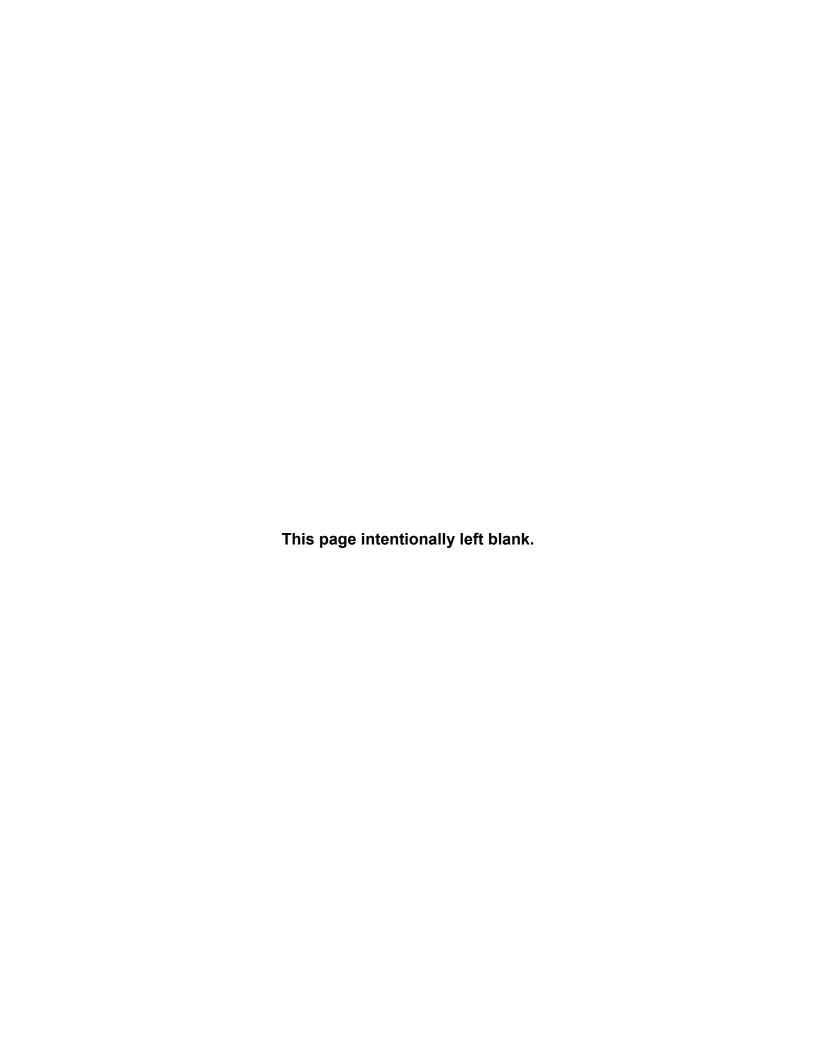




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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Combined General Health District Preble County 119 South Barron Street Eaton, Ohio 45320

To Members of the Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Combined General Health District, Preble County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the District prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Combined General Health District as of December 31, 2002, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 9, 2004, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board and other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

January 9, 2004

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

Governmental Fund Types

- -	General	Special Revenue	Fiduciary Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Federal awards		\$309,569		\$309,569
Intergovernmental	\$427,216			427,216
Permits	74,036	8,577		82,613
Other fees	13,293	98,796 45,435		112,089
Licenses Fines	450	15,125 699		15,575 699
Contractual services	97,240	033		97,240
Other receipts	54,829	11,367	295,714	361,910
Total Cash Receipts	667,064	444,133	295,714	1,406,911
Cash Disbursements:				
Salaries	350,248	266,996		617,244
Supplies	12,254	17,555 19,541		29,809 10,541
Remittances to State Equipment	26,550	5,812		19,541 32,362
Contracts - Repair	6,998	36,057		43,055
Contracts - Services	15,875	00,007		15,875
Travel	9,171	7,799		16,970
Vehicles	•	4,343		4,343
Utilities and rentals	9,365	4,949		14,314
Advertising and printing	483			483
Public employee's retirement	46,776	22,472		69,248
Worker's Compensation	375	1,564	100 704	1,939
Other _	101,227	48,958	169,794	319,979
Total Cash Disbursements	579,322	436,046	169,794	1,185,162
Total Receipts Over Disbursements	87,742	8,087	125,920	221,749
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):	44.400	44.400		00.000
Advances-In	14,100	14,100	0	28,200
Advances-Out Advances-Out to County	(14,100) (30,000)	(14,100) 0	U	(28,200) (30,000)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursement_	(30,000)	0	0	(30,000)
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over Cash Disbursements				
and Other Financing Disbursements	57,742	8,087	125,920	191,749
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	58,729	70,813	0	129,542
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$116,471	\$78,900	\$125,920	\$321,291

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Combined General Health District, Preble County, Ohio (the District), is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is directed by a five-member Board and a Health Commissioner. The District's services include communicable disease investigations, immunization clinics, inspections, vital statistics, abatement, public health nursing services and issues health-related licenses and permits.

The District is also the fiscal agent for the Preble County Family and Children First Council. This fund is reported as an agency fund on the District's books.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash

As required by Ohio Revised Code, the County Treasurer is custodian for the District's cash. The District's assets are held in the County's cash and investment pool, and are valued at the County Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

D. Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The District classifies its funds into the following types:

1. General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those restricted by law or contract.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The District had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Fund - This is a Federal grant fund used to account for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program.

Child and Family Health Services Fund - This fund receives federal grant money for well child and prenatal health care.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

3. Fiduciary Fund (Agency Fund)

Funds for which the District is acting in an agency capacity are classified as agency funds. The District had the following Fiduciary Fund:

Preble County Family & Children First Council Fund - This fund is used to account for the activity of the Preble County Family & Children First Council.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds) be budgeted annually.

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure and amendments thereto. Appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2002 budgetary activity appears in Note 2.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under District's basis of accounting.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 (Continued)

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2002 follows:

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$832,252	\$667,463	(\$164,789)
Special Revenue	391,534	443,682	52,148
Total	\$1,223,786	\$1,111,145	(\$112,641)

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$802,985	\$579,322	\$223,663
Special Revenue	418,510	436,046	(17,536)
Total	\$1,221,495	\$1,015,368	\$206,127

Audit adjustments were made to reclassify the actual receipts and expenditures for the Occupant Passenger Protection and Safe Community federal grants. The activity was moved from the General Fund to the Special Revenue Fund. Budgeted receipts and appropriations were not adjusted. Advances out to the County are not included in the budgetary activity.

3. INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUNDING

The County apportions the excess of the District's appropriations over other estimated receipts among the townships and municipalities composing the District, based on their taxable property valuations. The County withholds the apportioned excess from property tax settlements and distributes it to the District. These amounts are included in intergovernmental receipts in the financial statements.

4. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The District's full-time employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2002, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The District contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries in 2002. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2002.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 (Continued)

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Government belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio ("PEP"), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. PEP provides property and casualty insurance for its members. PEP is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund PEP. PEP pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty Coverage

PEP retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per claim, including loss adjustment expenses. Claims exceeding \$250,000 are reinsured with APEEP up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000, from the General Reinsurance Corporation.

If losses exhaust PEP's retained earnings, APEEP covers PEP losses up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

Property Coverage

PEP retains property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$10,000 on any specific loss with an annual aggregate of \$700,000 for 2001 and \$1,250,000 for 2002. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures losses exceeding \$10,000 if the annual aggregate is reached and all specific losses exceeding \$100,000. APEEP's Operating Fund and Guarantee Fund pay for losses and loss adjustment expenses should they exceed operating contributions.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge PEP's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

Financial Position

PEP's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31:

Casualty Coverage	2002	<u>2001</u>	
Assets	\$20,174,977	\$19,358,458	
Liabilities	(8,550,749)	(8,827,588)	
Retained earnings	<u>\$11,624,228</u>	<u>\$10,530,870</u>	

Property Coverage	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Assets	\$2,565,408	1,890,323
Liabilities	(655,318)	(469,100)
Retained earnings	<u>\$1,910,090</u>	\$1,421,223

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2002 (Continued)

6. COUNTY ADVANCES

The Preble County Commissioners advanced funds to the District for the purpose of paying delinquent PERS. As of December 31, 2002, the District had repaid the remaining balance of the advances.

	Beginning Balance	Repayments	Ending Balance
2002	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0

7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

A Board member is a pharmacist with a company from which the District acquired immunizations during the year. The District paid \$318 for these immunizations.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Combined General Health District Preble County 119 South Barron Street Eaton, Ohio 45320

To Members of the Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Combined General Health District, Preble County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated January 9, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted by 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.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated January 9, 2004.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated January 9, 2004.

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

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

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January 9, 2004



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COMBINED GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT PREBLE COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED FEBRUARY 3, 2004