BROWARD COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES AUTHORITY BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA (A COMPONENT UNIT OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA) AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

## BROWARD COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES AUTHORITY BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA (A COMPONENT UNIT OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA)

# September 30, 2016

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Directors Broward County Health Facilities Authority Broward County, Florida

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, and major fund of the Broward County Health Facilities Authority (The "Authority"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

# Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and major fund of the Authority as of September 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3-6 and 16–17 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the accompanying financial statements present the financial position and the changes in financial position of the Authority. These financial statements do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of Broward County, Florida, as of September 30, 2016, and changes in its financial position and its cash flows, where applicable for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 30, 2017, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

The Sharpton Group, P. A.

January 30, 2017

This section of the Broward County Health Facilities Authority's (the "Authority") annual financial report presents a narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Authority for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. Please read it in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements, which follow this section.

## **Financial Highlights**

- The assets of the Authority totaled \$99,879, and are equal to the net position at September 30, 2016. This total net position is unrestricted and may be used to meet the Authority's ongoing obligations.
- During the 2016 fiscal year, the Authority's total net position increased by \$29,898. This increase is due to a continued hold placed on grants awarded to non-profit healthcare organizations.
- At the end of the fiscal year, the General Fund reported a total fund balance of \$99,879. Of this amount, \$99,850 is reported as assigned for the subsequent year's budget.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements contain three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

#### **Government-wide Financial Statements**

The *Government-wide* financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Authority's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all of Authority's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of a whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information showing how the Authority's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses may be reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods, however, none have been reported in the current fiscal year.

The Authority's government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 7-8 of this report.

## **Fund Financial Statements**

A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Authority uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The Authority only utilizes one governmental fund, the General Fund.

*Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

The Authority's governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 9-10 of this report.

## Notes to Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 11-15 of this report.

## **Other Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information containing budget to actual comparisons for the General Fund. The required supplementary information can be found on pages 16-17 of this report.

#### **Governmental Activities**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Authority, assets equaled net position of \$99,879 at the close of the most recent fiscal year. The total net position of \$99,879 was reported as unrestricted, and may be used to meet the Authority's ongoing obligations.

## Broward County Health Facilities Authority Governmental Activities Net Position As of September 30, 2016 and 2015

	 2016	 2015		
Current Assets	\$ 99,879	\$ 69,981		
Net Position – Unrestricted	\$ 99,879	\$ 69,981		

The Authority's net position increased by \$29,898 during the current fiscal year as a result of a continued hold on grants awarded to non-profit healthcare organizations.

#### Broward County Health Facilities Authority Changes in Net Position Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2016 and 2015

		2016	2015
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$	34,007	\$ 35,433
General Revenues:		044	470
Interest Income	-	844	470
Total Revenues		34,851	35,903
Program Expenses:			
Human Services	-	4,953	5,180
Increase in Net Position		29,898	30,723
Net Position, Beginning of Year		69,981	39,258
Net Position, End of Year	\$	99,879	\$ 69,981
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Program revenues – The Authority's charges for services decreased by \$1,426 from the prior year due to a slight decrease in annual recurring fees. There were no application and issuer's fees received related to financing and refinancing activities for fiscal year 2016.

Program expenses – The Authority's expenses decreased by \$227 from the prior year due to a decrease in auditing fees of \$457, which was offset by an increase in legal fees of \$30 and other miscellaneous expenses of \$200 for the State of Florida Special District Accountability Program Fee.

The financial analysis presented above for the Authority's governmental activities is the same as for the governmental funds since there were no transactions requiring reconciliation between the governmental funds and the governmental activities.

## **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

For the year ended September 30, 2016, the total appropriations in the original budget and the final amended budget remained the same. The Authority generated a positive variance of \$2,051 between the final adopted budget and actual results. Actual revenues were \$34,851, or 106.9% of the final budgeted amount of \$32,607. Total expenditures of \$4,953 exceeded the final adopted budget of \$4,760 by \$193.

#### **Request for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Authority's finances for all those with an interest in the Authority's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Broward County Health Facilities Authority, 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 513, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, Attention: Finance and Administrative Services Department.

ASSETS Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 99,879
NET POSITION Unrestricted	\$ 99,879

See the accompanying notes to financial statements

# PROGRAM EXPENSES

Human Services:		
Professional Services	\$	4,953
PROGRAM REVENUES		
Charge for Services - Authority Fee Income		34,007
Net Program Income		29,054
GENERAL REVENUES		
Interest Income		844
Change in Net Position		29,898
Net Position, Beginning of Year		69,981
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Net Position, End of Year	\$	99,879

See the accompanying notes to financial statement

	General Fund			
ASSETS Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	99,879		
FUND BALANCE				
Assigned - Subsequent Year's Budget	\$	99,850		
Unassigned		29		
Total Fund Balance	\$	99,879		

See the accompanying notes to financial statements

	General Fund		
REVENUES			
Charge for Services - Authority Fee Income	\$	34,007	
Interest Income		844	
Total Revenues		34,851	
EXPENDITURES			
Human Services:			
Professional Services		4,953	
Total Expenditures		4,953	
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures		29,898	
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		69,981	
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$	99,879	

See the accompanying notes to financial statements

# NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Broward County Health Facilities Authority (the "Authority") was established in 1977, by Florida Statute Section 154.207 and by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) County Ordinance No. 77-35, for the purpose of assisting health facilities in the acquisition, construction, financing, and refinancing of projects in any incorporated or unincorporated area of Broward County, Florida (the "County"). The Authority is governed by a Board appointed by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners. Bonds issued by the Authority are not deemed to constitute a debt of the Authority, the County, or any political sub-division thereof. The Authority is authorized to issue bonds to fulfill its corporate purpose in a principal amount for all projects not to exceed \$329,100,000. As of September 30, 2016, the Authority has issued \$288,620,000 in revenue bonds of which \$11,575,000 are outstanding.

These financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting policies.

#### a. Reporting Entity

The Authority is considered a component unit of the reporting entity of the BOCC. The Authority is reported as a component unit because the BOCC appoints its governing body which is financially accountable to the BOCC. The Authority is included in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as a discretely presented component unit.

#### b. Basis of Presentation

#### Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the Authority. Governmental activities generally are financed through revenues generated by fees. The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Program revenues include charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function. Items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

# **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

#### Fund Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided for the Authority's General Fund, which is a governmental fund. The General Fund is the Authority's primary operating fund and is used to account for all of the Authority's financial resources.

## c. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resource being measured such as current financial resources or economic resources. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Authority considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred.

#### d. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity

#### Deposits

The Authority participates in the cash and investment pool maintained by the County for all cash and cash equivalents. Earnings are allocated to the Authority based on the average daily cash balances. As of September 30, 2016, the Authority's share of the cash and investment pool consisted of cash deposits.

#### e. Net Position

Net position of the government-wide activities represents the difference between assets and liabilities and may be categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted, or unrestricted. All of the Authority's net assets are unrestricted at September 30, 2016.

# **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued**

#### f. Fund Balance Classification Policies

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance in classifications based on the extent to which the Authority is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Fund balances in the General Fund can be classified as follows:

1. Non-spendable – amounts cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form (e.g., inventories, prepaid items and long-term receivables) or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

2. Restricted – amounts are restricted to specific purposes due to the constraints imposed externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments, or by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

3. Committed – amounts can be used for specific purposes pursuant to the constraints imposed by formal actions of the Authority's Board of Directors, the Authority's highest level of decision making authority. Amounts specifically committed for use in satisfying contractual obligations are also included in this classification.

4. Assigned – amounts are constrained by the Authority's intent to be used for specific purposes. Intent is expressed by the Authority's Board of Directors.

5. Unassigned – residual amount reported in the General Fund.

#### g. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS

The custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the County will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The County mitigates custodial credit risk by generally requiring public funds to be deposited in a qualified public depository pursuant to State Statutes.

## NOTE 2 – DEPOSITS – Continued

Under the State Statutes, all qualified public depositories are required to pledge eligible collateral having a market value equal to or greater than the average daily or monthly balance of all public deposits times the depositories' collateral pledging level. The pledging level may range from 25% to 150% depending upon the depositories' financial condition and establishment period. All collateral must be deposited with an approved financial institution. Any potential losses to public depositors are covered by applicable deposit insurance, sale of securities pledged as collateral, and, if necessary, assessments against other qualified public depositories of the same type as the depository in default.

## NOTE 3 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The County is reimbursed for the costs incurred for certain financial and administrative services rendered to the Authority in accordance with the terms of the professional services agreement between the County and the Authority. This agreement provides that reimbursable costs for services rendered by the County are due and payable at such time as the Authority has sufficient funds to pay such costs. Charges to the Authority from the County for such services totaled \$4,953 during the year ended September 30, 2016.

The County also administers grants to non-profit healthcare organizations located in Broward County on behalf of the Authority. The Authority did not award any grants during the year ended September 30, 2016, and therefore, there was no liability to the County relating to these grants.

## NOTE 4 - INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND CONDUIT DEBT OBLIGATIONS

On November 24, 1998, the Authority entered into an Interlocal Agreement (the "1998 Agreement") with Collier County Health Facilities Authority (the "Issuer") to authorize the Issuer to issue revenue bonds (the "Bonds") on behalf of and with the agreement of the Authority to loan a portion of the Bond proceeds to Cleveland Clinic Florida (the "Borrower") for the purpose of providing funds to the Borrower to acquire, construct, renovate, rehabilitate and equip certain healthcare facilities located in Broward County. The terms of the 1998 Agreement shall end upon the discharge of the Bond Indenture in accordance with the provisions thereof. The Borrower agreed to pay the Authority an upfront fee of 5 basis points of the borrowing attributable to the construction in Broward County.

In addition, the Borrower agreed to pay the Authority an annual fee of 5 basis points of the Bonds outstanding on each anniversary of the bond issuance date. As of September 30, 2016, \$41,905,000 of the Series 2003C Bonds issued by Collier County Health Facilities Authority and related to Broward County construction was outstanding.

# **NOTE 4 - INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND CONDUIT DEBT OBLIGATIONS - Continued**

Pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement, dated May 25, 2000, (the "2000 Agreement") the BOCC of Broward County authorized the Authority to issue Series 2000 Bonds in connection with the refunding of the Catholic Health Services, Inc. Series 1991 Bonds and the financing of improvements to the St. Anne's Facility. On December 2, 2010, the Broward County Health Facilities Authority Board approved the refinancing of the Series 2000 Bonds. The Series 2000 Bonds were refunded on December 22, 2010 through the issuance of \$14,200,000 of Series 2010 Bonds. The borrower has agreed to pay the Authority 10 basis points of the Series 2010 Bonds outstanding as of September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, payable to the Authority on October 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year. At September 30, 2016, the principal outstanding was \$6,475,000.

On May 25, 2004, the BOCC of Broward County authorized the issuance of \$5,100,000 Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds (Henderson Mental Health Center, Inc. Project) Series 2004. This bond issue closed successfully on June 30, 2004, and provided funds for Henderson Mental Health Center, Inc. to refinance two properties. The borrower agreed to pay the Authority 10 basis points of the Series 2004 Bonds outstanding as of September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, payable to the Authority on October 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year. At September 30, 2016, the principal outstanding was \$5,100,000.

None of the currently outstanding bonds constitute a debt, liability, or obligation of the Authority, the County, the State, or any political subdivision thereof, except for pledged revenues collected. Neither the Authority, the County, the State, nor any political subdivision thereof shall be liable for any other indebtedness or liability which may arise in connection with the issuance of the bonds or the making of the loan.

# BROWARD COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES AUTHORITY BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA (A COMPONENT UNIT OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA)

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION September 30, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts						Fina	ance with al Budget ositive															
	Original Final		Original		Original Final		Original		Original		Original Final		Original		Final Actual		Final Actu		Final Actual		l Actual		egative)
REVENUES																							
Charge for Services - Authority Fee Income	\$	34,007	\$	34,007	\$	34,007	\$	-															
Interest Income		300		300		844		544															
Less 5% of Anticipated Revenue	_	(1,700)		(1,700)		-		1,700															
Total Revenues		32,607		32,607		34,851		2,244															
<b>EXPENDITURES</b> Human Services:																							
Professional Services		4,760		4,760		4,953		(193)															
Total Expenditures		4,760		4,760		4,953		(193)															
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures		27,847		27,847		29,898		2,051															
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		69,981		69,981		69,981		-															
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$	97,828	\$	97,828	\$	99,879	\$	2,051															

See the accompanying notes to budgetary comparison schedule

# NOTE 1 – BUDGETARY INFORMATION

The Authority prepares an annual operating budget for the general fund which is reflected in these financial statements. The Authority's budgeting process is based on estimates of revenues and expenditures and requires that all budgets be approved by the Authority's Board (the "Board") after a public hearing is held. Subsequent amendments to the budget, if any, are approved by the Board. General Fund appropriations lapse after year end.

Budgets are prepared on the same basis as accounting as is required for the governmental fund types and conforms with GAAP.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, expenditures exceeded appropriations by \$193.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors Broward County Health Facilities Authority Broward County, Florida

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, the financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of the Broward County Health Facilities Authority (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 30, 2017.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) 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 Authority's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority'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 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority'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 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 or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **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.

The Sharpton Group, P. A.

January 30, 2017

#### **INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT**

To the Board of Directors Broward County Health Facilities Authority Broward County, Florida

We have examined the Broward County Health Facilities Authority (the "Authority"), compliance with the requirements of Section 218.415, Florida Statutes, during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. Management is responsible for the Authority's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Authority's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Authority's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Authority's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Authority complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016.

The Sharpton Group, P. A.

January 30, 2017

## MANAGEMENT LETTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

To the Board of Directors Broward County Health Facilities Authority Broward County, Florida

We have audited the special-purpose financial statements of the Broward County Health Facilities Authority (the "Authority"), as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated January 30, 2017.

## Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Florida Auditor General.

#### **Other Report and Schedule**

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*; and Independent Accountant's Report on an examination conducted in accordance with *AICPA Professional Standards*, Section 601, regarding compliance requirements in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Disclosures in that report, which is dated January 30, 2017, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

#### **Prior Audit Findings**

Section 10.554(1)(i)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

#### Official Title and Legal Authority

Section 10.554(1)(i)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title and legal authority for the primary government and each component unit of the reporting entity be disclosed in this management letter, unless disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. The legal authority is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

## **Other Matters**

Section 10.554(1)(i)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Section 10.554(1)(i)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

#### **Purpose of this Letter**

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, the Board of Directors and applicable management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

The Sharpton Group, P. A.

January 30, 2017