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Children and Families in our community will have access to quality early learning programs that nurture their learning potential and prepare them for their educational success.

**FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 MEETING AGENDA
 CONFERENCE CALL ONLY
 March 30, 2020 - 1:00 a.m.**

To participate in this meeting via conference call, dial-in number is **(877) 309-2071** & conference code is **519-587-644 #**

1:00 p.m. Call to Order R. Colen
 1:01 p.m. Roll Call B. Montalvo

ACTION ITEM

1:02 p.m. 2018 – 2019 Fiscal Audit Handout – L. Walker

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Public Comment

Adjournment

MEETING SCHEDULE for FY 2019 – 2020

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3-20-20	3-12, 26 & 30-2020		3-26-20 & 3-30-20	
	4-09-20	4-23-20		4-24-20 4-16-20
5-15-20	5-14-20		5-28-20	
	6-11-20	6-25-20		

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Action Sheet

FINANCE & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE *March 30, 2020*

SUBJECT: 2018-2019 ELCMC Audited Financial Statements

PROPOSED ACTION

Approve 2018-2019 ELCMC Audited Financial Statements.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The draft audited financial statements were received by the Coalition on March 27, 2020.

Coalition management has reviewed the preliminary report and requested a few corrections due to typographical error and a change in calculation of current versus non-current note payable and a correction in the depreciation allocation which effected the Statement of Activities.

Purvis Gray has made the requested corrections the final draft is hereby presented to the Finance and Executive Committee, acting as the Board of Directors, for approval, to insure timely submission of the document for compliance purposes.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Final Draft 2018-2019 ELCMC Audited Financial Statements.

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Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc.

Financial Statements
and Independent Auditor's Report

For Fiscal Year End June, 30, 2019

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT**

**EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF
MARION COUNTY, INC.
OCALA, FLORIDA**

JUNE 30, 2019

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc.
Ocala, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc. (the Coalition), a non-profit organization, which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2019, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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 of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Coalition's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Coalition'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 opinion.

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Board of Directors
Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc.
Ocala, Florida

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Coalition as of June 30, 2019, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of a Matter – COVID-19

As more fully described in Note 15 to the financial statements, the Coalition may be negatively impacted by the outbreak of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19), which was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020.

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and Chapter 10.650, *Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida*, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 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 information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Effect of Adopting New Accounting Standard

As discussed in Note 1, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) recently issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-14, *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities* (Topic 958), which supersedes accounting standards that currently exist under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and will improve the current net asset classification requirements and the information presented in financial statements and notes about a Not-for-Profit entity's liquidity, financial performance, and cash flows.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 31, 2020, on our consideration of the Coalition'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* in considering the Coalition's internal control over financial reporting.

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Board of Directors
Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc.
Ocala, Florida

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the Coalition's 2018 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated February 14, 2019. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, is consistent in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

March 31, 2020
Ocala, Florida

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019,
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR JUNE 30, 2018
EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MARION COUNTY, INC.
OCALA, FLORIDA

ASSETS

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 471,572	\$ 464,407
Grants and Other Receivables	1,225,444	286,155
Prepaid Expenses	19,034	25,175
Total Current Assets	<u>1,716,050</u>	<u>775,737</u>
Property and Equipment, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>107,499</u>	<u>99,937</u>
Property and Equipment With Donor Restrictions, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>698,596</u>	<u>661,232</u>
Non-Current Assets		
Interest in Beneficial Trust	<u>54,063</u>	<u>26,899</u>
Total Assets	<u>2,576,208</u>	<u>1,563,805</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	2,034,756	1,020,727
Accrued Payroll and Related	32,529	28,944
Compensated Absence	13,607	9,754
Deferred Revenue	7,624	1,615
Line of Credit Payable	-	65,000
Note Payable - Current Portion	7,311	7,180
Due to the Office of Early Learning	21,706	18,148
Total Current Liabilities	<u>2,117,533</u>	<u>1,151,368</u>
Long-Term Liabilities		
Note Payable - Non-Current Portion	<u>39,971</u>	<u>47,071</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,157,504</u>	<u>1,198,439</u>
Net Assets		
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions		
Grant Funded Property and Equipment	698,596	661,232
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions		
Net, Property and Equipment	107,499	99,937
Other Net Assets	(387,391)	(395,803)
Total Net Assets	<u>418,704</u>	<u>365,366</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 2,576,208</u>	<u>\$ 1,563,805</u>

See accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019,
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR JUNE 30, 2018
EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MARION COUNTY, INC.
OCALA, FLORIDA

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Revenues		
Office of Early Learning:		
School Readiness Program	\$ 10,375,252	\$ 9,819,063
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program	5,324,540	5,667,087
United Way of Marion County, Inc.:		
School Readiness Match Fund	100,000	100,000
Success By 6	44,500	44,500
Progress Dunnellon	-	52,500
Marion County BOCC:		
School Readiness Match Fund	123,750	119,853
Community Development Block Grant	68,273	95,272
Other Grants and Program Revenues:		
City of Ocala	10,000	10,000
Miscellaneous - Match Funds	3,000	3,000
Help Me Grow	136,783	-
Other Program Revenue	78,318	65,674
Interest Income	1,025	503
Gain of Investments	2,226	-
In-Kind	29,842	7,153
Total Revenues	<u>16,297,509</u>	<u>15,984,605</u>
Expenses		
Program Services:		
School Readiness Program	10,056,713	9,410,682
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program	5,252,807	5,537,012
Success By 6	98,235	77,774
Help Me Grow	136,783	-
Other Programs	262,530	310,877
General and Administrative	437,103	577,600
(Total Expenses)	<u>(16,244,171)</u>	<u>(15,913,945)</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	53,338	70,660
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>365,366</u>	<u>294,706</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 418,704</u>	<u>\$ 365,366</u>

See accompanying notes.

**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019,
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR JUNE 30, 2018
EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MARION COUNTY, INC.
OCALA, FLORIDA**

	Program Services					Support Services	Total 2019	Total 2018
	School Readiness Program	Voluntary Pre- Kindergarten Program	Help Me Grow	Success By 6	Other Programs	General and Administrative		
Functional Expenses								
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 958,511	\$ 84,697	\$ 82,183	\$ 30,894	\$ 8,630	\$ 291,058	\$ 1,455,973	\$ 1,413,663
Staff Development	3,987	308	40	-	-	4,482	8,817	13,315
Professional Services	112,114	4,238	33,069	-	2,713	43,631	195,765	99,211
Direct Services - Child Care	8,610,343	5,153,606	-	-	245,614	-	14,009,563	13,717,630
Occupancy	49,980	4,232	363	-	-	3,105	57,680	57,752
Postage, Freight, and Delivery	2,709	-	71	38	-	1,282	4,100	3,516
Equipment Lease and Maintenance	5,283	503	376	-	-	300	6,462	7,110
Supplies	16,136	1,400	1,026	666	-	2,608	21,836	28,271
Communications	7,757	617	1,135	-	-	728	10,237	8,230
Insurance	9,347	867	283	104	17	14,505	25,123	18,115
Tangible Personal Property	14,092	351	1,124	-	-	899	16,466	13,344
Quality Initiatives	247,717	1,000	6,260	843	3,953	-	259,773	379,288
Travel	11,806	563	1,158	549	-	5,296	19,372	23,108
Miscellaneous Expenses	6,931	425	9,695	12	154	18,097	35,314	30,916
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-	3,323	3,323	2,966
Other Program Expenses	-	-	-	35,391	1,345	-	36,736	44,926
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	47,789	47,789	45,170
In-Kind	-	-	-	29,738	104	-	29,842	7,153
Loss on Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	261
Total Functional Expenses	\$ 10,056,713	\$ 5,252,807	\$ 136,783	\$ 98,235	\$ 262,530	\$ 437,103	\$ 16,244,171	\$ 15,913,945

See accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019,
WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR JUNE 30, 2018
EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MARION COUNTY, INC.
OCALA, FLORIDA

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Support and Revenue Collected:		
Contracts, Grants, and Services Fees	\$ 15,369,347	\$ 16,600,798
Interest Income	1,025	503
Payments for Expenses:		
Compensation and Related Expenses	(13,719,503)	(14,980,182)
Vendors and Suppliers	(1,448,534)	(1,397,462)
Interest Paid	(3,323)	(2,966)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	<u>199,012</u>	<u>220,691</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Property and Equipment Purchases	(92,714)	(95,274)
Interest in Beneficial Trust	(27,164)	(26,899)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities	<u>(119,878)</u>	<u>(122,173)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Proceeds from Line of Credit	-	65,000
Payments on Outstanding Line of Credit	(65,000)	(65,000)
Payments on Outstanding Debt	(6,969)	(6,864)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities	<u>(71,969)</u>	<u>(6,864)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	7,165	91,654
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>464,407</u>	<u>372,753</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 471,572</u>	<u>\$ 464,407</u>
Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities		
(Decrease) Increase in Net Assets	\$ 53,336	\$ 70,660
Reconciling Adjustments:		
Depreciation Expense	47,789	45,170
Decrease (Increase) in Grants and Other Receivables	(939,289)	617,714
Decrease (Increase) in Prepaid Expenses	6,141	(1,000)
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Revenue	6,009	-
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	1,025,026	(511,853)
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	<u>\$ 199,012</u>	<u>\$ 220,691</u>

Supplemental Schedule of Non-Cash Investing and Financing Activities

There are no non-cash investing and financing activities for the year ended June 30, 2019.

See accompanying notes.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MARION COUNTY, INC.
OCALA, FLORIDA**

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A summary of the significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements is as follows:

Reporting Entity

The Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc. (the Coalition) is a not-for-profit corporation responsible for the development, implementation, and administrative oversight of federal and state grant funded school readiness and voluntary pre-kindergarten programs in Marion County, Florida. The Coalition's mission is to provide leadership and foster partnerships to optimize a quality learning environment for our children through child care, voluntary pre-kindergarten, and parent education.

The Coalition has been established to prepare preschool children to enter kindergarten ready to learn, as measured by criteria established by Florida's Office of Early Learning, which operates under the direction of the Governor of the State of Florida and acts as the lead agency pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 1002.82. The Coalition is primarily supported by federal and state grants from Florida's Office of Early Learning passed through from the Department of Health and Human Services and the State of Florida.

The financial statements of the Coalition are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to not-for-profit organizations. The FASB is the standard-setting body for not-for-profit accounting and financial reporting.

The Coalition is providing all aspects of child care provider payments for school readiness and voluntary pre-kindergarten; all aspects of provider and client eligibility for school readiness and voluntary pre-kindergarten; all aspects of the child care resource and referral program; and all aspects of quality initiatives for school readiness and voluntary pre-kindergarten, including parent education.

Programs Operated

The Coalition operates the following programs:

- **School Readiness Program** — Provides financial assistance for child care costs to families who meet the qualifying guidelines, including before and after school care for school-age children, up to the age of 13, and provides quality early education services to children from birth to 5 years of age.
- **Voluntary Pre-kindergarten (VPK) Program** — Provides children who reside in Florida and will attain the age of four years on or before September 1 of the school year a voluntary pre-kindergarten education program.
- **Success by 6 Partnership with United Way** — A parent education initiative, which focuses on early childhood education through parent trainings, technical assistance, and parent resources. The partnership with United Way of Marion County, Inc. began in December 2005.
- **Help Me Grow** – Provides support to families, child health care, early care and education and Human Service providers, to identify early signs of developmental or behavioral concerns and the available community resources to address their needs.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MARION COUNTY, INC.
OCALA, FLORIDA**

Basis of Accounting

For financial reporting purposes, the Coalition uses the accrual basis of accounting, which recognizes revenue when earned and expenses as incurred. Federal and state government grants are recorded as support when performance occurs under the terms of the grant agreement.

Financial Statement Presentation

Presentation follows *Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958-205, Financial Statement of Not-For-Profit Organizations*. Under ACS 958-205, the Coalition is required to report information regarding its financial positions and activities as follows:

Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

With Donor Restrictions

Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met either by actions of the Coalition and/or passage of time. When a restriction expires, with donor restriction assets are reclassified to without donor restrictions, and reports in the statement of activities as net assets released from restriction.

Revenues

Revenues from federal and state grants and contracts are recorded based upon terms of the grantor allotment, which generally provide that revenues are earned when the allowable costs of the specific grant provisions have been incurred. Revenues are subject to audit by the grantor and, if the examination results in a disallowance of any expenditure, repayment could be required. Management believes that all monies have been earned as of June 30, 2019. For the year ended June 30, 2019, the majority of the Coalition's revenues are from one funding agency.

Functional Cost Allocation

Management allocates certain management and general costs among the various programs. Indirect costs for School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Programs are included in management and general. Costs subject to allocation include certain salaries and payroll taxes, telephone and utilities, insurance, repairs and maintenance, and professional fees. Direct costs are specifically charged to the program which incurred the costs.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Coalition considers cash and cash equivalents to include cash deposits and investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Due to the Office of Early Learning

The Coalition collects restitution from families who received services, but were not eligible. Funds are returned to the Office of Early Learning.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. The Coalition capitalizes all property and equipment having an original cost of \$5,000 or greater. The fair value or replacement costs of donated fixed assets are similarly capitalized. Depreciation is provided over their estimated lives (five to seven years for equipment and furniture, and ten to forty years for buildings and improvements), using the straight-line method.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MARION COUNTY, INC.
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Grants Receivable

Receivables are recorded by the Coalition for funds to be received from various federal and state grants as revenues are earned. An allowance for uncollectible receivables has not been recorded as all amounts are deemed collectible.

Donated Property and Services

All in-kind contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use. Donated property and equipment are recorded at the estimated market value upon receipt.

Comparative Financial Statements

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Coalition's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2018, from which the summarized information was derived. Certain amounts in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform to the presentation of the current year financial statements.

Income Taxes

The Coalition is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, the financial statements do not reflect a provision for income taxes.

In accordance with ASC Section 740-10, *Income Tax Uncertainties*, it is the policy of management to evaluate its tax positions on an ongoing basis and to disclose any such positions it believes would have a material impact on the financial statements and related notes. Management also believes that no such required disclosures currently exist.

The Coalition is no longer subject to U.S. federal and state income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2016. The Coalition would recognize interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and penalties, if any, in operating expenses.

Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents and grants receivable are at fair value.

Subsequent Events

The Coalition has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements through March 31, 2020, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MARION COUNTY, INC.
OCALA, FLORIDA**

Adoption of New Accounting Standard

During the year ended June 30, 2019, the Coalition implemented the ASU No. 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities* (Topic 958) *Presentation of Financial Statement of Not-for-Profit Entities*, which supersedes accounting standards that currently exist under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and will improve current net asset classification requirements and the information presented in the financial statements and notes about the Coalition liquidity, financial performance and cash flows. These standards are intended to provide information that is more useful to donor, grantors, and other users of the financial statements.

The changes have the following effect on net assets at June 30, 2018:

<u>Net Asset Class</u>	<u>As Originally Presented</u>	<u>After Adoption of ASU 2016-14</u>
Temporarily Restricted, Property, Plant and Equipment	\$ 661,232	\$ -
Unrestricted Net Assets	(295,866)	-
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions		
Grant Funded Property and Equipment	-	661,232
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions:		
Net Investment in Property and Equipment	-	99,937
Undesignated	-	(395,803)
Total	<u>\$ 365,366</u>	<u>\$ 365,366</u>

Note 2 - Cash and Cash Equivalents

At June 30, 2019, the carrying amount of cash on hand and on cash equivalents with banks was \$471,572 and the related bank balance was \$519,860. The Coalition occasionally maintains deposit balances in excess of those insured up to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limits. Additionally, the Coalition believes that deposits are covered under Florida Statute 280 and has filed the related forms.

Note 3 - Property and Equipment

The following is a schedule of unrestricted property and equipment owned by the Coalition at June 30, 2019:

Building Improvements	\$ 149,582
Office Furniture and Equipment	64,007
(Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>(106,090)</u>
Total Unrestricted Property and Equipment, Net	<u>\$ 107,499</u>

During March 2013, the Coalition purchased a building in Ocala, Florida. The net cost of the land and building was \$531,600 and was paid for with a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through Marion County, Florida. The CDBG also provided \$227,293 to complete building renovations. This property is subject to a lien for 20 years or until the CDBG funds are repaid, if the contract terms are not met by the Coalition. The lien expires March 12, 2033.

On June 30, 2017, the Coalition replaced the roof on their building. The cost of the roof was \$95,272 and was paid for with a CDBG through Marion County, Florida. The building is subject to a lien for 6 years or until the CDBG funds are repaid, if the contract terms are not met by the Coalition. The lien expires June 30, 2023.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MARION COUNTY, INC.
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On March 7, 2019, the Coalition entered into an agreement with Marion County, Florida for \$65,000 of CDBG funding to replace the flooring in the Coalition offices. The building is subject to a lien for 6 years or until the CDBG funds are repaid. The lien expires December 31, 2025.

The following is a schedule of property and equipment with donor restrictions, owned by the Coalition at June 30, 2019:

Land	\$	116,960
Building		414,640
Building Improvements		292,293
(Accumulated Depreciation)		<u>(125,297)</u>
Total With Donor Restrictions Property and Equipment, Net	\$	<u>698,596</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2019, is \$47,789.

Note 4 - Interest in Beneficial Trust

Amount reported in the statement of financial position as Interest in Beneficial Trust represents the net cumulative transfers by the Coalition to the Community Foundation of Ocala Marion County. This amount totaled \$54,063 at June 30, 2019. The Community Foundation of Ocala Marion County holds and invests the funds on behalf of the Coalition in an Endowment Fund for the benefit of the Coalition. Funds are invested in equities, fixed income bonds, treasury notes and money markets, and a small portion in hedge funds. Funds are to be distributed to the Coalition at their request.

Note 5 - Line of Credit

The Coalition established a \$300,000 line of credit with a variable interest rate based on the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate, currently at 3.50%. As of June 30, 2019, there was no balance due.

Note 6 - Net Assets

The detail of the Coalition's net assets at June 30, 2019, is as follows:

With Donor Restrictions		
Building and Land	\$	698,596
Without Donor Restrictions		
Building and Land		107,499
Undesignated		<u>(387,391)</u>

Note 7 - Compensated Absences

The Coalition changed the policy for employees' rights to receive compensation for future absences. The accumulated earned vacation liability for the period ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, is \$13,607 and \$9,754, respectively, and is recorded as a current liability.

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Note 8 - Note Payable

On March 9, 2017, the Coalition refinanced the remaining portion of a note payable that was used to purchase and install a new HVAC system in the building. The new note payable has a variable interest rate and is in the amount of \$47,282, with monthly installments of \$803, over 96 months. The Coalition's obligation under the note payable is as follows:

Fiscal Year	Loan Payable
2020	\$ 7,311
2021	8,093
2022	8,441
2023	8,805
2024 – Thereafter	14,632
Total	\$ 47,282

Interest expense as of June 30, 2019, totaled \$2,454.

Note 9 - Retirement

The Coalition maintains a Voluntary Retirement Annuity Plan 403(b) (the Plan) for its employees. All employees are eligible for participation in the Plan and become eligible for employer contributions to the Plan after six months of employment. Contributions to the Plan are based on a percentage of employee salaries. In 2019, the Coalition contributed \$55,010 to the Plan on behalf of its employees.

Note 10 - Operating Lease

In December 2017, the Coalition entered into a 48-month lease agreement of a postage meter. The quarterly payment for this machine is \$200.

In June 2019, the Coalition entered into a 36-month lease agreement for a copy machine. The monthly payments for the machine is \$279.

Total rent expense under the operating leases for the year ended June 30, 2019, is \$6,462.

Total future minimum lease payments under the operating leases are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Office Equipment
2020	\$ 4,147
2021	4,147
2022	3,469
Total	\$ 11,763

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Note 11 - Liquidity and Available Resources

Financial Assets consist of cash on deposit and grants receivable, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions. There are no further Board designated assets or available lines of credit to meet general expenditures within one year.

Financial Assets, as of June 30, 2019	\$ 1,697,016
Less Those Unavailable General Expenditures:	
Within One Year Restricted for Grant Programs	_____ -
Financial Assets Available to Meet Cash needs for	
General Expenditures Within One Year	<u>\$ 1,697,016</u>

Note 12 - Subsidized Services Program Matching Requirements

The Coalition’s contract with the Florida’s Office of Early Learning includes a provision requiring a 6% local match for certain eligibility categories of the subsidized childcare program.

Note 13 - Contingencies

Concentrations

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

Grant Compliance

Grants require the fulfillment of certain conditions set forth in the instrument of the grant. Failure to fulfill the conditions could result in the return of the funds to grantors. The Coalition has deemed this contingency remote. By accepting the grants and grant agreements, the Coalition indicated its intentions to fulfill all conditions set forth in the grant agreements. The Coalition believes that it has fulfilled all conditions set forth in the grant agreements that would have a direct and material effect on the financial statements.

Note 14 - Related Parties

In accordance with Florida Statute, Section 1002.83, the members of the Coalition include the Head Start Director for Episcopal Children’s Services, Inc., which provides VPK services; the Superintendent/Designee of the Marion County Public School System which provides VPK services; and a representative from a private for-profit child care provider, a faith-based child care provider, and a family day care home provider.

Note 15 - COVID-19 – Subsequent Event

Subsequent to year-end, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has created economic disruptions throughout the country, as of the date of this report, causing significant declines in the financial markets and economic activity overall. The Coalition may experience delays in receipt of payment from granting agencies, which may in turn cause a delay in payment to providers. The ultimate effects of these items are expected to be significant, but are not quantifiable at this time.

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**ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS OF REPORT PREPARED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*,
ISSUED BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES;
THE PROVISIONS OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND
BUDGET (OMB) UNIFORM GUIDANCE; AND CHAPTER 10.650,
*RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA***

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

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Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc.
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We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc. (the Coalition) a non-profit organization, which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2019, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2020 .

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Coalition'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Coalition's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Coalition'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 combination of deficiencies in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Coalition'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 is important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Coalition's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance 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 non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR
FEDERAL PROGRAM AND STATE PROJECT AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND THE
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES,
STATE PROJECTS COMPLIANCE SUPPLEMENT**

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Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and State Project

We have audited the Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc. (the Coalition) a non-profit organization, compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the Office of Management and Budget *Compliance Supplement*, and the requirements described in the Florida Department of Financial Services, State Projects *Compliance Supplement*, that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Coalition’s major federal programs and state projects for the year ended June 30, 2019. The Coalition’s major federal programs and state projects are identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management’s Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs and state awards applicable to its state projects.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Coalition’s major federal programs and state projects 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; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance); Chapter 69I-5, *Rules of the Florida Department of Financial Services*; and Chapter 10.650, *Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida*. Those standards, the Uniform Guidance, and the State of Florida Auditor General require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether non-compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program or state project occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Coalition’s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures, as we consider necessary in the circumstances.

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We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Coalition's compliance with those requirements.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program and State Project

In our opinion, the Coalition 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 programs and major state projects for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of non-compliance, which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.650, *Rules of the Auditor General*, and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2019-1. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

The Coalition's response to the non-compliance findings identified in our audit is described in the schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Coalition's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the Coalition 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, we considered the Coalition's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program or state project to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program or state project and to test and report on internal control over compliance for each major federal program and state project and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, Chapter 69I-5, *Rules of the Florida Department of Financial Services*, and Chapter 10.650, *Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida*, 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 Coalition'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 non-compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program or state project 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 non-compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal

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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 program or state project 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 the 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 that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. 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 of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.650, *Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purposes.

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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019
EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MARION COUNTY, INC.
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Grantor/Pass-Through Program Title	CFDA/ CSFA Number	Contract Number	Program or Award Amount	Expenditures
Federal Awards				
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Passed Through Marion County, Florida				
Community Development Block Grant	14.218	N/A	\$ 96,170	\$ 96,170
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Passed Through the Office of Early Learning:				
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	SR329	11,841	11,841
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	93.558	SR329	3,058,295	3,058,295
Child Care Development Fund Cluster:				
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	SR329	4,518,815	4,518,815
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	SR320	55,212	55,212
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care Development Fund	93.596	SR329	2,731,090	<u>2,731,090</u>
Total Child Care Development Fund Cluster				<u>7,305,117</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				<u>10,375,253</u>
Total Federal Awards				<u>10,471,423</u>
State Financial Assistance				
Florida Department of Children and Families Passed Through the Florida Office of Early Learning				
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program	48.108	SV329/OA329		5,324,359
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program	48.108	SV320/OA320		181
Passed Through Help Me Grow Florida Network				
Help Me Grow Florida Network	48.111	N/A		<u>136,783</u>
Total Florida Department of Children and Families				<u>5,461,323</u>
Total State Financial Assistance				<u>5,461,323</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Assistance				<u>\$ 15,932,746</u>

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance includes the federal and state grant activity of Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc., and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations(CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; and Chapter 10.650, *Rules of the Auditor General*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of the financial statements.

Indirect Cost Rate

The Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc. has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
EARLY LEARNING COALITION OF MARION COUNTY, INC.
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Section I - Summary of Audit Results

Financial Statements

Type of Audit Report Issued:	Unmodified Opinion
Internal Control over Financial Reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	No
Non-compliance material to financial statements noted?	No

Federal Awards and State Projects

Internal Control over Major Programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	No
Type of Audit Report Issued on Compliance for Major Programs:	Unmodified Opinion
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 10.650 for non-profit and for-profit organizations?	Yes

Identification of Major Programs:

<u>Federal Program or Cluster</u>	<u>CFDA No.</u>
Childcare Development Cluster	93.575/93.596
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558
<u>State Project</u>	<u>CSFA No.</u>
Voluntary Pre-kindergarten Education Program	48.108

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs – Federal Programs	\$	750,000
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs – State Programs	\$	750,000

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Section II – Financial Statement Findings

There were no findings that were required to be reported to those charged with governance.

Section III – Federal Award and State Project Findings and Questioned Costs

2019-1 Statewide Reporting System Failure

On July 1, 2018, the Office of Early Learning (OEL) transitioned from the Enhanced Field System (EFS) Legacy to the EFS Modernization statewide reporting system, as Legacy was no longer supported. OEL required all coalitions to utilize this system for approval of eligibility, recording of attendance by providers, and calculation of payments to providers. The EFS Modernization was not properly tested in advance, and not calculating provider payments accurately during the year. Migration of information from the EFS Legacy to the EFS Modernization system was not accurate and some eligibility information on parents, children and contracted child care providers did not migrate to the new EFS Modernization system. Therefore, the Coalition operated without a functional statewide reporting system for the entire year. Based on guidance from OEL, the Coalition utilized estimates to make payments to providers in place of actual attendance records while the statewide system was not fully functional, resulting in differences each month.

To mitigate the risk of inaccurate reporting from EFS Modernization, the Coalition began the lengthy and labor intensive process of manual reconciliation of all provider attendance records to actual payments made to providers. The aggregate differences from the reconciliation resulted in the necessity of a large adjustment to correct the basic financial statements and supplementary schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state projects.

We recommend the Coalition continue to mitigate reliance on the statewide system and errors when the statewide system is down. We recommend increasing operational controls over provider payments in lieu of a fully functional statewide system. This would include increasing the frequency of monitoring providers during the year, requiring sign in/sign out sheets to be scanned and provided by each provider in order for the Coalition to monitor/reconcile to the provider’s attendance submitted to EFS Modernization.

Section IV – State of Florida, Department of Education – Office of Early Learning (OEL) Reporting Requirements

1. EFS Modernization (EFS Mod) reconciled monthly to Coalition financial records: No

During fiscal year 2019, OEL migrated the data from EFS Legacy to EFS Mod statewide reporting system. The EFS Mod system was not operational for the entire 12 month period. As a result, the Coalition was unable to perform a monthly reconciliation of its financial records to the official Single Statewide Information System, EFS Mod, per the special testing requirements specified by the grant agreement. However, the Coalition management determined to use an alternative system to perform its manual internal reconciliation process.

2. Processes in place to identify and correct errors during monthly reconciliations: Yes

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3. Coalition's financial records reconcile and agree to EFS Mod as of June 30, 2019: No

The Coalition has completed a full reconciliation of attendance records and reconciled to the provider payments. At this time, the Coalition can identify differences between Coalition records and EFS Mod, but is unable to make corrections to correct EFS Mod.

4. Audit work papers documenting verification of reconciliation available to OEL Staff: Yes

Section V – Other Issues

No summary schedule of prior audit findings is required because there were no prior audit findings related to federal programs or state projects.



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Dear Board Members:

This letter is in response to the comment within the Management Letter received from the auditors, Purvis, Gray & Company, LLP, on the annual audited financial statements of Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc. for fiscal year 2019.

The Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance has identified one finding as described in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs:

Section III – Federal Award and State Project Findings and Questioned Costs

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Management Response:

The Coalition has taken steps to increase the frequency on monitoring of providers attendance records during the year. As we have required for the past year and prior to 2018 - 2019, we will continue to require providers to submit all sign in/sign out sheets each month as they complete the monthly attendance in EFS Modernization system. The Coalition will use the sign in/sign out sheets to continue to verify (monitor) the attendance submitted by the provider on a monthly basis. The Coalition will also complete a full manual reconciliation of the 2019 – 2020 attendance in order to verify the accuracy of the data provided from EFS Modernization as we did for 2018 - 2019.

Sincerely,

Roseann Fricks
Chief Executive Officer

DeAnna Johnson
Chief Finance Officer

Board of Directors
Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc.
Ocala, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of Early Learning Coalition of Marion County, Inc. (the Coalition) for the year ended June 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated March 31, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, the Uniform Guidance, and Chapter 10.650, *Rules of the Auditor General of the State of Florida*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our engagement letter to you dated April 5, 2019. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit:

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Coalition are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the Coalition during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Upcoming Accounting Standard Amendments

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

- Management's estimate of the collectability of accounts receivable is based on both known and historical collections. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the collectability of accounts receivable in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- Management's estimation for the useful lives of assets is based on known and estimated useful lives and other industry standards.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

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

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Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated March 31, 2020.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

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

Other Audit Findings or Issues

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

Additionally, the results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of non-compliance, which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and Chapter 10.650, *Rules of the Auditor General*, and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2019-1.

We would also like to bring the following matter to the Board of Director’s attention, as more fully described in Note 15 to the financial statements, the Coalition may be negatively impacted by the outbreak of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19), which was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020.

Information Technology (IT) and General Controls Assessment

During our audit, we reviewed the Coalition’s IT General Controls. As a result of our review, we provided detailed recommendations directly to staff to improve controls over disaster recovery preparedness, security policies and procedures, and security monitoring and review.

Other Matters

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, the method

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of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of the Coalition and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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