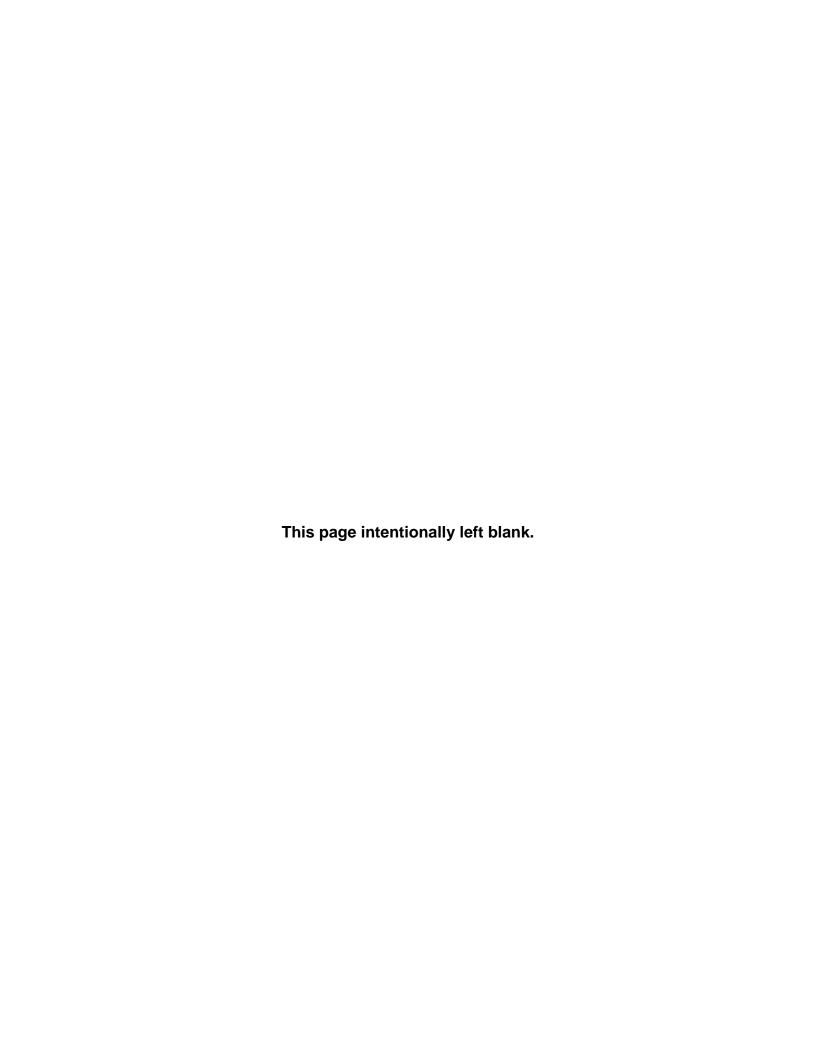




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Huron County General Health District Huron County 180 Milan Avenue Norwalk, Ohio 44857-1168

To the Members of the Board:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

**Dave Yost** Auditor of State

June 14, 2012

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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Huron County General Health District Huron County 180 Milan Avenue Norwalk, Ohio 44857-1168

To the Members of the Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Huron County General Health District, Huron County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the District has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the District's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the District does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require districts to reformat their statements. The District has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

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In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the year ended December 31, 2011 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2011, or its changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Huron County General Health District, Huron County, Ohio as of December 31, 2011, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

As described in Note 2, during 2011 the Huron County General Health District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 14, 2012, 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 grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

**Dave Yost** Auditor of State

June 14, 2012

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts Taxes Intergovernmental Charges for Services Licenses, Permits and Fees	\$447,538 184,092 557,189 333,716	\$204,006 20,507	\$447,538 388,098 577,696 333,716
Miscellaneous	97,244	3,020	100,264
Total Cash Receipts	1,619,779	227,533	1,847,312
Cash Disbursements Current: Health:			
Salaries, Wages and Benefits Clinic Supplies Office Supplies Equipment	958,708 77,637 55,654 37,272	120,090 48,886 1,694	1,078,798 126,523 57,348 37,272
Maintenance and Repair Contract Services Travel	48,006 31,989 25,908	44 171	48,050 31,989 26,079
Contract Personnel Advertising and Printing	57,958 2,842		57,958 2,842
Public Employees' Retirement Workers' Compensation Medicare Hospitalization	164,822 7,937 13,478 126,821	22,721 1,519 1,673 16,134	187,543 9,456 15,151 142,955
Program Expenses Remittances to State Other	14,853 73,604 57,515	121_	14,853 73,604 57,636
Total Cash Disbursements	1,755,004	213,053	1,968,057
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(135,225)	14,480	(120,745)
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements) Advances In Advances Out	27,000 (24,220)	24,220 (27,000)	51,220 (51,220)
Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)	2,780	(2,780)	
Net Change in Fund Cash Balances	(132,445)	11,700	(120,745)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	707,211	44,587	751,798
Fund Cash Balances, December 31 Restricted Assigned Unassigned	24,990 549,776	56,287	56,287 24,990 549,776
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$574,766	\$56,287	\$631,053

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

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Huron County General Health District, Huron County, Ohio (the District), as a body corporate and politic. A five-member Board and a Health Commissioner govern the District. The District is a combined Board of Health as defined by 3709.07 of the Revised Code. The District is the union of the General Health District and the Board of Health of the Cities of Norwalk and Willard. The District operates under the direction of a nine-member appointed Board of Health with one member appointed by each of the cities, one member appointed by the Licensing Committee and five members appointed by the District Advisory Council. The City of Bellevue appoints a non-voting member to the Board. The Huron County Auditor and Huron County Treasurer are responsible for fiscal control of the resources of the District which are maintained in the funds described below. The District's services include communicable disease investigations, immunization clinics, inspections, public health nursing services and issues health-related licenses and permits.

The District participates in the Public Entities Pool of Ohio public entity risk pool. Note 7 to the financial statements provides additional information for this entity. This organization provides property and casualty coverage for its members.

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

#### **B.** Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The District recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements 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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

#### C. Deposits and Investments

As required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Huron County Treasurer is custodian for the District's deposits. The County's deposit and investment pool holds the District's assets, valued at the 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:

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Continued)

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 1. General Fund

The General Fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

#### 2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The District had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

<u>Public Health Infrastructure Fund</u> - This fund receives State and Federal grant monies to support and enhance local public health infrastructure that is critical to public health preparedness and response.

#### E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to budget each fund annually.

#### 1. Appropriations

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

#### 2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

#### 3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2011 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

#### F. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Continued)

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 1. Nonspendable

The District classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

#### 2. Restricted

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

#### 3. Committed

The Board can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The District must adhere to these commitments unless the Board amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

#### 4. Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by the Board or a District official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

#### 5. Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

#### G. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The District records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Continued)

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### H. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

#### 2. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

For fiscal year 2011, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. Implementing GASB Statement No. 54 had no effect on fund balances previously reported.

#### 3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2011 follows:

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Budgeted Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$1,630,375	\$1,619,779	(\$10,596)
Special Revenue	221,415	227,533	6,118
Total	\$1,851,790	\$1,847,312	(\$4,478)

2011 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	_
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,916,550	\$1,779,994	\$136,556
Special Revenue	342,406	213,269	129,137
Total	\$2,258,956	\$1,993,263	\$265,693

Contrary to Ohio law, appropriations exceeded the total estimated revenue available for appropriation in the Public Health Infrastructure Fund by \$25,000, in the Life Skills Fund by \$1,283, in the Women's Health Services Fund by \$14,236, in the Family Planning Fund by \$29,578, and in the Reproductive Health and Wellness Fund by \$22,500 for the year ended December 31, 2011.

#### 4. 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. The financial statements present these amounts as intergovernmental receipts.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Continued)

#### 5. TAX RECEIPTS

The County Commissioners serve as a special taxing authority for a special levy outside the tenmill limitation to provide the District with sufficient funds for health programs. The levy generated \$447,538 in 2011. The financial statements present these amounts as tax receipts.

#### 6. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The District's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2011, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2011

#### 7. RISK MANAGEMENT

#### **Risk Pool Membership**

The District is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The District insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

The District belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. PEP provides property and casualty coverage for its members. American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc. (ARPCO), a division of York Insurance Services Group, Inc. (York), functions as the administrator of PEP and provides underwriting, claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for PEP. PEP is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by ARPCO. 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 and Property Coverage

APEEP provides PEP with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, PEP retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2010, PEP retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$150,000 for property claims.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreement does 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, 2010 and 2009 (the latest information available):

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011 (Continued)

#### 7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Assets	\$34,952,010	\$36,374,898
Liabilities	(14,320,812)	(15,256,862)
Net Assets	<u>\$20,631,198</u>	<u>\$21,118,036</u>

At December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$12.9 million and \$14.1 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$12.4 million and \$13.7 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 454 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2010, the District's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$7,000.

Based on discussions with PEP, the expected rates PEP charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the annual liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to PEP for each year of membership.

Contributions to PEP		
<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
\$8,961	\$7,962	\$8,405

After one year of membership, a member may withdraw on the anniversary of the date of joining PEP, if the member notifies PEP in writing 60 days prior to the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to PEP. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to the withdrawal.

#### 8. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Huron County General Health District Huron County 180 Milan Avenue Norwalk, Ohio 44857-1168

To the Members of the Board:

We have audited the financial statements of the Huron County General Health District, Huron County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2011, and have issued our report thereon dated June 14, 2012 wherein we noted the District followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the District implemented GASB Statement 54. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2011-001.

One Government Center, Suite 1420, Toledo, Ohio 43604-2246 Phone: 419-245-2811 or 800-443-9276 Fax: 419-245-2484 Huron County General Health District Huron County Independent Accountants' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

We also noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated June 14, 2012.

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings. We did not audit the District's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, the audit committee, the Board of Health, and others within the District. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

**Dave Yost** Auditor of State

June 14, 2012

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2011

## FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

#### **FINDING NUMBER 2011-001**

#### **Noncompliance Citation**

**Ohio Revised Code**, §3709.28, provides, in part, the General Health District's total appropriations from each fund shall not exceed the total of the estimated revenue available for expenditure, as certified by the County Auditor and approved by the County Budget Commission.

As of December 31, 2011 the following funds had appropriations exceeding estimated resources:

	Certified	Total	
Fund	Resources	Appropriations	Excess
Public Health Infrastructure Fund	\$179,685	\$204,685	(\$25,000)
Life Skills Fund	6,285	7,568	(1,283)
Women's Health Services Fund	26,988	41,224	(14,236)
Family Planning Fund	31,857	61,435	(29,578)
Reproductive Health and Welness Fund		22,500	(22,500)

Although actual expenditures did not exceed certified resources, the failure to limit appropriations to amounts certified could allow expenditures to exceed available resources and create deficit spending practices, resulting in deficit fund balances.

We recommend the Director of Administrative Services monitor appropriations as compared to estimated resources and submit amendments to the County Budget Commission or reduce appropriations if sufficient revenues are not available.

#### Officials' Response:

The Director of Administrative Services will monitor appropriations and certified resources to ensure future compliance.

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#### SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2011

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2010-001	Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)(1) – certification of expenditures.	No	Partially corrected – reissued in the management letter.





#### **HURON COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT**

#### **HURON 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 JULY 03, 2012