

NEW MEXICO HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT LOAN COUNCIL

Financial Statements

Years Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

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NEW MEXICO HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT LOAN COUNCIL

Official Roster at June 30, 2008

Name	Title
Board of Directors	
Leonard Tapia	Chair
Thomas A. MacLean, Ph.D.	Vice-Chair
Daniel Lyon	Secretary
Kent Carruthers	Treasurer
R. Greg Leyendecker	Member
Program Administrator	
Deborah Gorenz	Hospital Services Corporation

FINANCIAL SECTION



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Council Members
New Mexico Hospital Equipment Loan Council
and
Honorable Hector H. Balderas
New Mexico State Auditor
Santa Fe, New Mexico

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets of the business-type activities of the New Mexico Hospital Equipment Loan Council (the "Council") as of June 30, 2008 and 2007, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended. We have also audited the budgetary comparison statement for the year ended June 30, 2008, presented as supplementary information as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Council's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits 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 audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the New Mexico Hospital Equipment Loan Council's financial position of the business-type activities as of June 30, 2008 and 2007, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also in our opinion, the budgetary comparison statement referred to in the first paragraph presents fairly, in all material respects, the budgetary comparison for the year ended June 30, 2008 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with **Government Auditing Standards**, we have also issued our report dated November 10, 2008 on our consideration of the Council's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. 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 the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with **Government Auditing Standards** and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages vi through vii is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the Management's Discussion and Analysis. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Council's basic financial statements and budgetary comparison. The introductory section is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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Española, New Mexico
November 10, 2008

Management's Discussion and Analysis

(required supplementary information)

June 30, 2008

INTRODUCTION

The New Mexico Hospital Equipment Loan Council (NMHELCL) discussion and analysis is designed to 1) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, 2) provide an overview of the NMHELCL's financial activity, and 3) identify changes in the NMHELCL's financial position. The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is designed to focus on the current year's activities, resulting changes and currently known facts.

The financial statements presented include the statements of net assets, statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, and the statements of cash flows. Also included are notes to financial statements.

NMHELCL is a special-purpose government agency engaged in only one business-type activity, i.e., helping qualified medical facilities obtain financing for capital purchases and improvements. Accordingly, no government-wide presentation of the financial statement information is appropriate. NMHELCL is a proprietary enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are required to account for operations which charge a fee to external users for goods and services, and the activity is: (a) financed with debt that is solely secured by a pledge of the net revenues, or (b) has third party requirements that costs of providing services be recovered with fees and charges, or (c) has a pricing policy designed so the fees and charges recover these costs.

The statements of net assets give the financial position as of June 30, 2008 and 2007, the statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets present current year activity, and the statements of cash flows reflect the change in cash position for the years being reported. The notes to financial statements consist of information that is essential to a user's understanding of the basic financial statements.

NMHELCL does not use government money in its financing operations. However, NMHELCL has a legally adopted budget and presents the budgetary comparison schedule as supplementary information, as required.

CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

NMHELCL's net assets were \$2,432,493 and \$2,356,112 as of June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively. All net assets were business-type net assets.

NMHELCL's current liabilities were \$81,987 and \$82,893 as of June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2007, respectively.

The financing activity revenue was \$100,622 and \$123,059 and program activity revenue was \$73,540 and \$59,604 for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

The change in net assets was \$76,381 in fiscal year 2008 and \$73,367 in fiscal year 2007.

The total cost of financing activity and program activity was \$97,781 and \$109,296 for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The NMHELC assists qualified medical facilities to finance capital equipment and improvement projects through the issuance of bonds or other financing arrangements. One new loan was made in fiscal year 2008, and one new loan in fiscal year 2007.

Program activity revenue, which consists of loan origination fees and ongoing fees, increased by 23.4% in fiscal 2008. The primary reason program activity revenue increased for the FYE 2008 was because there was one new loan. The loan origination fee was the maximum amount of \$15,000.

The increase in net assets of \$76,381 is primarily the result of additional program administration fees income and expense reductions in professional fees and program administrator fees in FYE 2008.

In recent years, instead of loaning proceeds of NMHELC issued revenue bonds to individual hospitals, most of the financing activity has been in the form of conduit debt where neither the NMHELC, nor any political subdivision of the State, is obligated in any manner for repayment. It is expected that this will continue into the future.

Statements of Net Assets
June 30, 2008 and 2007

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 3)	\$ 2,455,551	\$ 2,398,902
Accounts receivable	53,937	29,827
Accrued interest receivable	4,796	10,044
Prepaid expenses	196	232
	<u>196</u>	<u>232</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,514,480</u>	<u>\$ 2,439,005</u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,583	\$ 9,579
Due to Hospital Services Corporation	78,404	73,314
	<u>78,404</u>	<u>73,314</u>
Total liabilities	81,987	82,893
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	<u>2,432,493</u>	<u>2,356,112</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 2,514,480</u>	<u>\$ 2,439,005</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets
Years Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Operating revenues:		
Program administration fees	<u>\$ 73,540</u>	<u>\$ 59,604</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>73,540</u>	<u>59,604</u>
Operating expenses:		
Professional fees	15,923	24,696
Program administrator	70,000	73,123
Administrative	11,529	11,170
Insurance	<u>329</u>	<u>307</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>97,781</u>	<u>109,296</u>
Operating loss	(24,241)	(49,692)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Investment income	<u>100,622</u>	<u>123,059</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>100,622</u>	<u>123,059</u>
Change in net assets	76,381	73,367
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>2,356,112</u>	<u>2,282,745</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 2,432,493</u>	<u>\$ 2,356,112</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Statements of Cash Flows
Years Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from borrowers	\$ 54,814	\$ 76,631
Cash paid for services	<u>(98,787)</u>	<u>(105,450)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(43,973)</u>	<u>(28,819)</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:		
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income	<u>100,622</u>	<u>123,059</u>
Net cash provided (used) in investing activities	<u>100,622</u>	<u>123,059</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	56,649	94,240
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>2,398,902</u>	<u>2,304,662</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 2,455,551</u>	<u>\$ 2,398,902</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) for Operating Activities		
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Operating loss	\$ (24,241)	\$ (49,692)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(24,110)	26,932
Accrued interest receivable	5,248	(1,194)
Prepaid expenses	36	388
Accounts payable	(5,996)	(3,133)
Due to Hospital Services Corporation	<u>5,090</u>	<u>(2,120)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ (43,973)</u>	<u>\$ (28,819)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NEW MEXICO HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT LOAN COUNCIL

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2008 and 2007

1. Organization and Reporting Entity

The New Mexico Hospital Equipment Loan Council (the "Council") is a public body corporate and politic, separate and apart from the State of New Mexico (the "State"), constituting a governmental instrumentality organized under the laws of the State. The Council is authorized to borrow money and to issue bonds to provide financing for the purpose and projects of the Council pursuant to the New Mexico Hospital Equipment Loan Act contained in Sections 58-23-1 through 58-23-32 of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978, and the New Mexico Public Securities Short-Term Interest Rate Act, Sections 6-18-1 through 6-18-16, of the New Mexico State Statutes, 1978, inclusive and amended (collectively, the "Act"). The Council has no component units or fiduciary funds. The financial statements include only the activities of the Council. They do not include activities of conduit debt recipients.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the reporting model defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*; GASB Statement No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments: Omnibus*, and GASB Statement 38, *Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures*. These GASB statements did not significantly change the financial reporting for the accompanying financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. Also, the Council has elected to apply Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 20, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*. GASB 20 states that the Council has elected to apply the provisions of all relevant pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), including those issued after November 30, 1989.

Proprietary Fund Types

The Council's accounting is organized on a proprietary fund basis. Proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. The accounting objectives are a determination of net income, financial position and changes in cash flow. The following is the Council's proprietary fund type:

Enterprise Funds – Enterprise funds are used for activities that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the costs of providing goods or services are recovered primarily through user charges.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include investments in highly liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less.

NEW MEXICO HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT LOAN COUNCIL

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2008 and 2007

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

Receivables

Receivables consist of annual administration fees assessed on conduit debtors and accrued interest receivable on interest bearing accounts. All receivables are considered fully collectible.

Origination and Administrative Fees

The Council collects certain loan origination fees in relationship to its conduit debt obligations. These fees are recorded as revenue at the time each obligation is closed. In addition, the Council performs certain accounting administration services for each of its conduit debt obligations on a monthly basis. The Council collects a monthly fee for each loan and records these fees when services are rendered. The Council classifies these fees as operating revenues. All other revenues, interest earnings, are classified as nonoperating revenues.

Net Assets

The government-wide financial statements utilize a net asset presentation. Net assets are categorized as invested in capital assets (net of related debt, if applicable), restricted and unrestricted.

Investment in capital assets (net of related debt) – is intended to reflect the portion of net assets which are associated with capital assets less outstanding capital asset related debt. The Council has no capital assets.

Restricted assets – are assets (generated from revenues and not bond proceeds), which have third-party (statutory, bond covenant or granting agency) limitations on their use.

Unrestricted assets – are assets that do not have third-party (statutory, bond covenant or granting agency) limitations on their use.

Risk Management

The Council is exposed to various risks of loss from torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; business interruption; and other causes. Commercial insurance coverage is purchased for claims arising from such matters.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Council's financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable. The carrying amounts of these financial instruments have been estimated by management to approximate fair value.

Budgetary Information

The budget is prepared annually on the accrual basis of accounting and is controlled at the fund level.

NEW MEXICO HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT LOAN COUNCIL

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2008 and 2007

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash deposits are reported at cost, which reasonably estimates fair value. The Council maintains the majority of its funds in the State Treasurer's *New MexiGROW* Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) for a better investment return and also maintains no more than \$75,000 in a local bank checking account to pay monthly operating expenses of the Council. Previously, all Council funds were held by a national banking institution in money market accounts in a trustee capacity.

At June 30, 2008, the carrying amounts in the local bank account and LGIP are as follows:

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number/Type</u>	<u>Balance per Depository</u>	<u>Reconciling Item Outstanding Warrants</u>	<u>Balance per Financial Statements</u>
Bank of the West	Demand	\$ 31,981	\$ -	\$ 31,981
State Treasurer: <i>New MexiGROW</i> LGIP	7803-8644	<u>2,423,570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 2,423,570</u>
Total		<u>\$ 2,455,551</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,455,551</u>

At June 30, 2007, the carrying amounts in the local bank account and LGIP were as follows:

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number/Type</u>	<u>Balance per Depository</u>	<u>Reconciling Item Outstanding Warrants</u>	<u>Balance per Financial Statements</u>
Bank of the West	Demand	\$ 72,207	\$ (1,005)	\$ 71,202
State Treasurer: <i>New MexiGROW</i> LGIP	7803-8644	<u>2,327,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 2,327,700</u>
Total		<u>\$ 2,399,907</u>	<u>\$ (1,005)</u>	<u>\$ 2,398,902</u>

The State Treasurer's *New MexiGROW* Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) is not Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) registered. Section 6-10-10 I, NMSA 1978, empowers the State Treasurer, with the advice and consent of the State Board of Finance, to invest money held in the short-term investment fund in securities that are issued by the United States government or by its departments or agencies and are either direct obligations of the United States or are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government or are agencies sponsored by the United States government. The *New MexiGROW* LGIP investments are monitored by the same investment committee and the same policies and procedures that apply to all other state investments. The pool does not have unit shares.

Per Section 6-10-10.1F, NMSA 1978, at the end of each month, all interest earned is distributed by the State Treasurer to the contributing entities in amounts directly proportionate to the respective amounts deposited in the fund and the length of time the amounts were invested. Participation in the *New MexiGROW* LGIP is voluntary.

NEW MEXICO HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT LOAN COUNCIL

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2008 and 2007

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents (cont'd)

The statutes of the State of New Mexico place certain restrictions on the investments of public money by the State Treasurer in order to minimize risk. Permissible investments include U. S. Treasury securities and certificates of deposit at financial institutions insured by an agency of the federal government and corporate bonds that meet investment policy criteria. In order to meet short-term investment objectives, state laws permit investment in repurchase agreements. These contracts must be fully secured by obligations of the United States or other securities backed by the United States, having a market value of at least 102% of the amount of the contract.

Investments in the *New MexiGROW* LGIP are valued at fair value based on quoted market prices as of the valuation date. The State Treasurer's Office issues separate financial statements that disclose the types of investments and collateral pledged to secure the investments of the *New MexiGROW* LGIP. Interest rate risk is the risk that interest rate variations may adversely affect an investment's fair value. The prices of securities fluctuate with market interest rates and the securities held in a portfolio will decline if market interest rates rise. The portfolio's weighted average maturity (WAM) is a key determinant of the tolerance of a fund's investments to rising interest rates. In general, the longer the WAM, the more susceptible the fund is to rising interest rates. At June 30, 2008 and 2007 the Council's investment in the *New MexiGROW* LGIP is as follows:

6/30/08 New MexiGROW LGIP	AAAm rated	\$2,423,570	46 day WAM
6/30/07 New MexiGROW LGIP	AAAm rated	\$2,327,700	24 day WAM

GASB No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*, requires a custodial credit risk disclosure. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The government's deposit policy for custodial credit risk is to maintain a bank balance of no more than \$75,000 at any one time. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insures up to \$100,000 of a government's bank balance.

Of the total of \$31,981 in the demand account at June 30, 2008, none was uninsured, uncollateralized and subject to custodial credit risk. Of the total of \$72,207 in the demand account at June 30, 2007, none was uninsured, uncollateralized and subject to custodial credit risk.

In accordance with Section 6-10-17, NMSA, 1978 Compilation, the Council is required to collateralize an amount equal to one-half of the public money in excess of \$100,000 at each financial institution. At June 30, the local bank account was collateralized as follows:

<u>Bank of the West</u>	<u>2008 Balance</u>	<u>2007 Balance</u>
Total amount on deposit in bank	\$ 31,981	\$ 72,207
Less: FDIC coverage	(31,981)	(72,207)
Total uninsured public funds	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

NEW MEXICO HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT LOAN COUNCIL

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2008 and 2007

4. Conduit Debt Obligations

The Council has issued revenue bonds, lease purchases and master financing agreements to provide financing for the acquisition and construction of equipment and facilities. The bonds, lease purchases and master financing agreements are secured by the property financed and are payable solely from payments received on the underlying loans. Neither the Council nor any political subdivision of the State is obligated in any manner for repayment of either the bonds or the lease-purchase/master financing agreements. Accordingly, the bonds or the lease-purchase/master financing agreements are not reported as liabilities in the accompanying financial statements.

Conduit debt obligations consisted of the following at June 30:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Hospital Revenue Bonds (Presbyterian Healthcare Services), Series 2004 A-D	\$ -	\$ 134,540,000
Hospital Revenue Bonds (Presbyterian Healthcare Services), Series 2005 A-B	201,895,000	203,480,000
Revenue Bonds (Catholic Health Initiatives), Series 1997A	-	4,255,000
Hospital Revenue Bonds (Presbyterian Healthcare Services), Series 2001A	195,675,000	195,675,000
Hospital Revenue Bonds (Lovelace Women's Hospital), Series 2007	12,617,082	-
Hospital Revenue Bonds (Dialysis Clinic, Inc. Project), Series 2000	5,000,000	5,000,000
2002 Master Financing Agreement (Covenant Health System)	2,637,808	3,027,247
Hospital Revenue Bonds (St. Vincent Hospital), Series 2003	8,020,000	9,450,000
Hospital Revenue Bonds (St. Vincent Hospital), Series 2005	22,975,000	23,540,000
Hospital Revenue Bonds (Rehoboth McKinley Christian Hospital Project), Series 2007	7,525,000	7,600,000
Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute Project 2004	<u>2,698,042</u>	<u>3,394,422</u>
Total	<u>\$ 459,042,932</u>	<u>\$ 589,961,669</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT LOAN COUNCIL**

**Statement of Revenues and Expenses
Budget and Actual
Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	Proprietary Fund			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original Approved Budget	Final Approved Budget	Actual	
Revenues:				
Council annual fees	\$ 59,500	\$ 59,500	\$ 60,040	\$ 540
Origination fees	15,000	15,000	13,500	(1,500)
Council investment earnings	104,750	104,750	100,622	(4,128)
Total revenues	179,250	179,250	\$ 174,162	\$ (5,088)
 Prior-year funds re-budgeted	 -	 -		
	\$ 179,250	\$ 179,250		
 Operating expenses:				
Trustee fees	\$ 8,300	\$ 8,300	\$ -	\$ 8,300
General counsel	15,000	15,000	7,568	7,432
Insurance premium	350	350	330	20
Council fees	3,000	3,000	884	2,116
Origination fee	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
CPA fees	8,600	8,600	7,470	1,130
Program administrator	70,000	70,000	65,000	5,000
Miscellaneous	18,400	18,400	11,529	6,871
Total expenditures	\$ 128,650	\$ 128,650	\$ 97,781	\$ 30,869

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.



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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

The Council Members
New Mexico Hospital Equipment Loan Council
and
Honorable Hector H. Balderas
New Mexico State Auditor
Santa Fe, New Mexico

We have audited the statement of net assets and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets and cash flows of the New Mexico Hospital Equipment Loan Council (the "Council") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008 and have issued our report thereon dated November 10, 2008. We have also audited the budgetary comparison statement for the year ended June 30, 2008, presented as supplementary information. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Council's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures 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 Council's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is a more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Council's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or a combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Council's internal control.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, others within the Council, management, and the Office of the State Auditor, the New Mexico Legislature, the NM Department of Finance and Administration and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Española, New Mexico
November 10, 2008

NEW MEXICO HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT LOAN COUNCIL

Schedule of Findings and Responses

June 30, 2008

	<u>Type of Finding *</u>	<u>Prior Year Finding Number</u>	<u>Current Year Finding Number</u>
Current Year Findings:			
None	N/A	N/A	N/A
Follow-up on Prior Year Findings:			
None	N/A	N/A	N/A

*** Legend for Current Year Findings:**

- A. Material Weakness in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
- B. Significant Deficiency in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
- C. Other Matters involving Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
- D. Material Instance of Noncompliance
- E. Immaterial Instance of Noncompliance

Schedule of Findings and Responses

June 30, 2008

Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements and notes to the financial statements were prepared by the independent certified public accountants performing the audit. Management is responsible for ensuring that the books and records adequately support the preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and that the records are current and in balance. Management has reviewed and approved the financial statements and notes to financial statements.

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EXIT CONFERENCE

The financial statements and the auditors' reports were discussed at an exit conference (closed session) held on November 14, 2008, with the following in attendance:

New Mexico Hospital Equipment Loan Council (NMHELCL)

Leonard Tapia	Chair
Thomas A. MacLean, Ph.D.	Vice-Chair
Daniel Lyon	Secretary (by telephone)
Kent Carruthers	Treasurer (by telephone)

Hospital Services Corporation

Deborah Gorenz	Program Administrator
Penny S. Conger	Executive Assistant
Kevin Bartley, CPA	Chief Financial Officer

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