



Lake Region District Health Unit

Devils Lake, North Dakota

Audit Report

For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

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LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
Devils Lake, North Dakota

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LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
Devils Lake, North Dakota

December 31, 2017 and 2016

OFFICIALS

December 31, 2017

Mike Steffan	Chairman
Neal Rud	Vice Chairman
Elonda Nord	Secretary/Treasurer
Mike Christenson	Board Member
Doris Griffin	Board Member
Lucas Wakefield	Board Member
Glenda Collier	Board Member
Richard Larson	Board Member
Dr. Derek Wayman, MD	Board Member
Allen McKay	Administrator
Sheri Bertsch	Bookkeeper

December 31, 2016

Mike Steffan	Chairman
Neal Rud	Vice Chairman
Myrna Heisler	Secretary/Treasurer
Mike Christenson	Board Member
Doris Griffin	Board Member
Elonda Nord	Board Member
Glenda Collier	Board Member
Duane Johnston	Board Member
Dr. Derek Wayman MD	Board Member
Allen McKay	Administrator
Sheri Hettwer	Bookkeeper

AUDITOR PERSONNEL

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Health District Board
Lake Region District Health Unit
Devils Lake, North Dakota

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, and the major fund of Lake Region District Health Unit, Devils Lake, North Dakota, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Health Unit'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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free 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 the major fund of Lake Region District Health Unit, Devils Lake, North Dakota, as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of a Matter

As discussed in Note 14 to the financial statements, the Lake Region District Health Unit adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post-Employment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the *management's discussion and analysis* that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *budgetary comparison information, and the schedules of net pension liabilities and pension contributions* on pages 25-29 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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 26, 2018 on our consideration of Lake Region District Health Unit'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 Lake Region District Health Unit's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

/s/

Joshua C. Gallion
State Auditor

Fargo, North Dakota
April 26, 2018

LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
Devils Lake, North Dakota

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2017 and 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 1,355,019	\$ 1,051,490
Accounts Receivable	43,345	104,312
Intergovernmental Receivable	45,793	48,926
Capital Assets (being depreciated):		
Equipment	19,665	27,127
Vehicles	10,089	12,611
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$ 29,754</u>	<u>\$ 39,738</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,473,911</u>	<u>\$ 1,244,466</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:		
Pension and OPEB	<u>\$ 590,710</u>	<u>\$ 246,992</u>
Total Assets & Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 2,064,621</u>	<u>\$ 1,491,458</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 11,648	\$ 5,925
Salaries Payable	12,341	4,250
Long-Term Liabilities:		
Due Within One Year:		
Compensated Absences Payable	7,790	7,906
Due After One Year:		
Compensated Absences Payable	70,111	71,150
Net Pension Liability	<u>1,293,250</u>	<u>770,137</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,395,140</u>	<u>\$ 859,368</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:		
Pension and OPEB	<u>\$ 90,159</u>	<u>\$ 94,190</u>
Total Liabilities & Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 1,485,299</u>	<u>\$ 953,558</u>
NET POSITION:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 29,754	\$ 39,738
Restricted for:		
Health and Welfare	<u>549,568</u>	<u>498,162</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 579,322</u>	<u>\$ 537,900</u>

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

LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
Devils Lake, North Dakota

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

2017					2016				
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Program Revenues Operating Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Program Revenues Operating Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
<u>Governmental Activities</u>					<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
Health & Welfare	\$ 1,860,431	\$ 534,497	\$ 1,376,747	\$ 50,813	Health & Welfare	\$ 1,805,169	\$ 404,853	\$ 1,278,867	\$ (121,449)
	<u>General Revenues:</u>					<u>General Revenues:</u>			
				\$ 3,872					\$ 2,663
				44,345					36,456
				<u>\$ 48,217</u>					<u>\$ 39,119</u>
				\$ 99,030					\$ (82,330)
				\$ 537,900					\$ 613,221
				<u>(57,608)</u>					<u>7,009</u>
				<u>\$ 480,292</u>					<u>\$ 620,230</u>
				<u>\$ 579,322</u>					<u>\$ 537,900</u>

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LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
Devils Lake, North Dakota

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
December 31, 2017 and 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 1,355,019	\$ 1,051,490
Accounts Receivable	43,345	104,312
Intergovernmental Receivable	<u>45,793</u>	<u>48,926</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,444,157</u>	<u>\$ 1,204,728</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES		
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 11,648	\$ 5,925
Salaries Payable	<u>12,341</u>	<u>4,250</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 23,989</u>	<u>\$ 10,175</u>
<u>Fund Balances:</u>		
Unassigned:		
General Fund	<u>\$ 1,420,168</u>	<u>\$ 1,194,553</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 1,420,168</u>	<u>\$ 1,194,553</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 1,444,157</u>	<u>\$ 1,204,728</u>

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LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
Devils Lake, North Dakota

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017		2016
Total <i>Fund Balances</i> for Governmental Funds	\$ 1,420,168		\$ 1,194,553
Total <i>net position</i> reported for government activities in the statement of net position is different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.			
Cost of Capital Assets	\$ 223,623		\$ 223,623
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(193,869)</u>	29,754	<u>(183,885)</u> 39,738
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions & OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.			
Deferred Outflows Related to Pension & OPEB Liability	\$ 590,710		\$ 246,992
Deferred Inflows Related to Pension & OPEB Liability	<u>(90,159)</u>	500,551	<u>(94,190)</u> 152,802
Long-term liabilities applicable to the District's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities-both current and long-term are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at December 31, 2017 and 2016 are:			
Compensated Absences	\$ (77,901)		\$ (79,056)
Net Pension and OPEB Liability	<u>(1,293,250)</u>	<u>(1,371,151)</u>	<u>(770,137)</u> (849,193)
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 579,322</u>		<u>\$ 537,900</u>

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LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
Devils Lake, North Dakota

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
<u>Revenues:</u>		
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,376,747	\$ 1,278,867
Charges for Services	534,497	404,853
Interest Income	3,872	2,663
Miscellaneous	44,345	36,456
Total Revenues	\$ 1,959,461	\$ 1,722,839
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Current:		
Health and Welfare	\$ 1,733,846	\$ 1,764,827
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 225,615	\$ (41,988)
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ 225,615	\$ (41,988)
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 1,194,553	\$ 1,229,532
Prior Period Adjustment	\$ -	\$ 7,009
Fund Balance - January 1, As Restated	\$ 1,194,553	\$ 1,236,541
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 1,420,168	\$ 1,194,553

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LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
Devils Lake, North Dakota

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

	2017	2016
Net Change in <i>Fund Balances</i> - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 225,615	\$ (41,988)
<p>The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:</p> <p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount of depreciation expense in the current year.</p>		
Current Year Depreciation Expense	(9,984)	(10,602)
<p>Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.</p>		
Change in Compensated Absences	1,155	8,042
<p>The Net Pension and OPEB Liability, and related Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources are reported in the government wide statements; however, activity related to these pension items do not involve current financial resources, and are not reported in the funds.</p>		
Change in Net Pension and OPEB Liability	\$ (465,505)	\$ (178,749)
Change in Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pension and OPEB Liability	343,718	167,780
Change in Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension and OPEB Liability	4,031	(26,813)
	(117,756)	(37,782)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 99,030	\$ (82,330)

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

LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
Fargo, North Dakota

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2017 and 2016

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Lake Region District Health Unit, North Dakota, have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Lake Region District Health Unit's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the Lake Region District Health Unit. The Lake Region District Health Unit has considered all potential component units for which the Lake Region District Health Unit is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationships with the Lake Region District Health Unit such that exclusion would cause the Lake Region District Health Unit's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the Lake Region District Health Unit to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the Lake Region District Health Unit.

Based on these criteria, there are no component units to be included within the Lake Region District Health Unit as a reporting entity.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made, when applicable, to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through intergovernmental revenues, charges for services, and other non-exchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Lake Region District Health Unit's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including interest and non-restricted grants and contributions are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the Lake Region District Health Unit's fund. Separate statements are provided for the governmental fund. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on the major governmental fund.

The Lake Region District Health Unit reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund. This is the Lake Region District Health Unit's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Lake Region District Health Unit gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include, county operating grants, grants, entitlements, and donations. Revenue from county operating grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements. The governmental fund is reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Lake Region District Health Unit considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. All revenues are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Lake Region District Health Unit funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there is both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Lake Region District Health Unit's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, and then by general revenues.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Lake Region District Health Unit's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

D. Cash and Investments

Cash consists of amounts in demand deposits and money market accounts.

The investments consist of certificates of deposit stated at cost with maturities in excess of 90 days.

E. Capital Assets

Capital assets include property, plant, and equipment. Assets are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

ASSETS	YEARS
Equipment	5 – 10
Vehicles	5 – 10

F. Compensated Absences

All full-time employees and permanent part-time employees are granted vacation and sick leave benefits. Vacation leave is earned on a month-to-month basis based on length of service and percentage of time they work. Unused vacation time may be accumulated for use in succeeding years. The maximum accumulation to carry over year to year is 240 hours for full time employees. Employees that work less than full time are able to carry over the same percentage as the percentage of time they work. Annual leave in excess of the limitation for any year will be lost if not used by April 30 of each year. Vested or accumulated vacation leave is reported in the government-wide statement of net position. Sick leave is earned on a month-to-month basis based on employment status. Full time employees (40 hours) will earn a maximum of 8 hours per month. Employees not classified as full time will earn sick leave on a percentage of hours worked per month. Unused sick leave accumulates without limit. Employees are entitled to receive a lump sum payment equal to one tenth (10%) of their unused sick leave upon termination, with the maximum payout not to exceed 10% of 1,000 hours.

G. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs are recognized in the current period since the amounts are not material.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums, discounts and issuance costs in the current period. The face amount of the debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

H. Pension

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) and additions to/deductions from NDPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by NDPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

I. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) and additions to/deductions from NDPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by NDPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

J. Fund Balances / Net Position

Fund Balance Spending Policy

It is the policy of Lake Region District Health Unit to spend restricted resources first, followed by unrestricted resources. It is also the policy of the Board to spend unrestricted resources of funds in the following order: committed, assigned and then unassigned.

Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions

GASB 54 requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the fund balance categories listed below.

CLASSIFICATION	DEFINITION	EXAMPLES
Nonspendable	Amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.	Inventories, prepaid amounts (expenses), long-term receivables, endowment funds.
Restricted	Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on the use of resources that are either (a) Externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments. (b) Imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.	Funds restricted by State Statute, unspent bond proceeds, grants earned but not spent, debt covenants.
Committed	A committed fund balance includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority, the governing board. Formal action is required to be taken to establish, modify or rescind a fund balance commitment.	By board action, construction, claims and judgments, retirements of loans and notes payable, capital expenditures and self-insurance.
Assigned	Assigned fund balances are amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are under the direction of the board and the business manager.	By board action, construction, claims and judgments, retirements of loans and notes payable, capital expenditures and self-insurance.
Unassigned	Unassigned fund balance is the lowest classification for the General Fund. This is fund balance that has not been reported in any other classification. (a) The General Fund is the only fund that can report a positive unassigned fund balance (b) A negative unassigned fund balance may be reported in other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.	Available for any remaining general fund expenditure.

Unassigned Fund Balances:

For each year the fund balance was considered an unassigned fund balance at December 31, 2017-2016:

Net Position

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Lake Region District Health Unit's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Net investment in capital assets is reported for capital assets less accumulated depreciation. The resources needed to repay this related debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets are not used to liquidate these liabilities. These assets are not available for future spending.

NOTE 2: DEPOSITS

In accordance with North Dakota Statutes, the Lake Region District Health Unit maintains deposits at the depository banks designated by the governing board. All depositories are members of the Federal Reserve System.

Deposits must either be deposited with the Bank of North Dakota or in other financial institutions situated and doing business within the state. Deposits, other than with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or bonded. In lieu of a bond, a financial institution may provide a pledge of securities equal to 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes bills, notes, or bonds issued by the United States government, its agencies or instrumentalities, all bonds and notes guaranteed by the United States government, Federal land bank bonds, bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of indebtedness, insured certificates of deposit, shares of investment companies registered under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, and all other forms of securities issued by the State of North Dakota, its boards, agencies or instrumentalities or by any park, city, township, school district, Lake Region District Health Unit, or other political subdivision of the state of North Dakota. Whether payable from special revenues or supported by the full faith and credit of the issuing body and bonds issued by another state of the United States or such other securities approved by the banking board.

At year ended December 31, 2017, the Lake Region District Health Unit's carrying amount of deposits was \$1,355,019, and the bank balance was \$1,415,321. Of the bank balances, \$418,281 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining bank balances were collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

At year ended December 31, 2016, the Lake Region District Health Unit's carrying amount of deposits was \$1,051,490, and the bank balance was \$1,109,432. Of the bank balances, \$417,284 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance. The remaining bank balances were collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

Credit Risk:

The Lake Region District Health Unit may invest idle funds as authorized in North Dakota Statutes, as follows:

- (a) Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation insured or guaranteed by, the treasury of the United States, or its agencies, instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of congress.
- (b) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are the type listed above.
- (c) Certificates of Deposit fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation.
- (d) Obligations of the state.

As of December 31, 2017, the Health Unit held certificates of deposit in the amount of \$162,237, which are all considered deposits.

As of December 31, 2016, the Health Unit held certificates of deposit in the amount of \$161,260, which are all considered deposits.

Concentration of Credit Risk:

The Lake Region District Health Unit does not have a limit on the amount the Lake Region District Health Unit may invest in any one issuer.

LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

NOTE 3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consists of amounts due from individuals for services performed by the Lake Region District Health Unit. No allowance has been established for estimated uncollectible accounts receivable.

NOTE 4: INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES

Intergovernmental receivables consist of reimbursements due for expenses in the operation various programs. These amounts consist of a mix of state and federal dollars.

NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 as follows:

	Balance 1-1-17	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12-31-17
Governmental Activities:				
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Equipment	\$ 205,968	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 205,968
Vehicles	17,655	-	-	17,655
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$ 223,623	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 223,623
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation for:</i>				
Equipment	\$ 178,841	\$ 7,462	\$ -	\$ 186,303
Vehicles	5,044	2,522	-	7,566
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 183,885	\$ 9,984	\$ -	\$ 193,869
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 39,738	\$ (9,984)	\$ -	\$ 29,754

	Balance 1-1-16	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12-31-16
Governmental Activities:				
<i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>				
Equipment	\$ 211,148	\$ -	\$ 5,180	\$ 205,968
Vehicles	17,655	-	-	17,655
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$ 228,803	\$ -	\$ 5,180	\$ 223,623
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation for:</i>				
Equipment	\$ 175,941	\$ 8,080	\$ 5,180	\$ 178,841
Vehicles	2,522	2,522	-	5,044
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 178,463	\$ 10,602	\$ 5,180	\$ 183,885
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 50,340	\$ (10,602)	\$ -	\$ 39,738

Depreciation expense was charged to Health and Welfare.

NOTE 6: DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows of resources in the government wide financial statements consist of amounts related to pension and OPEB liabilities. See more detail in Notes 11 and 12.

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NOTE 7: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable consists of amounts on open account for goods and services received prior to year-end and chargeable to the appropriations for the year then ended, but paid for subsequent to that date.

NOTE 8: SALARIES PAYABLE

Salaries payable consists of amounts earned by employees prior to year-end, but paid subsequent to year-end.

NOTE 9: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities - During the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in long-term liabilities:

Governmental Activities:	Adj. Balance 1-1-17	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12-31-17	Due Within One Year
Compensated Absences *	\$ 79,056	\$ -	\$ 1,155	\$ 77,901	\$ 7,790
Net Pension/OPEB Liability	827,745	465,505	-	1,293,250	-
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 906,801	\$ 465,505	\$ 1,155	\$ 1,371,151	\$ 7,790

Governmental Activities:	Balance 1-1-16	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12-31-16	Due Within One Year
Compensated Absences *	\$ 87,098	\$ -	\$ 8,042	\$ 79,056	\$ 7,906
Net Pension Liability	591,388	178,749	-	770,137	-
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 678,486	\$ 178,749	\$ 8,042	\$ 849,193	\$ 7,906

* - The change in compensated absences and net pension and OPEB liability is shown as a net change because changes in salary prohibit exact calculations of additions and reductions at a reasonable cost.

Operating Leases – Equipment:

The Lake Region District Health Unit is engaged in an operating lease for a copier. Total operating lease payments made during 2017-2016 was \$3,740.

Remaining operating lease payment commitments to Kyocera for the copier are as follows at December 31, 2017:

Year	Copier
2018	\$ 1,870
2019	1,403
Totals	\$ 3,273

NOTE 10: DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred inflows of resources in the government wide financial statements consist of amounts for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met. Under the accrual basis of accounting, such amounts include the amounts related to pension and OPEB liabilities. See more detail in Notes 11 and 12.

NOTE 11: PENSION PLAN

General Information about the Pension Plan

North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (Main System)

The following brief description of NDPERS is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDCC Chapter 54-52 for more complete information.

NDPERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers substantially all employees of the State of North Dakota, its agencies and various participating political subdivisions. NDPERS provides for pension, death and disability benefits. The cost to administer the plan is financed through the contributions and investment earnings of the plan.

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS defined benefit pension plan is assigned to a Board comprised of nine members. The Board consists of a Chairman, who is appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by the Attorney General; one member appointed by the State Health Officer; three members elected by the active membership of the NDPERS system, one member elected by the retired public employees and two members of the legislative assembly appointed by the chairman of the legislative management.

Pension Benefits

Benefits are set by statute. NDPERS has no provisions or policies with respect to automatic and ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases. Member of the Main System are entitled to unreduced monthly pension benefits beginning when the sum of age and years of credited service equal or exceed 85 (Rule of 85), or at normal retirement age (65). For members hired on or after January 1, 2016 the Rule of 85 will be replaced with the Rule of 90 with a minimum age of 60. The monthly pension benefit is equal to 2.00% of their average monthly salary, using the highest 36 months out of the last 180 months of service, for each year of service. The plan permits early retirement at ages 55-64 with three or more years of service.

Members may elect to receive the pension benefits in the form of a single life, joint and survivor, term-certain annuity, or partial lump sum with ongoing annuity. Members may elect to receive the value of their accumulated contributions, plus interest, as a lump sum distribution upon retirement or termination, or they may elect to receive their benefits in the form of an annuity. For each member electing an annuity, total payment will not be less than the members' accumulated contributions plus interest.

Death and Disability Benefits

Death and disability benefits are set by statute. If an active member dies with less than three years of service for the Main System, a death benefit equal to the value of the member's accumulated contributions, plus interest, is paid to the member's beneficiary. If the member has earned more than three years of credited service for the Main System, the surviving spouse will be entitled to a single payment refund, life-time monthly payments in an amount equal to 50% of the member's accrued normal retirement benefit, or monthly payments in an amount equal to the member's accrued 100% Joint and Survivor retirement benefit if the member had reached normal retirement age prior to date of death. If the surviving spouse dies before the member's accumulated pension benefits are paid, the balance will be payable to the surviving spouse's designated beneficiary.

Eligible members who become totally disabled after a minimum of 180 days of service, receive monthly disability benefits equal to 25% of their final average salary with a minimum benefit of \$100. To qualify under this section, the member has to become disabled during the period of eligible employment and apply for benefits within one year of termination. The definition for disabled is set by the NDPERS in the North Dakota Administrative Code.

Refunds of Member Account Balance

Upon termination, if a member of the Main System is not vested (is not 65 or does not have three years of service), they will receive the accumulated member contributions and vested employer contributions, plus interest, or may elect to receive this amount at a later date. If the member has vested, they have the option of applying for a refund or can remain as a terminated vested participant. If a member terminated and withdrew their accumulated member contribution and is subsequently reemployed, they have the option of repurchasing their previous service.

Member and Employer Contributions

Member and employer contributions paid to NDPERS are set by statute and are established as a percent of salaries and wages. Member contribution rates are 7% and employer contribution rates are 7.12% of covered compensation.

The member's account balance includes the vested employer contributions equal to the member's contributions to an eligible deferred compensation plan. The minimum member contribution is \$25 and the maximum may not exceed the following:

1 to 12 months of service	Greater of one percent of monthly salary or \$25
13 to 24 months of service	Greater of two percent of monthly salary or \$25
25 to 36 months of service	Greater of three percent of monthly salary or \$25
Longer than 36 months of service	Greater of four percent of monthly salary or \$25

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the employer reported a liability of \$1,235,859 and \$770,137, respectively, for its proportionate share of net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of those dates. The district's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the district's share of covered payroll in the main system pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating Main System employers. At June 30, 2017 and 2016, the Employer's proportion was .076889 and .079021 percent, respectively, which was a decrease of .002132 percent.

For the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Employer recognized pension expense of \$177,997 and \$96,020, respectively.

At December 31, 2017, the Employer reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 7,346	\$ 6,021
Changes of Assumptions	506,785	27,874
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	16,621	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	11,479	52,666
District Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	36,997	-
Total	\$ 579,228	\$ 86,561

\$36,997 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2018.

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At December 31, 2016, the Employer reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 11,569	\$ 7,131
Changes of Assumptions	70,997	38,260
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	107,445	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	15,332	48,799
District Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	41,649	-
Total	\$ 246,992	\$ 94,190

\$41,649 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2017.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows.

2018	\$ 98,666
2019	121,473
2020	104,109
2021	81,861
2022	49,561
Thereafter	-

Actuarial assumptions

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.50%																				
Salary increases	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Service at Beginning of year:</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Increase Rate:</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: right;">15.00%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10.00%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: right;">8.00%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Age*</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Under 36</td> <td style="text-align: right;">8.00%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">36 – 40</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7.50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">41 – 49</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6.00%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">50+</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5.00%</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">* Age-based salary increase rates apply for employees with three or more years of service</td> </tr> </table>	Service at Beginning of year:	Increase Rate:	0	15.00%	1	10.00%	2	8.00%	Age*		Under 36	8.00%	36 – 40	7.50%	41 – 49	6.00%	50+	5.00%	* Age-based salary increase rates apply for employees with three or more years of service	
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Age*																					
Under 36	8.00%																				
36 – 40	7.50%																				
41 – 49	6.00%																				
50+	5.00%																				
* Age-based salary increase rates apply for employees with three or more years of service																					
Investment rate of return	7.75%, net of investment expenses																				
Cost-of-living adjustments	None																				

For active members, inactive members and healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table set back two years for males and three years for females, projected generationally using the SSA 2014 Intermediate Cost scale from 2014. For disabled retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table set back one year for males (no setback for females) multiplied by 125%.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Fund's target asset allocation are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	31%	6.90%
International Equity	21%	7.55%
Private Equity	5%	11.30%
Domestic Fixed Income	17%	1.52%
International Fixed Income	5%	(0.45)%
Global Real Assets	20%	5.38%
Cash Equivalents	1%	0.00%

Discount rate

For PERS, GASB Statement No. 67 includes a specific requirement for the discount rate that is used for the purpose of the measurement of the Total Pension Liability. This rate considers the ability of the System to meet benefit obligations in the future. To make this determination, employer contributions, employee contributions, benefit payments, expenses and investment returns are projected into the future. The current employer and employee fixed rate contributions are assumed to be made in each future year. The Plan Net Position (assets) in future years can then be determined and compared to its obligation to make benefit payments in those years. In years where assets are not projected to be sufficient to meet benefit payments, which is the case for the PERS plan, the use of a municipal bond rate is required.

The Single Discount Rate (SDR) is equivalent to applying these two rates to the benefits that are projected to be paid during the different time periods. The SDR reflects (1) the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (during the period in which the fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits) and (2) a tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate of return are not met).

The pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be sufficient to make all projected future benefit payments through the year of 2061. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through the year 2061, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all benefit payments after that date. For the purpose of this valuation, the expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.75%; the municipal bond rate is 3.56%; and the resulting Single Discount Rate is 6.44%.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount rate

The following presents the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.44 percent, as well as what the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.44 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.44 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.44%)	Current Discount Rate (6.44%)	1% Increase (7.44%)
Districts Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,677,716	\$ 1,235,859	\$ 868,252

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued NDPERS financial report.

NOTE 12: OPEB PLAN

General Information about the OPEB Plan

North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System

The following brief description of NDPERS is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDAC Chapter 71-06 for more complete information.

NDPERS OPEB plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan that covers members receiving retirement benefits from the PERS, the HPRS, and Judges retired under Chapter 27-17 of the North Dakota Century Code a credit toward their monthly health insurance premium under the state health plan based upon the member's years of credited service. Effective July 1, 2015, the credit is also available to apply towards monthly premiums under the state dental, vision and long-term care plan and any other health insurance plan. The Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund is advance-funded on an actuarially determined basis.

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS defined benefit OPEB plan is assigned to a Board comprised of nine members. The Board consists of a Chairman, who is appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by the Attorney General; one member appointed by the State Health Officer; three members elected by the active membership of the NDPERS system, one member elected by the retired public employees and two members of the legislative assembly appointed by the chairman of the legislative management.

OPEB Benefits

The employer contribution for the PERS, the HPRS and the Defined Contribution Plan is set by statute at 1.14% of covered compensation. The employer contribution for employees of the state board of career and technical education is 2.99% of covered compensation for a period of eight years ending October 1, 2015. Employees participating in the retirement plan as part-time/temporary members are required to contribute 1.14% of their covered compensation to the Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund. Employees purchasing previous service credit are also required to make an employee contribution to the Fund. The benefit amount applied each year is shown as "prefunded credit applied" on the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Position for the OPEB trust funds.

Retiree health insurance credit benefits and death and disability benefits are set by statute. There are no provisions or policies with respect to automatic and ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases. Employees who are receiving monthly retirement benefits from the PERS, the HPRS, the Defined Contribution Plan, the Chapter 27-17 judges or an employee receiving disability benefits, or the spouse of a deceased annuitant receiving a surviving spouse benefit or if the member selected a joint and survivor option are eligible to receive a credit toward their monthly health insurance premium under the state health plan.

Effective July 1, 2015, the credit is also available to apply towards monthly premiums under the state dental, vision and long-term care plan and any other health insurance plan. The benefits are equal to \$5.00 for each of the employee's, or deceased employee's years of credited service not to exceed the premium in effect for selected coverage. The retiree health insurance credit is also available for early retirement with reduced benefits.

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

At December 31, 2017, the Employer reported a liability of \$57,391 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Employer's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the Employer's share of covered payroll in the OPEB plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating OPEB employers. At June 30, 2017 the Employer's proportion was 0.072554 percent, which was an increase of 0.072554 percent.

For the year ended December 31, 2017 the Employer recognized OPEB expense of \$6,914. At December 31, 2017 the Employer reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ -	\$ 1,400
Changes of Assumptions	5,559	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	-	2,170
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	-	28
District Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	5,924	-
Total	\$ 11,483	\$ 3,598

\$5,924 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended December 31, 2018.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEBs will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

2018	\$	105
2019		105
2020		105
2021		105
2022		647
2023		647
Thereafter		247

Actuarial assumptions

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	Not applicable
Investment rate or return	7.50%, net of investment expenses
Cost of living adjustments	None

For active members, inactive members and healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table set back two years for males and three years for females, projected generationally using the SSA 2014 Intermediate Cost scale from 2014. For disabled retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table set back one year for males (no setback for females) multiplied by 125%.

The long-term expected investment rate of return assumption for the RHIC fund was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of RHIC investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Estimates of arithmetic real rates of return, for each major asset class included in the RHIC’s target asset allocation as of July 1, 2017 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Large Cap Domestic Equities	37%	5.80%
Small Cap Domestic Equities	9%	7.05%
International Equities	14%	6.20%
Core-Plus Fixed Income	40%	1.56%

Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member and statutory/Board approved employer contributions will be made at rates equal to those based on the July 1, 2017, and July 1, 2016, HPRS actuarial valuation reports. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current RHIC members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries are not included. Based on those assumptions, the RHIC fiduciary net position was projected to be sufficient to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on RHIC investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

Sensitivity of the Employer’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Plans as of June 30, 2017, calculated using the discount rate of 7.50%, as well as what the RHIC net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.5 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.5 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
Districts Proportionate Share of the OPEB Liability	\$ 71,847	\$ 57,391	\$ 4,370

NOTE 13: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Lake Region District Health Unit is exposed to various risks of loss relating to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

In 1986, state agencies and political subdivisions of the state of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDRIF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. Lake Region District Health Unit pays an annual premium to NDRIF for its general liability and automobile. The coverage by NDRIF for automobile is limited to losses of one million dollars per occurrence and for general liability is limited to losses of two million dollars per occurrence.

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Lake Region District Health Unit pays an annual premium to the State Auto Property & Casualty Insurance Company to cover damage to Lake Region District Health Units equipment and personal property. The State Bonding Fund also currently provides Lake Region District Health Unit with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$500,000 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

Lake Region District Health Unit has worker's compensation with the North Dakota Workforce, Safety and Insurance.

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

NOTE 14: PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS

Change in Accounting Principle – GASB 75 - OPEB:

Net position as of January 1, 2017 has been restated as follows for the implementation of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financing Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other than Pensions*.

The result of implementing GASB 75 reduced beginning net position for the governmental and business-type activities of the County, which consists of the net OPEB liability related to the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS).

The effect of the prior period adjustments to beginning net position is as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Amounts
Beginning Net Position, as previously reported	\$ 537,900
Adjustments to restate the January 1, 2017 Net Position:	
Net OPEB Liability	(57,608)
Net Position January 1, 2017, as restated	\$ 480,292

Prior period adjustments for the period ending December 31, 2016 were necessary for governmental activities and the government fund of the health unit involving adjustments to the beginning fund balance at the fund level and for government wide.

Governmental Activities:	Amounts
Beginning Net Position, as previously reported	\$ 613,221
Adjustments to restate the January 1, 2016 Net Position:	
Miscellaneous Fund Balance	7,009
Net Position January 1, 2016, as restated	\$ 620,230

Fund Balance:	Amounts
Beginning Fund Balance, as previously reported	\$ 1,229,532
Adjustments to restate the January 1, 2016 Net Position:	
Miscellaneous Fund Balance	7,009
Fund Balance January 1, 2016 as restated	\$ 1,236,541

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Devils Lake, North Dakota

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,079,431	\$ 1,433,824	\$ 1,376,747	\$ (57,077)
Charges for Services	528,750	528,750	534,497	5,747
Interest	2,100	2,100	3,872	1,772
Miscellaneous	58,931	58,931	44,345	(14,586)
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 1,669,212</u>	<u>\$ 2,023,605</u>	<u>\$ 1,959,461</u>	<u>\$ (64,144)</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Health & Welfare	<u>\$ 1,669,212</u>	<u>\$ 1,720,032</u>	<u>\$ 1,733,846</u>	<u>\$ (13,814)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 303,573</u>	<u>\$ 225,615</u>	<u>\$ (77,958)</u>
Fund Balance - January 1	<u>\$ 1,194,553</u>	<u>\$ 1,194,553</u>	<u>\$ 1,194,553</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund Balance - December 31	<u><u>\$ 1,194,553</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,498,126</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,420,168</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (77,958)</u></u>

The accompanying required supplementary information notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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Devils Lake, North Dakota

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Intergovernmental	\$ 1,061,846	\$ 1,233,369	\$ 1,278,867	\$ 45,498
Charges for Services	438,805	438,805	404,853	(33,952)
Interest	1,500	1,500	2,663	1,163
Miscellaneous	54,799	54,799	36,456	(18,343)
Total Revenues	\$ 1,556,950	\$ 1,728,473	\$ 1,722,839	\$ (5,634)
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
<u>Current:</u>				
Health & Welfare	\$ 1,556,950	\$ 1,766,468	\$ 1,764,827	\$ 1,641
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ -	\$ (37,995)	\$ (41,988)	\$ (3,993)
Fund Balance - January 1	\$ 1,229,532	\$ 1,229,532	\$ 1,229,532	\$ -
Prior Period Adjustment	-	-	7,009	7,009
Fund Balance - Jan. 1 Restated	\$ 1,229,532	\$ 1,229,532	\$ 1,236,541	\$ 7,009
Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 1,229,532	\$ 1,191,537	\$ 1,194,553	\$ 3,016

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LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
Devils Lake, North Dakota

PENSION & OPEB SCHEDULES
For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

**Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
ND Public Employees Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years***

	2017	2016	2015	2014
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.076889%	0.079021%	0.086971%	0.083491%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 1,235,859	\$ 770,137	\$ 591,388	\$ 529,935
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 784,916	\$ 796,343	\$ 774,809	\$ 703,319
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	157.45%	96.71%	76.33%	75.35%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.98%	70.46%	77.15%	77.70%

*Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2014.

**Schedule of Employer Contributions
ND Public Employees Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years***

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Statutory required contribution	\$ 56,916	\$ 57,654	\$ 58,853	\$ 50,076
Contributions in relation to the statutory required contribution	\$ (56,792)	\$ (57,255)	\$ (56,207)	\$ (50,076)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 124	\$ 399	\$ 2,646	\$ -
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 784,916	\$ 796,343	\$ 703,319	\$ 703,319
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	7.24%	7.19%	7.12%	7.12%

*Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2014.

**Schedule of Employer's Share of Net OPEB Liability
ND Public Employees Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years***

	2017
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.072554%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 57,391
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 784,196
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	7.32%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	59.78%

*Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2017.

**Schedule of Employer Contributions
ND Public Employees Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years***

	2017
Statutory required contribution	\$ 9,124
Contributions in relation to the statutory required contribution	\$ (9,092)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 32
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 784,916
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	1.16%

*Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2017.

LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
Devils Lake, North Dakota

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
December 31, 2017 and 2016

NOTE 1: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information:

- The health unit board adopts an “appropriated budget” on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) for the general fund.
- The budget includes proposed expenditures and means of financing them.
- Each budget is controlled by the administrator at the revenue and expenditure function/object level.
- The current budget may be amended during the year for any revenues and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared.
- All appropriations lapse at year-end.

NOTE 2: LEGAL COMPLIANCE - BUDGETS

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The health unit board amended the revenues and expenditure budget for 2017 and 2016 for the general fund as follows:

	REVENUES		
	Original Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
<u>General Fund</u>			
2017	\$ 1,669,212	\$ 354,393	\$ 2,023,605
2016	1,556,950	171,523	1,728,473

	EXPENDITURES		
	Original Budget	Amendment	Amended Budget
<u>General Fund</u>			
2017	\$ 1,669,212	\$ 50,820	\$ 1,720,032
2016	1,556,950	209,518	1,766,468

NOTE 3: CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS – NET PENSION AND OPEB LIABILITY

Amounts reported in 2017 reflect actuarial assumption changes effective July 1, 2017 based on the results of an actuarial experience study completed in 2016. This includes changes to the mortality tables, disability incidence rates, retirement rates, administrative expenses, salary scale, and percent married assumption.



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

Health Unit Board
Lake Region District Health Unit
Devils Lake, North Dakota

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 the major fund of Lake Region District Health Unit, Devils Lake, North Dakota, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Lake Region District Health Unit's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 26, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Lake Region District Health Unit'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 Lake Region District Health Unit's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Lake Region District Health Unit's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying *schedule of findings and questioned costs*, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control that we considered to be a material weakness and a significant deficiency.

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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying *schedule of findings and questioned costs* to be a material weakness [2017-001].

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Lake Region District Health Unit'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*.

LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

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* - Continued

Lake Region District Health Unit's Response to Findings

Lake Region District Health Unit's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying *schedule of findings and questioned costs*. Lake Region District Health Unit's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

/s/

Joshua C. Gallion
State Auditor

Fargo, North Dakota
April 26, 2018

LAKE REGION DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
Devils Lake, North Dakota

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of Auditor's Report Issued?	
Governmental Activities	Unmodified
Major Governmental Fund	Unmodified

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:

Material weaknesses identified?	<u> X </u> Yes	<u> </u> None reported
Significant deficiencies identified?	<u> </u> Yes	<u> X </u> None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<u> </u> Yes	<u> X </u> None reported

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

2017-001 – LACK OF SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

Condition:

Lake Region District Health Unit has one employee responsible for the primary accounting functions and general ledger maintenance.

Effect:

A lack of segregation of duties exists as one employee is responsible to collect monies, deposit monies, issue checks, send checks to vendors, record receipts and disbursements in journals, maintain the general ledger, and perform bank reconciliations.

Cause:

The Lake Region District Health Unit is not in the financial condition to hire the amount of staff to adequately segregate duties.

Criteria:

The guidance relating to internal control is contained in Internal Control – Integrated Framework published by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). This framework includes discussions about the importance of adequate risk assessment, code of conduct, and background investigations. Proper internal accounting control dictates that sufficient accounting personnel should exist so that incompatible duties of employees are properly segregated. The segregation of duties would provide better control over the assets of the Health Unit.

Recommendation:

Due to the size and funding limitations of the Health Unit, we understand that it may not be feasible to obtain proper separation of duties. However, if at any time, it becomes economically feasible and appropriate to add sufficient staff to segregate duties, we recommend that the Health Unit do so. We further recommend that the Health Unit implement any controls possible to separate the functions of approval, posting of transactions, reconciliation, and custody of assets.

Views of Responsible Officials:

Yes, I agree with that finding. Lake Region District Health has instituted some measures that help mitigate that, such as two signatures on all checks and both a board member and myself sign off on all bills and payroll. When funds come available we will look at adding more staffing in the bookkeeping area.

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Lake Region District Health Unit

Devils Lake, North Dakota

Management's Letter

For the Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

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Health Unit Board
Lake Region District Health Unit
Devils Lake, North Dakota

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, and the major fund of Lake Region District Health Unit, Devils Lake, North Dakota, for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated April 26, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

As stated in our engagement letter dated March 15, 2018, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Because of the concept of reasonable assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors, fraud, or other illegal acts may exist and not be detected by us.

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Lake Region District Health Unit's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Lake Region District Health Unit's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Lake Region District Health Unit's internal control over financial reporting.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Lake Region District Health Unit's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. While our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion, it does not provide a legal determination on Lake Region District Health Unit's compliance with those requirements.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES/QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by Lake Region District Health Unit are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. Application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended December 31, 2017. GASB Statement 75 (Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post-Employment Benefit Plans Other Than Pensions) was adopted during the year ended December 31, 2017. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements presented by management and are based on management's 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 significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements is useful lives of capital assets.

CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and report them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. The schedules below titled "Audit Adjustments" lists all misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were corrected by management:

AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS - 2017		
Intergovernmental Receivable	45,793	
Accounts Receivable	43,345	
Revenues		89,138
Expenditures	23,989	
Accounts Payable		11,648
Salaries Payable		12,341

AUDIT ADJUSTMENTS - 2016		
Intergovernmental Receivable	48,926	
Accounts Receivable	104,312	
Revenues		153,238
Expenditures	10,175	
Accounts Payable		5,925
Salaries Payable		4,250

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, or reporting matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated April 26, 2018.

MANAGEMENT CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the county's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

OTHER AUDIT FINDINGS OR ISSUES

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Health Unit board and management of Lake Region District Health Unit, is not intended to be, and should not be used for any other purpose. We would be happy to meet with you and any member of your staff to discuss any of the items in this letter in more detail if you so desire.

Thank you and the employees of Lake Region District Health Unit for the courteous and friendly assistance we received during the course of our audit. It is a pleasure for us to be able to serve Lake Region District Health Unit.

/s/
Joshua C. Gallion
State Auditor

Fargo, North Dakota
April 26, 2018