31, 2022. 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) and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Lafayette County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of Lafayette County.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual or modified 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. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years. Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

The underlying accounting records for some grant programs are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred. The accounting records for other grant programs are maintained on the accrual basis, i.e., when the revenue has been earned and the liability is incurred.

3. Indirect Cost Rate

Lafayette County has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.

4. CARS/SPARC Report Dates

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards includes adjustments through the Community Aids Reporting System (CARS) reports dated March 30, 2023 and SPARC reports for December 2022. Federal/state funding splits for awards passed through Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) are based on the splits provided by DHS on January 23, 2023. Federal/state funding splits for awards passed through Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) are based on the splits provided by DCF on January 30, 2023.

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards Year Ended December 31, 2022

5. Pass-Through Agencies

Lafayette County received federal awards from the following pass-through agencies:

DHS Wisconsin Department of Health Services
DNR Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
DOA Wisconsin Department of Administration

DCF Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

DMA Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs

GWAAR Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources

Green County Green County, Wisconsin

6. ALN 93.498 Provider Relief Fund and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Rural Distribution

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has directed health care providers to report expenditures on the Schedule using Periods that are based on the deadline to use the funds along with the PRF portal reporting time period. In accordance with this guidance, Lafayette County has reported expenditures for ALN 93.498 that were incurred between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2022, which represent Periods 3 and 4 as identified by HRSA, in the accompanying Schedule.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended December 31, 2022

Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

Federal and State Awards

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: Unternal control over financial reporting: Material weakness(es) identified? Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

Internal control over major programs:

weakness(es)?

for major programs:

Material weakness(es) identified?

Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 2 CFR 200.516(a) of the Uniform Guidance or

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between

Identification of major federal programs:

the State Single Audit Guidelines?

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

type A and type B programs:

Assistance Listing Numbers

93.498 93.778

Identification of major state programs:

ared in Unmodified	
yes yes yes	no X none reported X no
Federal Programs	State Programs
yes <u>X</u> no	yes <u>X</u> no
t are none yes <u>X</u> reported	yes <u>X</u> no
ance Unmodified	Unmodified
uired on 2 ce or ves X no	yes <u>X</u> no
	yes X no
reen \$750,000	\$250,000
Name of Federal Prog	gram or Cluster
COVID 19 Provider Relief Fund Medicaid Cluster: Medical Assistar	nce Program
Name of State	Program

435.561/681 and 437.3561/3681

State Numbers

435.560100

Aging and Disability Resource Center Basic County Allocation

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended December 31, 2022

Section II - Financial Statement Findings Required to be Reported in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Finding 2022-001: Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Repeat of Prior Year Finding 2021-001

Criteria: Auditing standards require us to report a material weakness for Lafayette County if material journal entries are detected as part of the financial audit, the auditor prepares the annual financial statements and footnotes or the auditor prepares the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards (SEFSA).

Condition: Material journal entries were discovered during the course of the audit and we, as your auditors, prepared the annual financial statements. In addition, the auditors prepared the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards and the data collection form.

Cause: The County does not have the resources required to identify and correct all misstatements in the financial records or to prepare the annual financial statements or the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Effect: A financial statement prepared in accordance with GAAP is not available until the conclusion of the audit. In addition, the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards is not available to the county until it is completed by the auditors.

Recommendation: We recommend that the county put in place procedures to continue to reduce the number of material audit journal entries as well as determine if resources would be available to prepare a complete set of financial statements without material changes.

Management Response: Lafayette County has an individual qualified to prepare the financial statements and SEFSA. However, due to the technical limitations of Lafayette County's current enterprise software system, it is not equipped to publish comprehensive financial statements. Also, due to staff limitations, Lafayette County does not have the employee hours available to prepare the financial statements. Therefore, out of convenience, the County requests the assistance of the auditors to prepare the financial statements. The draft auditor-prepared financial statements, disclosures and schedules are reviewed and approved by the Lafayette County Finance Director before being issued.

Finding 2022-002: Internal Control Environment

Criteria: According to Statement on Auditing Standards AU-C Section 315, *Understanding the Entity and Its Environment and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement*, sufficient internal accounting controls should be in place that mitigate the risk of material misstatement in the financial records due to fraud or error.

Condition: We identified key controls that ideally should be present or strengthened in order to mitigate the risk of material misstatement in relation to the County's significant transaction cycles as follows:

Controls over payroll

There should be a system to review and approve employee timecards in the Manor.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended December 31, 2022

Controls over monthly and year-end accounting

- Adjusting journal entries and supporting documentation should be reviewed and approved by an appropriate person who is not the original preparer.
- Bank reconciliations prepared throughout the year should be reviewed by someone independent of performing the reconciliation.
- EMS and Manor accounts receivable should be reconciled monthly, or at a minimum at year-end.
- Budget-to-actual reports should be sent and reviewed monthly by those charged with governance.

Cause: The County does not have the staffing levels necessary to completely segregate accounting functions. In addition, the County has experienced staff turnover resulting in gaps in previously implemented controls, leading to some of the deficiencies noted above.

Effect: Because of the lack of segregation of duties and other controls, the accounting records have an increased risk of misstatement due to error or fraud.

Recommendation: We recommend that the County consider additional controls or procedures to help address the items noted above.

Management Response: Lafayette County has had vacancies in key positions in 2022 and beyond which has resulted in the weakness presented above. The Finance Director position was vacant for the majority of 2022, causing some of the main control issues. The County has already taken steps to fix some of the controls now that adequate staff is in place in some areas. However, there remain gaps in staffing in 2023 and beyond due to applicant pools and budget constraints. The County Finance Director will work to improve segregation of duties and provide an increase in oversight and review to restore the County to where it was prior to the vacancy. Monthly budget-to-actual reports have been started to be prepared monthly in 2023.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended December 31, 2022

Section III - Federal and State Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

No findings were reported.

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended December 31, 2022

Section IV - Other Issues

Does the auditors' report or the notes to the financial statements include disclosure with regard to substantial doubt as to the auditee's ability to continue as a going concern?	yes	X	no	
Does the audit report show audit issues (i.e., material noncompliance, nonmaterial noncompliance, questioned costs, material weakness, significant deficiency, management letter comment, excess revenue or excess reserve) related to grants/contracts with funding agencies that require audits to be in accordance with the State Single Audit Guidelines:				
Department of Health Services	yes	Χ	no	
Department of Justice	yes	X	no	
Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer			no	
Protection	yes	X		
Department of Transportation	yes	X	no	
Department of Children and Families	yes	X	no	
Department of Administration	yes	X	no	
Department of Veteran's Affairs	yes	<u>X</u>	no	
Department of Military Affairs	yes	X	no	
Department of Natural Resources	yes	X	no	
Was a Management Letter or other document conveying				
audit comments issued as a result of this audit?	X yes		no	
Name and signature of partner				
	Amanda R. Blon	nberg		
Date of report	September 20, 2	2023		