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Sandra Ormonde, Chief Executive Officer
Tulare Local Health Care District
Tulare, California

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide for the Tulare Local Health Care District (the District) for the year ended June 30, 2020.

We will audit the financial statements of the District, which comprise the statement of net position as of June 30, 2020, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. Also, if any is required, the following supplementary information accompanying the financial statements will be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our 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, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and we will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole in either a separate written report accompanying our auditor's report on the financial statements or in a report combined with our auditor's report on the financial statements.

Audit Objective

The objective of our audit is the expression of an opinion about whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and will include tests of your accounting records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such an opinion. We will issue written reports upon completion of our audit of the District's financial statements. Our reports will be addressed to the board of directors of the District. We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinions or add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph. If our opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed an opinion, we may decline to express an opinion or withdraw from the engagement.

Audit Procedures

Our procedures may include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will also request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about the financial statements and related matters.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. 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 will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, any fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that comes to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our attention, unless clearly inconsequential. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the periods covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

The auditors' procedures do not include testing compliance with laws and regulations in any jurisdiction related to Medicare and Medicaid antifraud and abuse. It is the responsibility of management of the entity, with the oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations, including compliance with the provision of laws and regulations that determine the reported amounts and disclosures in the entity's financial statements. Therefore, management's responsibilities for compliance with laws and regulations applicable to its operations, include, but are not limited to, those related to Medicare and Medicaid antifraud and abuse statutes.

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify deficiencies in internal control. However, during the audit, we will communicate to you and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards.

We may from time to time, and depending on the circumstances, use third-party service providers in serving your account. We may share confidential information about you with these service providers, but remain committed to maintaining the confidentiality and security of your information. Accordingly, we maintain internal policies, procedures, and safeguards to protect the confidentiality of your personal information. In addition, we will secure confidentiality agreements with all service providers to maintain the confidentiality of your information and we will take reasonable precautions to determine that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent the unauthorized release of your confidential information to others. In the event that we are unable to secure an appropriate confidentiality agreement, you will be asked to provide your consent prior to the sharing of your confidential information with the third-party service provider. Furthermore, we will remain responsible for the work provided by any such third-party service providers.

Management Responsibilities

You are responsible for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities; for the selection and application of accounting principles; and for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. You are also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, (2) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (3) unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the engagements and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring the entity complies with applicable laws and regulations.

You are responsible for the preparation of any of the required supplementary information (if deemed necessary) in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. You agree to include our reports on any necessary supplementary information in any document that contains, and indicates that we have reported on, the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our reports thereon.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the tax services, financial statement preparation services, and any other nonattest services we provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

HIPAA Business Associate Agreement

You agree that you are solely responsible for the accuracy, completeness, and reliability of all data and information you provide us for our engagement. You agree to provide any requested information on or before the date we commence performance of the services. To protect the privacy and provide for the security of any protected health information, as such is defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended from time to time, and the regulations and policy guidance thereunder (“HIPAA”), we shall enter into a HIPAA Business Associate Agreement in an acceptable form provided by you of your choosing.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We understand that your employees will assist us in the preparation of all cash, possible accounts receivable, and other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

Rick Jackson is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagements and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign it. We expect to begin our audit in August, 2020 and to complete our report on your audit no later than November, 2020.

We estimate that our fees for the audit will be \$15,000. You will also be billed for travel and other out-of-pocket costs such as report production, word processing, postage, etc. Our fees are based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the engagements. If significant additional time is necessary, we will keep you informed of any problems we encounter and our fees will be adjusted accordingly. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagements. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagements as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Very truly yours,

JW7 & Associates, LLP

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of the Tulare Local Health Care District.

Management signature: _____

Title: _____

