



Financial Statements  
June 30, 2023 and 2022

# Addiction Counselor Internship Loan Program

# ADDICTION COUNSELOR INTERNSHIP LOAN PROGRAM

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## Independent Auditor's Report

Governor of North Dakota  
and the Legislative Assembly  
State of North Dakota  
Bismarck, North Dakota

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of the Addiction Counselor Internship Loan Program (the Program), an enterprise fund of the State of North Dakota, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Program, as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the respective changes in its financial position, and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### *Basis for Opinion*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards (Government Auditing Standards)*, issued by the Controller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the State of North Dakota, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the 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 audit opinion.

#### *Emphasis of Matter*

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the Program are intended to present the financial position, the changes in financial position and cash flows of only that portion of the State of North Dakota that is attributable to the transactions of the Fund. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of North Dakota as June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its financial position and cash flows for the years 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.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. 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 and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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 amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Program's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 7 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and 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.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 20, 2023 on our consideration of the Program'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 solely 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 the effectiveness of the Program's 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 Program's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Bismarck, North Dakota  
September 20, 2023

**ADDICTION COUNSELOR INTERNSHIP LOAN PROGRAM  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2023, 2022, AND 2021**

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The management discussion and analysis of the Addiction Counselor Internship Loan Program's (the Program) financial performance provides an overview of the Program's financial activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements of the Program.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:**

The Addiction Counselor Internship Loan Program was established by North Dakota Century Code Section 43-45-05.4 for the purpose of providing loans to qualified individuals participating in a paid or unpaid internship at a licensed substance abuse treatment facility in North Dakota in order to obtain licensure as an addiction counselor.

There were no loans made during the year ended June 30, 2023, one loan totaling \$7,500 made during the year ended June 30, 2022, and three loans totaling \$22,500 made during the year ended June 30, 2021. There were no pending applications as of June 30, 2023. At June 30, 2023, the gross amount of outstanding loans was \$72,369 with an allowance for loan losses of \$3,601 for net loans of \$68,768.

Funds available for investment in loans for the year ended June 30, 2023 were \$116,820.

**REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

The Program is an enterprise fund and uses the accrual basis of accounting. The basic financial statements include the statement of net position, statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position, and statement of cash flows. The statement of net position provides readers the assets and liabilities of the Program, with the differences between the two reported as net position. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position identifies the operating performance of the Program for the fiscal year. The statement of cash flows identifies cash flows from operating activities, non-capital financing activities, and investing activities, and provides answers to such questions as where did the cash come from, what was cash used for, and what was the change in the cash balance during the reporting period.

**ADDICTION COUNSELOR INTERNSHIP LOAN PROGRAM**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023, 2022, AND 2021**

**CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2023, 2022, AND 2021**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 116,820	\$ 105,698	\$ 95,922
Loans, net	68,768	78,066	91,596
Interest receivable	923	1,370	616
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 186,511</u>	<u>\$ 185,134</u>	<u>\$ 188,134</u>
LIABILITIES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
NET POSITION - UNRESTRICTED	<u>186,511</u>	<u>185,134</u>	<u>188,134</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 186,511</u>	<u>\$ 185,134</u>	<u>\$ 188,134</u>

*Loans*

There were no loans made during the fiscal year 2023, there was one loan totaling \$7,500 made during the fiscal year 2022, and three loans totaling \$22,500 made during the fiscal year 2021. As of June 30, 2023, there are fourteen loans outstanding totaling \$72,369 with an allowance for loan losses of \$3,601 for net loans of \$68,768.

*Net Position*

Net position of the Program was \$186,511, \$185,134 and \$188,134 as of June 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

**ADDICTION COUNSELOR INTERNSHIP LOAN PROGRAM**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023, 2022, AND 2021**

**CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023, 2022, AND 2021**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
OPERATING REVENUES	<u>\$ 4,364</u>	<u>\$ 2,938</u>	<u>\$ 3,229</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>3,348</u>	<u>6,010</u>	<u>5,950</u>
OPERATING INCOME/(LOSS)	<u>1,016</u>	<u>(3,072)</u>	<u>(2,721)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES	<u>361</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>90</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	<u>1,377</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>(2,631)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>185,134</u>	<u>188,134</u>	<u>190,765</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 186,511</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 185,134</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 188,134</u></u>

*Revenue*

Operating revenue is from interest accrued on loans outstanding. The interest rate on outstanding loans accrues at the Bank of North Dakota's current base rate but may not exceed an annual rate percentage of 6%. Bank of North Dakota's current base rate at June 30, 2023 was 8.25%.

*Expenses*

There was (\$2,834) provision for loan loss during the year ended June 30, 2023. There was no provision for loan loss during the years ended June 30, 2022, and 2021. The reversal in provision for the year ended June 30, 2023 was the result of a decreasing loan portfolio. The only other expense of the Program is an annual independent audit of the financial records.

*Nonoperating Revenue*

Nonoperating revenue represents interest earned on the cash and cash equivalents.



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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2023, 2022, AND 2021**

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**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND FUTURE OUTLOOK**

As of June 30, 2023, there were no pending loan applications. Loans made by the Program may not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars, must accrue at the Bank's current base rate, but may not exceed six percent annually, and must have a repayment schedule of no longer than ten years.

**CONTACTING THE PROGRAM'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Program's finances and to demonstrate the Program's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Bank of North Dakota, P.O. Box 5509, Bismarck, North Dakota 58506-5509.

**ADDICTION COUNSELOR INTERNSHIP LOAN PROGRAM**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 116,820	\$ 105,698
Loans, current portion	13,699	3,938
Interest receivable	923	1,370
	<u>131,442</u>	<u>111,006</u>
Total current assets		
Noncurrent Assets		
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$3,601 in 2023 and \$6,435 in 2022	<u>55,069</u>	<u>74,128</u>
	<u>\$ 186,511</u>	<u>\$ 185,134</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Unrestricted	<u>186,511</u>	<u>185,134</u>
	<u>\$ 186,511</u>	<u>\$ 185,134</u>
Total liabilities and net position		

**ADDICTION COUNSELOR INTERNSHIP LOAN PROGRAM**  
**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION**  
**YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		
Interest on loans	<u>\$ 4,364</u>	<u>\$ 2,938</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Audit expenses	6,182	6,010
Provision for loan loss	<u>(2,834)</u>	<u>-</u>
OPERATING INCOME/(LOSS)	1,016	(3,072)
NONOPERATING REVENUES		
Investment income	<u>361</u>	<u>72</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	1,377	(3,000)
TOTAL NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>185,134</u>	<u>188,134</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 186,511</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 185,134</u></u>

**ADDICTION COUNSELOR INTERNSHIP LOAN PROGRAM**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Payment of audit expenses	<u>\$ (6,182)</u>	<u>\$ (6,010)</u>
NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>(6,182)</u>	<u>(6,010)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Investment income received	361	72
Loan interest received	3,268	1,717
Proceeds from principal collections on loans	13,675	21,497
Loans advanced	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,500)</u>
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>17,304</u>	<u>15,786</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH	11,122	9,776
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>105,698</u>	<u>95,922</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 116,820</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 105,698</u></u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING (LOSS) TO NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating income/(loss)	\$ 1,016	\$ (3,072)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income/(loss) to net cash used for operating activities		
Adjustment for provision for loan loss	(2,834)	-
Reclassification of items to other activities		
Interest income on loans	<u>(4,364)</u>	<u>(2,938)</u>
NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u><u>\$ (6,182)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (6,010)</u></u>

**ADDICTION COUNSELOR INTERNSHIP LOAN PROGRAM**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

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**NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*Nature of Operations*

Section 43-45-05.4 of the North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) established the Addiction Counselor Internship Loan Program (the Program), effective July 1, 2015. The purpose of the Program is to provide loans to qualified individuals participating in a paid or unpaid internship at a licensed substance abuse treatment facility in North Dakota in order to obtain licensure as an addiction counselor. The Bank of North Dakota administers the Program and all loans made by the Program.

The Program was established by a two hundred thousand dollar transfer from the North Dakota Student Loan Trust. All monies transferred into the fund, interest upon monies in the fund, and payments to the fund of principal and interest on loans are appropriated to the Bank of North Dakota for Program administration on a continuing basis.

Loans made by the Program may not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars, must accrue at the Bank of North Dakota's current base rate, but may not exceed six percent, and must have a repayment schedule of no longer than ten years.

*Reporting Entity*

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus*, the Program should include all component units over which the Program exercises such aspects as (1) appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (2) has the ability to impose its will on that organization, or (3) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the Program.

Based on that criteria, no organizations were determined to be part of the Program. The Program is included as part of the primary government in the State of North Dakota's reporting.

*Fund Accounting*

The Program is an enterprise fund and uses the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

*Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus*

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All enterprise funds are accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net position. Net position is segregated into net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted components. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position presents increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in total net position. The statement of cash flows presents the cash flows for operating activities, non-capital financing activities, and investing activities.

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*Use of Estimates*

In preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the statement of net position and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near-term relate to the determination of the allowance for loan losses.

*Significant Group Concentrations of Credit Risk*

All of the Program's business is with customers within the State of North Dakota. Concentrations of credit risk are present in the Program.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents*

The Program considers all cash and time deposits with original maturities of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of reporting cash flows.

*Loans*

Loans are stated at their outstanding unpaid principal balance. Interest income on loans is accrued at Bank of North Dakota's current base rate, not to exceed six percent, on the unpaid principal balance.

The accrual of interest on loans is discontinued when, in management's opinion, the borrower may be unable to meet payments as they become due. When interest accrual is discontinued, all unpaid accrued interest is reversed. Interest income is subsequently recognized only to the extent cash payments are received.

*Allowance for Loan Losses*

The Program uses the allowance method in providing for loan losses. Accordingly, the allowance is increased or reduced by the current year's provision for loan losses charged to operations and reduced by net charge-offs.

The adequacy of the allowance for loan losses and the provisions for loan losses charged to operations are based on management's evaluation of a number of factors, including recent loan loss experience, continuous evaluation of the loan portfolio quality, current and anticipated economic conditions, and other pertinent factors. Loans are charged to the allowance when management believes the collection of the principal is doubtful.

*Credit Related Financial Instruments*

In the ordinary course of business, the Program has entered into commitments to extend credit. Such financial instruments are recorded when they are funded.

*Operating and Non-operating Revenues*

Operating revenues consist of interest income on the loans. All other revenues are classified as non-operating.

**ADDICTION COUNSELOR INTERNSHIP LOAN PROGRAM**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

**NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

*Deposits*

The carrying value and bank balance of the Program’s cash deposits at June 30, 2023 and 2022 was \$116,820 and \$105,698, respectively. Of the bank amounts, none were covered by depository insurance and all are uncollateralized. These monies are deposited in the Bank of North Dakota and are guaranteed by the State of North Dakota (NDCC Section 6-09-10).

*Custodial and Concentration of Credit Risk*

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Program 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 Program does not have a formal policy that limits custodial credit risk for deposits. None of the Program’s deposits are covered by depository insurance. The Program’s deposits are uncollateralized and all of the deposits are held at the Bank of North Dakota and are guaranteed by the State of North Dakota (NDCC Section 6-09-10).

**NOTE 3 - LOANS**

A description of Program loans is included under “Nature of Operations” in Note 1. A summary of the balances of the loans are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Loans, current portion	\$ 13,699	\$ 3,938
Loans, noncurrent portion	<u>58,670</u>	<u>80,563</u>
Total loans	72,369	84,501
Allowance for loan losses	<u>(3,601)</u>	<u>(6,435)</u>
Total loans, net	<u>\$ 68,768</u>	<u>\$ 78,066</u>

Changes in the balances of loans are as follows:

Balance, June 30, 2021	\$ 98,031
Loan advances	7,500
Capitalized interest	467
Principal Collections	<u>(21,497)</u>
Balance, June 30, 2022	84,501
Loan advances	-
Capitalized interest	1,543
Principal Collections	<u>(13,675)</u>
Balance, June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 72,369</u>

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Changes in the allowance for loan losses are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 6,435	\$ 6,435
Provision for loan losses	<u>(2,834)</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 3,601</u>	<u>\$ 6,435</u>

There were no impaired loans as of June 30, 2023. There were no loans on nonaccrual status and no loans 90 days or more past due as of June 30, 2023.

**NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Program is supervised and administered by the Bank of North Dakota. All monies transferred into the Program, interest upon monies in the Program, and payments to the Program of principal and interest on loans are appropriated to the Bank for Program administration on a continuing basis. All cash accounts are deposited with the Bank of North Dakota.

**NOTE 5 - LOAN COMMITMENTS**

The Program is a party to credit related financial instruments with off-statement-of-net-position risk in the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit. Such commitments involve, to varying degrees, elements of credit risk in excess of the amount recognized in the statement of net position.

The Program's exposure to credit loss is represented by the contractual amount of these commitments. The Program follows the same credit policies in making commitments as it does for on-statement-of-net-position instruments. There were no pending loan applications as of June 30, 2023.

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses.



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**NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Program is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts and errors and omissions. The Program is administered by the Bank of North Dakota and, therefore, is eligible to the same funds/pools established by the State for risk management issues. These include:

The 1995 Legislative Session established the Risk Management Fund (RMF), an internal service fund, to provide a self-insurance vehicle for funding the liability exposures of State Agencies resulting from the elimination of the State's sovereign immunity. The RMF manages the tort liability of the State, its agencies' employees, and the University System. All State agencies participating in the RMF and their fund contribution was determined using a projected cost allocation approach. The statutory liability of the State is limited to a total of \$250,000 per person and \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

The State Bonding Fund currently provides the Fund with blanket employee fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year and settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage.



**Independent Auditor’s 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***

Governor of North Dakota  
and the Legislative Assembly  
State of North Dakota  
Bismarck, North Dakota

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the Addiction Counselor Internship Loan Program (the Program), an enterprise fund of the State of North Dakota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Program’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 20, 2023.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Program’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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Program’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Program’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 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 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 yet been identified.

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Program'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*.

**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 Program'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.

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Bismarck, North Dakota  
September 20, 2023



**Addiction Counselor Internship Loan Program  
Auditor's Specific Comments Requested by the North Dakota Legislative Audit and  
Fiscal Review Committee  
Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Governor of North Dakota  
and the Legislative Assembly  
State of North Dakota  
Bismarck, North Dakota

The Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee requires that certain items be addressed by independent certified public accountants performing audits of state agencies. The items and our responses are as follows:

1. What type of opinion was issued on the financial statements?

Unmodified

2. Was there compliance with statutes, laws, rules, and regulations under which the agency was created and is functioning?

Yes

3. Was internal control adequate and functioning effectively?

Yes

4. Were there any indications of lack of efficiency in financial operations and management of the agency?

No

5. Has action been taken on findings and recommendations included in prior year audit reports?

There were no prior year findings or recommendations.

6. Was a management letter issued? If so, provide a summary below, including any recommendations and the management response.

No

Audit Committee Communications:

1. Identify any significant changes in accounting policies, any management conflicts of interest, any contingent liabilities, or any significant unusual transactions.

None

2. Identify any significant accounting estimates and the process used by management to determine those estimates.

Management's estimate of the allowance for loan losses is based on management's evaluation of a number of factors, including recent loan loss experience, continuous evaluation of the loan portfolio quality, current and anticipated economic conditions, and other pertinent factors. We evaluated key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance for loan losses in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

3. Identify any significant audit adjustments.

None

4. Identify any disagreements with management, whether or not resolved to the auditor's satisfaction, relating to financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements.

None

5. Identify any significant difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

None

6. Identify any major issues discussed with management prior to retention.

None

7. Identify any management consultations with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters.

None

8. Identify any high-risk information technology systems critical to operations based on the auditor's overall assessment of the importance of the system to the agency and its mission or whether any exceptions identified in the six audit report questions addressed above are directly related to the operations of an information technology system.

Based on the audit procedures performed, the Fund's critical information technology system is the Fiserv system. There were no exceptions identified that were directly related to this application.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Governor of North Dakota, Legislative Assembly, North Dakota Industrial Commission, Bank of North Dakota Advisory Board and management of the Program and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Eide Bailly LLP*

Bismarck, North Dakota  
September 20, 2023



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To the Governor of North Dakota  
and the Legislative Assembly  
State of North Dakota  
Bismarck, North Dakota

We have audited the financial statements of Addiction Counselor Internship Loan Program ( the Program) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated September 20, 2023. Professional standards require that we advise you of the following matters relating to our audit.

**Our Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statement Audit under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and *Government Auditing Standards***

As communicated in our letter dated June 29, 2023 our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to form and express an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your respective responsibilities.

Our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing 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 over financial reporting. Accordingly, as part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Program solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are also responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.

We have provided our comments regarding internal controls during our audit in our Independent Auditor's 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* dated September 20, 2023.

### **Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit**

We conducted our audit consistent with the planned scope and timing we previously communicated to you.

### **Compliance with All Ethics Requirements Regarding Independence**

The engagement team, others in our firm, as appropriate, our firm, and other firms utilized in the engagement, if applicable, have complied with all relevant ethical requirements regarding independence.

### **Qualitative Aspects of the Entity's Significant Accounting Practices**

#### *Significant Accounting Policies*

Management has the responsibility to select and use appropriate accounting policies. A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Program is included in Note 1 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during 2023. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

#### *Significant Accounting Estimates*

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments.

The most sensitive accounting estimate affecting the financial statements is:

Management's estimate of the allowance for loan losses is based on management's evaluation of a number of factors, including recent loan loss experience, continuous evaluation of the loan portfolio quality, current and anticipated economic conditions, and other pertinent factors. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the allowance for loan losses and determined that it is reasonable in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

#### *Financial Statement Disclosures*

Certain financial statement disclosures involve significant judgment and are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the Program's financial statements relate to: Note 3 – Loans.



### **Significant Difficulties Encountered during the Audit**

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management relating to the performance of the audit.

### **Disagreements with Management**

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

### **Circumstances that Affect the Form and Content of the Auditor's Report**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards require that we communicate any circumstances that affect the form and content of our auditor's report.

We have made the following modification to our auditor's report to add an Emphasis of Matter paragraph:

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the Fund are intended to present the financial position, the changes in financial position and cash flows of only that portion of the State of North Dakota that is attributable to the transactions of the Program. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of North Dakota as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its financial position and cash flows for the years 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.

### **Representations Requested from Management**

We have requested certain written representations from management which are included in the management representation letter dated September 20, 2023.

### **Management's Consultations with Other Accountants**

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. Management informed us that, and to our knowledge, there were no consultations with other accountants regarding auditing and accounting matters.

### **Other Significant Matters, Findings, or Issues**

In the normal course of our professional association with the Program, we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, significant events or transactions that occurred during the year, operating conditions affecting the entity, and operating plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as Program's auditors.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Governor of North Dakota, Legislative Assembly, North Dakota Industrial Commission, Bank of North Dakota Advisory Board and management of the program and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eide Sully LLP".

Bismarck, North Dakota