# COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISON OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES PART I

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

The Honorable Director and Members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services Belvidere, New Jersey

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the various funds of the County of Warren, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services (the "Division"), a component unit of the County of Warren, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014 (December 1, 2014 for the Assistance Account), and the related notes to the 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 practices prescribed or permitted by the Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, State of New Jersey (the "Department") to demonstrate compliance with the Department's cash basis of accounting. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of this balance sheet that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditors' 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 balance sheet. 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 Division's preparation and fair presentation of the balance sheet 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 Division'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.

The Honorable Director and Members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders County of Warren Page 2

## Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note B, the financial statements are prepared by the Division on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department to demonstrate compliance with the Department's cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the cash basis of accounting described in Note B and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

## Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statements referred to above does not present fairly in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America the financial position of each fund of the Division as of December 31, 2014 (December 1, 2014 for the Assistance Account), or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

## Opinion on Cash Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the various funds of the Division as of December 31, 2014 (December 1, 2014 for the Assistance Account), and the results of its operations and changes in fund balance of such funds thereof for the year then ended on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department to demonstrate compliance with the Department's cash basis of accounting, as described in Note B.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements of the various funds that collectively comprise the Division's financial statements. The supplementary schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards, as required by the U. S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations; and New Jersey's OMB Circular 04-04, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The supplementary schedules and the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the various fund financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the various fund financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the various fund financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary data schedules and the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

The Honorable Director and Members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders County of Warren Page 3

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated July 14, 2015 on our consideration of the Division's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Division's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mount Arlington, New Jersey July 14, 2015

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## COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS DECEMBER 31, 2014 (DECEMBER 1, 2014 FOR THE ASSISTANCE FUND)

		Assistance	Administration	Clearing	Child Support And Paternity	Reach	General Fixed Assets Account
	Total	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Account	Group
Assets							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 455,873	\$ 326,776	\$ 65,582	\$ 5,622	\$ 38,717	\$ 19,176	
Fixed Assets	139,735	<u></u>					\$ 139,735
Total assets	\$ 595,608	\$ 326,776	\$ 65,582	\$ 5,622	\$ 38,717	\$ 19,176	\$ 139,735
Fund Balances							
Fund Balances:							
Restricted	\$ 380,291	\$ 326,776		\$ 5,622	\$ 38,717	\$ 9,176	
Unrestricted	75,582		\$ 65,582			10,000	
Investment in Fixed Assets	139,735		***************************************				\$ 139,735
Total Fund Balances	\$ 595,608	\$ 326,776	\$ 65,582	\$ 5,622	\$ 38,717	\$ 19,176	\$ 139,735

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

## COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 (DECEMBER 1, 2014 FOR THE ASSISTANCE FUND)

	Total	 Assistance Fund	Ad	ministration Fund	 Clearing Fund		ild Support ad Paternity Fund	General ssistance Fund		Reach Account	General Fixed Assets Account Group
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 13,020,444	 2,871,840	\$	8,824,711	\$ 67,931		463,659	\$ 772,511	_\$	19,792	
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>											
Fund Disbursements Funds Returned to County Funds Returned to State	 9,294,339 3,739,313 55,454	 2,816,074		5,194,249 3,739,313	71,319	***************************************	472,489	 717,057 55,454		23,151	
Total Disbursements	 13,089,106	 2,816,074		8,933,562	71,319		472,489	772,511		23,151	
Excess/(Deficit) of Receipts over/ (under) Disbursements	(68,662)	55,766		(108,851)	(3,388)		(8,830)			(3,359)	
Fund Balance at December 31, 2013	 664,270	 271,010		174,433	 9,010		47,547	 		22,535	\$ 139,735
Fund Balance at December 31, 2014	 595,608	\$ 326,776	\$	65,582	\$ 5,622	\$	38,717	\$ -0-		19,176	\$ 139,735

## THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

## Note A: Nature of Operations

The County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services (the "Division") is a division of the County of Warren. The Director is the chief executive officer who carries out the administrative duties and policies of the Division. By law, the Division administers the various Public Welfare and Social Service programs under the supervision of the New Jersey State Division of Family Development, Division of Youth and Family Services, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, and the Division on Aging.

The County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services provides Warren County residents with financial assistance through Temporary Assistance to Needy Families ("TANF"), General Assistance Program, Child Support and Paternity Services, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Medically Needy, employment programs, homeless services and other social service programs.

The Division provides services to recipients of TANF, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income and to individuals and families who are eligible under federal income guidelines. Adults in need of protection are served without regard to income as an eligibility factor.

## Note B: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting principles of the County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services conform to the cash basis of accounting which has been prescribed or permitted by the Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development, State of New Jersey. The following is a summary of the significant policies:

### Reporting Entity

Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Codification Section 2100, "Defining The Financial Reporting Entity" establishes standards to determine whether a governmental component unit should be included in the financial reporting entity. The basic criterion for inclusion or exclusion from the financial reporting entity is the exercise of oversight responsibility over agencies, boards and commissions by the primary government. The exercise of oversight responsibility includes financial interdependency and a resulting financial benefit or burden relationship, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. In addition, certain legally separate, tax-exempt entities that meet specific criteria (i.e. benefit of economic resources, access/entitlement to resources and significance) should be included in the financial reporting entities. The Division would be considered a component unit of the County of Warren based on the requirements of the GASB. However, as the reporting entity of the County of Warren was established in accordance with New Jersey statutes, the primary government financial statements do not include reporting on component units.

Basis of Accounting - Revenue, including grants, is recorded as received in cash rather than when earned. Expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. Unexpended cash balances at December 31, of each year are automatically held for use in subsequent years. Assistance Account transactions, after the first of each month, are reflected in the subsequent month's activity. The Assistance Account report reflects financial activity in each year for the period of December 2 of the prior year through December 1 of the current year.

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## Note B: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

<u>Management Estimates</u> – The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u> – Amounts include petty cash, change funds, amounts on deposit, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

<u>Investments</u> – Investments, if any, are stated at cost or amortized cost, which approximates market.

<u>Inventory of Supplies</u> - The costs of inventories of supplies are recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The costs of inventories are not included on the combined statement of assets, liabilities and fund balances arising from cash transactions.

<u>Fixed Assets</u> - Equipment purchases are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase and are not capitalized in the individual accounts/funds.

General Fixed Assets Account Group - General fixed assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Infrastructure assets are not included in general fixed assets, as per state directive. Major renewals and betterments are charged to the asset accounts; maintenance and minor repairs and replacements, which do not improve or extend the lives of the respective assets, are expensed currently. Donated fixed assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. The total value recorded for general fixed assets is offset by the "Investment in Fixed Assets". When properties are retired or otherwise disposed of, the asset and the Investment in Fixed Assets are adjusted accordingly. Fixed assets are reviewed for impairment.

<u>Contributed Facilities</u> – The Division occupies, without charge, premises located in government-owned buildings. The estimated fair rental value of the premises is not reported as support and expenditures in the period in which the premises were used, since the amount is not readily determinable.

### **Fund Balances**

<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> - consist of amounts that are available for use in carrying out the administration of the Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services and are discretionary as to their use. The unrestricted fund balance is made up of the ending balance in the administration account and \$10,000 of the balance of the reach account. The \$10,000 represents the balance of cash advances received by the agency from the State of New Jersey, Division of Family Development, to be utilized for the payment of expenditures. This amount would be payable upon cessation of the Reach program to the State of New Jersey.

<u>Restricted Funds</u> - result from grantor agencies or donors who place restrictions on the use of the funds which mandate the purpose(s) for which the funds may be utilized.

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#### Description of Funds Note C:

In order to ensure resources are used for their intended purpose, the County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services has established certain funds to account for these resources:

Assistance Fund – Consists of monies held in a State of New Jersey account, in which receipts are direct wires from the State of New Jersey Division of Family Development, and disbursements are made to Social Security and TANF clients through EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer-plastic cards).

Administration Fund – All administrative expenses are recorded to this account. Funding is received from the New Jersey Division of Family Development, the Federal government and the County of Warren.

<u>General Assistance Fund</u> – Receipts are from the State of New Jersey for single individuals. Reporting of these transactions is recorded through the General Assistance Automated System (GAAS).

Clearing Fund – Reimburses various programs for funds that represent the recoupment of various types of overpayments, recoveries, and funds initially not identifiable.

Child Support and Paternity Fund - Through the Automated Child Support Enforcement System ("ACSES") or NJKiDS collects child support funds and remits through wire transfers to the County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services.

Reach Account – Assistance account used to make emergency utility payments, prevent utility shut-off, and record transportation expenses. The OMEGA system tracks these transactions.

General Fixed Assets Account Group – Accounts for all fixed asset additions and retirements. Fixed assets are not depreciated.

#### Note D: Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents and investments include petty cash, change funds, amounts in deposits, money market accounts, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Investments are stated at cost, which approximates market. The Office classifies certificates of deposit which have original maturity dates of more than three months but less than twelve months from the date of purchase, as investments.

GASB Statement No. 40, Governmental Accounting Standards Board Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures, requires disclosure of the level of custodial risk assumed by the Division in its cash, cash equivalents and investments, if those items are uninsured or unregistered. Custodial risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned.

## Note D: Cash and Cash Equivalents (Cont'd)

Interest Rate Risk – In accordance with the County of Warren's cash management plan, the Division ensures that any deposit or investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds, deposited or invested, so that there is not a risk to the market value of such deposits or investments.

Credit Risk – The Division limits its investments to those authorized in the County of Warren's cash management plan which are permitted under state statutes as detailed below and on the following page.

## Deposits:

New Jersey statutes permit the deposit of public funds in institutions located in New Jersey, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), or by any other agencies of the United States that insure deposits or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed insurance limits as follows:

The market value of the collateral must equal 5% of the average daily balance of public funds; and

If the public funds deposited exceed 75% of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value at least equal to 100% of the amount exceeding 75%.

All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank Office or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000.

#### Investments

New Jersey statutes permit the Division to purchase the following types of securities:

- (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
- (2) Government money market mutual funds;
- (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
- (4) Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the local unit is a part or within which the school district is located;

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## Note D: <u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u> (Cont'd)

### Investments (Cont'd)

- (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by local units;
- (6) Local government investment pools;
- (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund; or
- (8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
  - (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) above;
  - (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
  - (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
  - (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in statute; and
  - (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

As of December 1 for the Assistance account and December 31, 2014 for the remainder of the accounts, cash and cash equivalents of the County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services (the "Division") consisted of the following:

Account	Checking Accounts	<u></u>	Totals
Administration	\$ 65,582	\$	65,582
Assistance	326,776		326,776
Clearing	5,622		5,622
Child Support	38,717		38,717
Reach Account	19,176		19,176
	\$ 455,873	\$	455,873

The carrying amount of the Division's cash and cash equivalents at year end was \$455,873 and the bank balance was \$393,969. The Division did not hold any investments at year end.

## Note E: Pension Plan

County employees are enrolled in a cost sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system: the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS); or the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP). The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the PERS which covers substantially all County employees. Prudential Financial jointly administers the DCRP investments with the NJ Division of Pensions and Benefits. As a general rule, all full-time employees are eligible to join the PERS. However, if an employee is ineligible to enroll in the PERS, the employee may be eligible to enroll in the DCRP.

Employees who are members of PERS and retire at a specified age according to the relevant tier category for that employee are entitled to a retirement benefit based upon a formula which takes "final average salary" during years of creditable service. Vesting occurs after 8 to 10 years of service. The DCRP provides eligible members with a tax- sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting is immediate upon enrollment for members of the DCRP.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information of each of the above systems. The financial reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295.

The contribution policy is set by New Jersey State Statutes and, in most retirement systems, contributions are required by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. For PERS, the contribution rate was 6.78% of base salary effective July 1, 2013 and increased to 6.92% effective July 1, 2014. Subsequent increases after October 1, 2011 are being phased in over 7 years effective on each July 1<sup>st</sup> to bring the total pension contribution rate to 7.5% of base salary as of July 1, 2018. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate in the PERS. The actuarially determined employer contribution includes funding for cost-of-living adjustments and noncontributory death benefits. Employee contributions are based on percentages of 5.50% for DCRP of employees' annual compensation, as defined. The DCRP was established July 1, 2007, under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 and expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2008. Employee contributions for DCRP are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

County contributions to PERS amounted to \$3,351,486, \$3,282,039 and \$3,352,445 for 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The total employee and employer contributions for the DCRP for the County for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$32,049, \$26,296 and \$16,333, respectively. The County paid the Division's share of pension costs for 2014, 2013 and 2012. As PERS does not allocate these costs by individual, the amounts paid by the County for the Office are not determinable.

## Note F: Post-Retirement Benefits

In addition to the pension benefits described in Note E, the County provides other post-retirement benefits to certain County employees including Division employees at retirement, substantially similar in nature to the health benefits provided to employees presently working.

The County contributes to the State Health Benefits Program ("SHBP"), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan administered by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. SHBP was established in 1961 under N.J.S.A 52:14-17.25 et seq. to provide health benefits to State employees, retirees, and their dependents.

The SHBP was extended to employees, retirees, and dependents of participating local public employers in 1964. Local employers must adopt a resolution to participate in SHBP.

In accordance with the County's resolution, County employees are entitled to the following benefits:

The County provides post retirement healthcare benefits to both bargaining and non-bargaining unit employees who meet the following criteria:

## Bargaining Unit and Non Bargaining Unit Employees

The Employer shall pay current hospital and major medical premiums under the aforesaid policy for employees and their dependent who retire after January 1, 1975, with:

- 1 Twenty-five (25) years of full-time County service. Or,
- 2 Fifteen (15) years of full-time County service and age 62.
- 3 Or are separated from full-time County service on a disability pension.

Such payment shall continue until the death of an employee or retiree.

Upon the death of an employee or retired employee who is a member of the hospitalization and major medical benefits plan, (whether paid for by the Employer or the employee), the surviving spouse may continue in the plan by paying the monthly premium. If the surviving spouse shall remarry, the coverage shall cease immediately. If the surviving spouse: is or shall thereafter be employed elsewhere and is covered by another medical benefits plan, the County's coverage shall cease immediately. In the event of the death of an active covered employee, the employee's surviving covered dependents shall receive six (6) additional full months of coverage paid for by the County, subject to the above stated provisions regarding remarriage and coverage provided by employment elsewhere.

Note F: Post-Retirement Benefits (Cont'd)

Prescription coverage through SHBP will also be provided at the County's expense for retirees who qualify under the aforementioned for both themselves and eligible dependents.

The County will reimburse an employee who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older for Medicare Part B premiums until the employee retires.

Rules governing the operation and administration of the program are found in Title 17, Chapter 9 of the New Jersey Administrative Code. SHBP provides medical, prescription drugs, mental health/substance abuse, and Medicare Part B reimbursement to retirees and their covered dependents.

The State Health Benefits Commission is the executive body established by statute to be responsible for the operation of the SHBP. The State of New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the SHBP. That report may be obtained by writing to:

State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625-0295.

Participating employers are contractually required to contribute based on the amount of premiums attributable to their retirees. Postretirement medical benefits under the plan have been funded on a pay-as-you-go basis since 1994. Prior to 1994, medical benefits were funded on an actuarial basis.

Contributions to pay for health premiums of participating retirees in the SHBP are billed to the County on a monthly basis. The County's portion of post-retirement benefits is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis from the Current fund operating budget.

The County contributions to SHBP for the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, were approximately \$14,780,211 and \$14,626,137, respectively. There were 310 and 299 retired participants eligible at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

### Note G: Contingent Liabilities

The Division is periodically involved in various lawsuits arising in the normal course of business. The Division is vigorously contesting these lawsuits and believes the ultimate resolution will not have a material adverse effect on their financial position.

Amounts received or receivable from grantors, principally the federal and state governments are subject to regulatory requirements and adjustments by the agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts previously recognized by the Division as revenue would constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, or expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantors, cannot be determined at this time, although Division officials expect such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

## Note H: Fixed Assets

The fixed assets capitalization threshold established by the County of Warren and utilized by the Division is \$5,000.

	_	Balance		Balance
	Dec	2. 31, 2013	Dec	e. 31, 2014
Vehicles and Equipment	\$	139,735	\$	139,735
		139,735	_\$	139,735

## Note I: Economic Dependency

The Office receives a substantial amount of its support from federal and state governments. A significant reduction in the level of support, if this were to occur, may have an effect on the Office's programs and activities.

## Note J: Deferred Compensation

The County of Warren offers its employees (including the Office's employees) a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, which is administered by Great-West, permits participants to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Amounts deferred under the plan are not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

#### Note K: Risk Management

The Division is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

### Property, Liability and Workers' Compensation

The County is a member of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund (the "Fund"). The Fund provides its members with Workers' Compensation and Employee Liability Insurance. The Fund is a risk- sharing public entity risk pool that is both an insured and self-administered group of governmental entities established for the purpose of providing low-cost insurance coverage for its members in order to keep local property taxes at a minimum. Each member appoints an official to represent their respective entity for the purpose of creating a governing body from which officers for the Fund are elected.

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## Note K: Risk Management (Cont'd)

As a member of the Fund, the County could be subject to supplemental assessments in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Fund were to be exhausted, members would become responsible for their respective shares of the Fund liabilities.

The Fund can declare and distribute dividends to members upon approval of the State of New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. These distributions are divided amongst the members in the same ratio as their individual assessment relates to the total assessment of the membership body. The members may either receive payment or offset their subsequent year assessments with their respective share of the distribution.

As of the audit date, the 2014 financial information for the fund was not available. Selected financial information for the Fund, for 2013, is as follows:

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Total Assets	\$	48,665,838
Net Position/(Deficit)	\$	(2,361,942)
Total Revenue	\$	19,224,859
Total Expenses	\$	17,954,033
Change in Net Position for the Year Ended December 31	\$	1,270,826
Member Dividends	\$	-0-

Financial statements for the Fund are available at the office of the Fund's Executive Director:

Robert W. Mania c/o RHM Benefits Inc. 1001 Route 517, Suite 1 Hackettstown, NJ 07840 (908) 852-0222

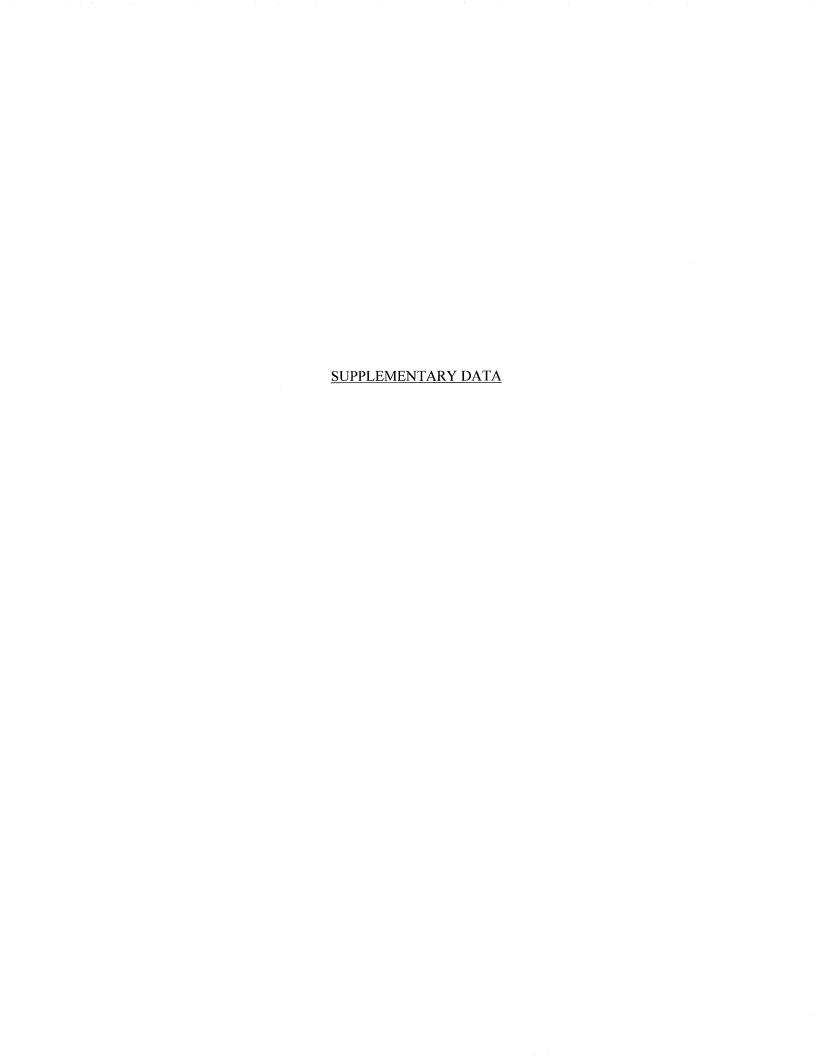
## New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance

The County has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Benefit Reimbursement Method". Under this plan, the County is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund for benefits paid to its former employees and charged to its account with the State. The County is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State.

## Note K: Risk Management (Cont'd)

The following is a summary of County and employee contributions, interest earned and reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and the ending balance of the County's trust fund for the current and previous two years:

	Employer/				
	Employee	I	nterest	Amount	
Year	Contributions	]	Earned	Reimbursed	Ending Balance
2014	\$ 227,103.36	\$	115.53	\$ 194,251.28	\$ 334,220.14
2013	131,087.72		195.26	203,153.28	301,252.53
2012	70,187.78		323.73	106,686.80	373,122.83



## COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

Balance December 31, 2013			\$ 174,433
Increased by Receipts:			
County of Warren:			
Budget Appropriations	\$	5,194,250	
Federal and State Programs:			
Earned Subsidy Grant		2,934,593	
Special Grants		12,975	
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services:			
Medical Assistance Program		176,993	
Medically Needy Program		279,326	
General Assistance Reimbursements:			
Home Energy Assistance Administration Funds		3,726	
Child Support Incentives		199,796	
Matchable Refunds		785	
Interest:			
Child Support		5	
Other than Child Support		16	
Non Temporary Assistance to Needy Families			
Program		24	
Other Miscellaneous Receipts		22,222	
			 8,824,711
			8,999,144
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Operating Disbursements:			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Salaries and Wages		2,954,979	
Employee Benefit Plans		1,837,728	
Travel Expense		8,673	
Office Expense		123,543	
Major Equipment Expense		5,771	
Office Space		6,444	
Staff Training and Development		16,980	
Purchased Services for Clients		8,281	
Miscellaneous Matchable Expenses		8,437	
Child Support and Paternity Expense		133,926	
Miscellaneous Non-Matchable Expense		89,487	
Funds Returned to County Treasurer:			
2014 County Appropriations	<del></del>	3,739,313	
			 8,933,562
Balance December 31, 2014			\$ 65,582
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## COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT

Balance December 1, 2013	\$ 271,010
Increased by Receipts:	
County Participation:	
Assistance for Supplemental Security	
Income Recipients \$ 169,83	15
State and Federal Participation:	
Assistance for Supplemental Security	
Income Recipients 130,00	00
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families:	•
County Share 194,93	9
State and Federal Share 2,232,15	
Child Support Program Disregards 144,91	
	2,871,840
	3,142,850
Decreased by Disbursements:	, ,
Assistance for Supplemental Security	
Income Recipients:	
County Share 170,07	2
State and Federal Share 156,21	
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families:	
County Share 166,31	4
State and Federal Share 2,195,12	25
Child Support Program Disregards 128,34	6
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	2,816,074
Balance December 1, 2014	\$ 326,776

## COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - CLEARING ACCOUNT

Balance December 31, 2013		\$	9,010
Increased by:			
Refunds of Overpayments	\$ 9,659		
Old Age Assistance	3,461		
Other Collections	11,015		
Food Stamp Recoupments	41,825		
Medical Assistance	1,971	_	
	•		67,931
			76,941
Decreased by:			
Reimbursement to State Treasurer:			
Food Stamp Recoupments	43,554		
Medical Assistance	1,532		
Due Assistance Account	16,274		
Due General Assistance Account	8,605		
Local Share of Medical Assistance	511		
Interest Due Administration Account	4		
Payments to Client	839		
	_		71,319
Balance December 31, 2014		\$	5,622

## COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - CHILD SUPPORT ACCOUNT AND PATERNITY ACCOUNT

Balance December 31, 2013		\$ 47,547
Increased by:		
Regular Collections	\$ 463,124	
Blood Tests	529	
Interest	6	
		463,659
		511,206
Decreased by:		
Refunds to Assistance Account	197,796	
Incentive Payments	197,796	
Child Support Program Disregard Payments	76,202	
Blood Tests	689	
Interest Due Administrative Account	6	
		472,489
Balance December 31, 2014		\$ 38,717

## COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

			772,511
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		\$	772,511
Other	4,074		
Refund Checks	66,643		
Supplemental Security Income - Initial			
Increased by: State Aid Payments	\$ 701,794		

## COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - REACH ACCOUNT

Balance December 31, 2013		\$	22,535
Increased by:			
Assistance Reimbursements	\$ 19,790		
Interest	2		
		•	19,792
			42,327
Decreased by:			
Reach Expenses			23,151
Balance December 31, 2014		\$	19,176

## **COUNTY OF WARREN**

## DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

## PART II

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

## WARREN COUNTY DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Name of Federal	C.F.D.A		Grant		D : 1			
Agency or Department/Program Name/Cluster Title	Account		Award		Period	_	**.	Cumulative
Agency of Department/Program Name/Cluster Title	No.		Amount	From	To	E	xpenditures	Expenditures
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:								
Pass-through Programs From:								
NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development:								
TANF Cluster								
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	93.558	\$	2,427,570	1/1/2014	12/31/2014	S	2,427,570	\$ 2,427,570
Child Support and Paternity Program	93.563		642,240	1/1/2014	12/31/2014	-	642,240	642,240
Medicaid Cluster							· -,- · ·	0 .=,= 10
Medical Assistance Program	93.778		837,095	1/1/2014	12/31/2014		837,095	837,095
Social Services Block Grant	93.667		155,278	1/1/2014	12/31/2014		155,278	155,278
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767		70,649	1/1/2014	12/31/2014		70,649	70,649
•		-	4,132,832				4,132,832	4,132,832
Social Security Administration:								
Disability Insurance/SSI Cluster								
Supplemental Security Income	96.006		66,643	1/1/2014	12/31/2014		66,643	66,643
		-						
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/NJ Department								
of Human Services (NJDHS):								
Pass-Through Program from:								
NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development:								
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Cluster:								
Supplemental Nutrition								
Assistance Program	10.551		1,066,295	1/1/2014	12/31/2014		1,066,295	1,066,295
Total Federal Awards		\$	5,265,770			\$	5,265,770	\$ 5,265,770

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

## WARREN COUNTY DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Name of State	State	Grant Award	Grant	: Period		Cumulative
Agency of Department	Account #	Amount	From	То	Expenditures	Expenditures
NJ Department of Human Services:  Division of Family Development:  Work First New Jersey - General Assistance:						
Client Assistance Administration Costs	100-054-7550-121 100-054-7550-121	\$ 1,476,952 730,053 2,207,005	1/1/2014 1/1/2014	12/31/2014 12/31/2014	\$ 1,476,952 730,053 2,207,005	\$ 1,476,952 730,053 2,207,005
Supplemental Security Income	100-054-7550-125	156,217	1/1/2014	12/31/2014	156,217	156,217
Total State Awards		\$ 2,363,222			\$ 2,363,222	\$ 2,363,222

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

## COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

#### A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards (the "Schedules) include the federal and state grant activity of the County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services (the "Division"), under programs of the federal and state governments for the year ended December 31, 2014. The information in these schedules is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States and Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations and New Jersey's OMB Circular 04-04, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid. Because the schedules present only a selected portion of the operation of the Division, they are not intended to and do not present the financial position, changes in fund balance or cash flows of the Division.

### B. SUMMARY OF SIGINFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governmental Units, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Pass-through identifying numbers are presented where available.

## C. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with the amounts reported in the related federal and state financial reports.



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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

## Independent Auditors' Report

The Honorable Director and Members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders County of Warren Belvidere, New Jersey

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services (the "Department"), 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 various funds of the County of Warren, Division of Social Services (the "Division"), a component unit of the County of Warren, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, with the exception of the Assistance Account which is reported as of December 1, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 14, 2015. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department, to demonstrate compliance with the Department's cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Division's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Division's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Division'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 County'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 the internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The Honorable Director and Members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders County of Warren Belvidere, New Jersey Page 2

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Division's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Division'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 Division's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Mount Arlington, New Jersey July 14, 2015

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## Report on Compliance For Each Major Federal and State Program Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by OMB Circular A-133 and New Jersey's OMB Circular 04-04

## **Independent Auditors' Report**

The Honorable Director and Members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders County of Warren Belvidere, New Jersey

## Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and State Program

We have audited the County of Warren, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services' (the "Division's") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* and the *New Jersey State Aid/ Grant Compliance Supplement* that that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Division's major federal and state programs for the year ended December 31, 2014. The Division's major federal and state programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

## Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal and state programs.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Division's major federal and state programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations* and New Jersey OMB's Circular 04-04, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid.* Those standards, OMB Circular A-133 and New Jersey's OMB Circular 04-04 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal or state program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Division's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal and state program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Division's compliance.

The Honorable Director and Members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders County of Warren Belvidere, New Jersey Page 2

## Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program

In our opinion, the Division complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state programs for the year ended December 31, 2014.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of the Division is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Division's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal and state program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal and state program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and NJOMB 04-04, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Division's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal or state program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal or state program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal or state program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance 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 compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results that the testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133 or NJOMB 04-04. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Mount Arlington, New Jersey July 14, 2015

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## COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

## **Summary of Auditors' Results:**

- The Independent Auditors' Report expresses an unmodified opinion on the Division's financial statements, prepared in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services (the "Division"), State of New Jersey to demonstrate compliance with the Division's cash basis of accounting and the budget laws of New Jersey.
- There were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies disclosed during the audit of the financial statements as reported in the *Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards*.
- No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Division which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.
- There were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over major federal and state programs disclosed during the audit as reported in the *Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance For Each Major Federal and State Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by OMB Circular A-133 and New Jersey's OMB Circular 04-04.*
- The auditor's report on compliance for its major federal and state programs for the Division expresses an unmodified opinion on each of the major federal and state programs.
- The threshold for distinguishing Type A and B federal programs was \$300,000.
- The threshold for distinguishing Type A and B state programs was \$300,000.
- The Division was determined to be a "low-risk" auditee for both federal and state programs.
- The Division's federal programs tested as major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2014 consisted of the following awards:

_	CFDA Number	Expenditures
TANF Cluster - Temporary Assistance		
for Needy Families	93.558	\$ 2,427,570
Medicaid Cluster - Medical Assistance Program	93.778	837,095
Child Support and Paternity		
Program	93.563	642,240

The Division's state program tested as a major state program for the year ended December 31, 2014 consisted of the following award:

	State Account Number	Expenditures			
Work First New Jersey - General Assistance	100-054-7550-121	\$2,207,005			

# COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS QUESTIONED COSTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 (Continued)

Findings Relating to the Financial Statements which are required to be Reported in Accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards:

- The audit did not disclose any findings required to be reported under Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards.

## Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards:

- The audit did not disclose any findings or questioned costs for federal awards as defined in Federal OMB Circular A-133.

## Findings and Questioned Costs for State Awards:

The audit did not disclose any findings or questioned costs for state awards as defined in section 510(a) of the Federal Circular A-133 or NJOMB 04-04.

## COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

There were no prior year audit findings.

## **COUNTY OF WARREN**

## DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

## PART III

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

## COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Contracts and Agreements Required to be Advertised for N.J.S. 40A:11-4

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 states:

- a. "When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the contracting agent in the aggregate does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate to the contracting unit, of the governing body of the contracting unit without public advertising for bids, except that the governing body of any contracting unit may adopt an ordinance or resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to Subsection b. of Section 9 of P.L. 1971, C.198 (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9), the governing body of the contracting unit may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.
- b. Any contract made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 5 of P.L. 1971, C.198 (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5) may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months. The Division of Local Government Services shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations concerning the methods of accounting for all contracts that do not coincide with the contracting unit's fiscal year.
- c. The Governor, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of every fifth year beginning in the fifth year after the year in which P.L. 1999, C.440 takes effect, adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the governing body is permitted to establish, as set forth in subsection a. of this section, or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in section 2 of P.L. 1971, C.198 (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2), and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000. The Governor shall, no later than June 1 of every fifth year, notify each governing body of the adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is made."
- N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 states: "Every contract awarded by the contracting agent for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the governing body of the contracting unit to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this act or specifically by any other law. The governing body of a contracting unit may, by resolution approved by a majority of the governing body and subject to subsections b. and c. of this section, disqualify a bidder who would otherwise be determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, if the governing body finds that it has had prior negative experience with the bidder."

Effective January 1, 2011 and thereafter the bid threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 is \$17,500 and with a qualified purchasing agent the threshold may be up to \$36,000.

The governing body of the County of Warren has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the bid threshold within the fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the County Counsel's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

## COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

(Continued)

### Contracts and Agreements Required to be Advertised for N.J.S. 40A:11-4

The minutes of the County of Warren Board of Chosen Freeholders indicated that bids were requested by public advertising for various applicable goods and services.

The minutes indicated that bids were requested by public advertising per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4. The minutes also indicated that resolutions were adopted and advertised authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services".

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed. No exceptions were noted.

## New Jersey Administrative Code Accounting Requirement

The Division of Local Government Services has established three (3) accounting requirements which are prescribed by the New Jersey Administrative Code. They are as follows:

- 1. Maintenance of an encumbrance accounting system.
- 2. Fixed asset accounting and reporting system.
- 3. General ledger accounting system.

The County maintains encumbrance, fixed asset and general ledger accounting systems.

#### Status of Prior Year Recommendations

There were none.

## COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>NONE</u>