

Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
and
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

June 30, 2022 With Independent Auditor's Report

JUNE 30, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Directors
Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange

Report on the Audit of Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange (a component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky) (the Exchange) which comprise the balance sheet as of June 30, 2022, and the 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, which collectively comprise the Exchange's basic financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Exchange as of June 30, 2022, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards (U.S. GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Exchange and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Exchange's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with U.S. GAAS and

Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with U.S. GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to
 fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such
 procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in
 the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Exchange's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Exchange's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audits.

Required Supplementary Information

U.S. GAAP require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on Pages 4 through 7 and the information listed under Required Supplementary Information in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with U.S. GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 31, 2023 on our consideration of the Exchange's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 effectiveness of the Exchange's 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 Exchange's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Berry Dunn McNeil & Parker, LLC

Manchester, New Hampshire May 31, 2023

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Year Ended June 30, 2022

The following narrative and analysis is provided as an overview of the financial activities of the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange (KHBE) as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, to assist the reader in an assessment of the financial condition of KHBE. Please assess this narrative and analysis in conjunction with KHBE's financial statements and the accompanying notes.

Overview

Section 1311(b) of the Affordable Care Act (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation ACT P.L. 111-152, hereafter referred to as "ACA") requires the establishment of an American Health Benefit Exchange in each state and establishes the requirements of a health benefit exchange. KHBE was first authorized by Executive Order on July 17, 2012 as a state agency within the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Cabinet for Health and Family Service. Subsequent executive orders issued each year thereafter continued the establishment and operation of KHBE until 2019, when the Office of Health Data and Analytics was established under a Cabinet re-organization.

The "No Wrong Door" approach was established by the ACA to use a single eligibility determination and enrollment process so consumers would not have to navigate multiple agencies and systems. Kentucky's exchange was designed to accept applications and determine eligibility for Qualified Health Plans (QHP), Medicaid, and Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) applicants. As a result, a cost allocation plan (CAP) was developed to meet federal requirements that shared costs be allocated appropriately among the programs utilizing the same services. Therefore, costs associated with all three programs are allocated among KHBE, Medicaid and KCHIP based on the federally approved CAP while costs strictly associated with one program are not cost allocated with others.

In June 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky notified the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the Commonwealth's intention to transition from a Federal Exchange back to a State-based Exchange (SBE). In September 2021, the Commonwealth of Kentucky received conditional approval from CMS to re-establish its SBE. Conditional approval reflects the progress KHBE has made in demonstrating its readiness as an SBE to provide affordable, quality coverage for consumers for plan year 2022.

Funding

The ACA requires each state to ensure that its Exchange has sufficient funding in order to support its ongoing operations. KHBE's on-going funding is through a broad-based premium assessment on all issuers offering health benefit plans and stop loss policies. State fiscal year (SFY) 2022 revenue generated from a 1% broad based assessment was approximately \$35 million.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky's budget for SFY 2022 was approved by the General Assembly in the spring of 2021. Approved within the biennial budget is the budget for the Office of Health Data and Analytics, of which the Division of Health Benefit Exchange is now a part. KHBE did not receive any state general fund appropriations.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Year Ended June 30, 2022

In SFY 2022, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded KHBE a State Exchange Modernization grant. This is a one-time federal award for \$650,000 with a budget period of September 10, 2021 to September 9, 2022. Medicaid federal funds were also used in SFY 2022 per their cost sharing agreement.

Financial Statements

KHBE's financial statements include the Balance Sheet; the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position; and the Statement of Cash Flows. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). These financial statements and related note disclosures are designed to provide an overview of KHBE's financial position and activities.

Balance Sheet - The Balance Sheet presents information on KBHE's assets, liabilities, and net position. Over time, net position can serve as a useful indicator whether the financial position of KHBE is improving or deteriorating. As of June 30, 2022, the balance sheet reflects assets of \$19,456,074 with capital assets representing approximately 92% of the total assets due to the development of "kynect". The most significant portion of liabilities was net pension & OPEB liabilities of \$3,630,505, which represented 69% of total liabilities. These liabilities represent the proportionate share of the collective net pension liability and net OPEB liability determined by actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020. The Table below presents KHBE's condensed Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021, derived from the Balance Sheet.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Current assets Non-current assets Capital assets Total assets	\$ 1,314,114 258,128 17,883,832 19,456,074	\$ 150,389 207,971 19,422,677 19,781,037	774 % 24 % <u>(8)</u> % <u>(2</u>)%
Deferred outflows of resources	970,268	1,263,388	<u>(23</u>)%
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ <u>20,426,342</u>	\$ <u>21,044,425</u>	<u>(3</u>)%
Current liabilities Non-current liabilities Total liabilities	\$ 1,591,966 3,690,544 5,282,510	\$ 371,199 <u>3,140,514</u> <u>3,511,713</u>	329 % 18 % _50 %
Deferred inflows of resources	603,750	1,516,615	<u>(60</u>)%
Net investment in capital assets Unrestricted Total net position	17,883,832 (3,343,750) 14,540,082	19,422,677 (3,406,580) 16,016,097	(8)% (2)% _(10)%
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$ <u>20,426,342</u>	\$ <u>21,044,425</u>	<u>(10</u>)%

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Year Ended June 30, 2022

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position - The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position reports operating revenues and expenses for KHBE for the year ended June 30, 2022. The difference (increase or decrease) is presented as the change in net position. Operating revenue totaled \$6,916,126 and operating expenses were \$8,392,141 resulting in a net position decrease of \$1,476,015 for SFY 2022. The table below provides a summary of KHBE's revenue, expenses, and changes in net position for the years ended June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021.

		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Total operating revenues	\$	6,916,126	\$	8,743,764	(21)%
Total operating expenses		8,392,141	_	8,492,273	<u>(1</u>)%
Change in net position	_	(1,476,015)		251,491	(687)%
Net position at July 1, 2021		16,016,097	_	15,764,606	2 %
Net position at June 30, 2022	\$_	14,540,082	\$_	16,016,097	<u>(9</u>)%

Statement of Cash Flows - The Statement of Cash Flows presents information showing how KHBE's cash and cash equivalents balances changed during the period. The Statement of Cash Flows classifies cash receipts and cash payments as resulting from operating activities, capital and related financing activities, noncapital activities and investing activities. The net result of those activities is reconciled to the cash balance reported at the end of the period. This statement is prepared using the direct method, which allows the reader to easily understand the amount of cash received and how much cash was disbursed.

Notes to the Financial Statements - The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential for a complete understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

Economic Factors

The decision of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to transition from a State-Based Marketplace using the Federal Platform (SBM-FP) to a State-Based Marketplace (SBM) will affect future KHBE financial statements. As a result of increasing operational activities, departmental expenditures have and are expected to continue to increase. As an SBM, Kentucky's exchange will continue to collect a broad-based premium assessment on all issuers offering health benefit plans and stop loss policies.

Currently Known Facts, Decisions, or Conditions

In SFY 2023, as part of a cabinet re-organization, the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange was resituated within the Department for Medicaid Services. As part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, signed into law on December 29, 2022, Congress set an end of March 31, 2023 for the continuous enrollment provision. This will result in significant future expenses for KHBE as around 70,000 Kentuckians per month are redetermined for Medicaid and thousands enroll in Qualified Health Plans or renew Medicaid through the integrated system.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Year Ended June 30, 2022

Contacting KHBE's Management

KHBE's financial statements are designed to provide a general overview of the KHBE's finances. Additional information regarding KHBE's financial statements may be obtained from: Department for Medicaid Services, Division of Health Plan Oversight, 275 E Main St 6 E-D Frankfort, KY 40621.

Balance Sheet

June 30, 2022

ASSETS

Current assets		
Cash	\$	11,790
Interfund receivable, net		1,266,624
Federal grant receivable, net		22,766
Prepaid expenses		12,934
Total current assets	_	1,314,114
Non-current assets		
Long-term investments		258,128
Capital assets		17,883,832
Total noncurrent assets		<u>18,141,960</u>
Total assets	_	19,456,074
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred outflows of resources - pension		599,190
Deferred outflows of resources - other post-employment benefits (OPEB)		371,078
Total deferred outflows of resources		970,268
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$	20,426,342

Balance Sheet

June 30, 2022

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities Accounts payable Accrued payroll Compensated absences Total current liabilities	\$ 1,524,281 35,027 32,658 1,591,966
Non-current liabilities Compensated absences Net pension liability Net OPEB liability Total noncurrent liabilities	60,039 3,074,900 <u>555,605</u> 3,690,544
Total liabilities	5,282,510
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows of resources - pension Deferred inflows of resources - OPEB Total deferred inflows of resources	81,316 <u>522,434</u> <u>603,750</u>
NET POSITION	
Net position Net investment in capital assets Unrestricted net position Total net position	17,883,832 (3,343,750) 14,540,082
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$ <u>20,426,342</u>

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

Year Ended June 30, 2022

Operating revenues		
Assessment fees from qualified health plans	\$	6,323,378
Federal grants		546,807
Medicaid agency cost reimbursement	_	45,941
Total operating revenues	_	6,916,12 <u>6</u>
Operating expenses		
Personnel and contracted services		6,621,240
Commodities and supplies		115,134
Utilities, rental, and other services		114,854
Depreciation		1,538,845
Travel		2,068
Total operating expenses	_	8,392,141
Operating loss		(1,476,015)
Beginning net position	_	16,016,097
Ending net position	\$_	14,540,082

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended June 30, 2022

Cash flows from operating activities Cash received from other sources Cash received from federal grants Cash received from Medicaid reimbursements Cash payments to other sources Cash payments for goods and services Cash payments for personnel and contracted services Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	5,153,629 528,108 47,747 (2,066) (268,111) (5,432,916) 26,391
Cash flows from investing activities Purchase of investment securities Net cash used in investing activities	<u>-</u>	(50,157) (50,157)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(23,766)
Cash and cash equivalents at July 1, 2021 Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2022	\$	35,556 11,790
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities Operating loss Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities	\$	(1,476,015)
Depreciation		1,538,845
Increase (decrease) in assets Interfund receivable Federal grant, receivable, net Prepaid expenses Decrease in deferred outflows of resources Increase (decrease) in liabilities		(1,169,749) (16,893) (849) 293,120
Accounts payable Compensated absences Pension and OPEB liabilities Decrease in deferred inflows of resources Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	1,213,033 (11,340) 569,104 (912,865) 26,391

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended June 30, 2022

Nature of Operations

This summary of significant accounting policies of the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange (the Exchange) is presented to assist in understanding the Exchange's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the Exchange's management, which is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. These accounting policies conform to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

1. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

Reporting Entity and Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. GAAP and are presented on the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred. The Exchange has adopted the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which is the accepted standard governing body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles nationally. The Exchange has no relationship with other entities that could be considered component units.

Cash and Equivalents

The Exchange considers all highly liquid investment securities purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Grants

Grant revenue is recognized and recorded as related expenses are incurred. Costs reimbursed by United States government agencies are subject to review and audit by such agencies.

Capital Assets

Purchased capital assets are reported at cost. During 2022, no hardware or software assets were purchased by the Exchange.

The policy of the Exchange is to capitalize assets when the useful life is greater than one year and the acquisition cost meets the capitalization threshold. The capitalization threshold is \$5,000 for tangible personal property and improvements to land. Intangible capital assets are capitalized when the cost is \$100,000 or more except software, which has a threshold of \$500,000. There were no acquisitions of land or other real property during the year ended June 30, 2022.

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Cost of assets sold or retired (and related amounts of accumulated depreciation) are eliminated from the accounts in the period of sale or retirement, and the resulting gain or loss is included in operations. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives. The estimated useful life for software is 20 years.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense related to the pension plan, information about the fiduciary net position of the Kentucky Retirement System (KRS) and addition to/deductions from KRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by KRS.

Other Post-Employment Benefits

For purposes of measuring the net Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense related to the OPEB plan, information about the fiduciary net position of KRS and addition to/deductions from KRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by KRS.

Net Position

Net position presents the non-fiduciary assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources with the difference between these amounts shown as net position. Net position is reported in three categories, if applicable:

Net invested in capital assets - Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and outstanding principal balances of debt attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted - Net position subject to externally imposed stipulations on its use.

Unrestricted - All remaining net position that does not meet the definition of "net investment in capital assets" or "restricted."

When restricted assets and unrestricted assets are both available for a particular purpose, the Exchange's objective is to use any restricted funds first, since unrestricted funds are available for any purpose and provide for greater financial flexibility. The Exchange did not have restricted net position as of June 30, 2022.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended June 30, 2022

Operating Revenues and Expenses

The Exchange distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses include all items directly and indirectly related to establishing and running a health insurance marketplace pursuant to the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Risk Management

The Exchange is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Exchange utilizes the Commonwealth of Kentucky's (the Commonwealth's) Risk Management Fund to mitigate risk exposure.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP 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.

2. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

The Commonwealth maintains an internal cash and investment pool that is available for use by all funds under the auspices of the State Investment Commission as authorized under Kentucky Revised Statute 42.500 et al. The Exchange was included in the pooling of cash during fiscal year 2022. Therefore, it follows the Commonwealth's policies for all internal pooled cash and investments. The risk disclosures related to deposits and investments are reported in the Commonwealth's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). As of June 30, 2022, the carrying value of the Exchange's pooled cash totaled \$11,790 and the fair value of the Exchange's investments was \$258,128, for a net combined positive total fair value of \$269,918. Please refer to the Commonwealth's ACFR for further information and disclosures.

3. Current Liabilities

Current liabilities are amounts owed by the Exchange as of June 30, 2022. The liabilities will be paid within one year and are therefore considered current. The following table shows the disaggregation of the amounts reported as current liabilities as of June 30, 2022.

Current Liabilities

Personnel services	\$ 67,685
Accounts payable	<u>1,524,281</u>
Total current liabilities	\$ <u>1,591,966</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

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4. Capital Assets

Capital assets consist of the following:

•	Balance <u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2022</u>
Assets Software Total all asset types	\$ <u>30,776,904</u> \$ 30,776,904	<u>-</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>30,776,904</u> 30,776,904
Accumulated depreciation Software Total accumulated depreciation	(11,354,227) (11,354,227)	(1,538,845) (1,538,845)	<u>-</u>	(12,893,072) (12,893,072)
Total capital assets, net	\$ <u>19,422,677</u> \$	(1,538,845)	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>17,883,832</u>

5. <u>Medicaid Program Cost Reimbursement</u>

On August 10, 2011, the federal government announced a time-limited, specific exception to the cost allocation requirements set forth in OMB Circular A-87 (Section C.3) that requires benefiting programs to pay their share of the cost associated with building state based information technology systems. This allowed the Exchange to allocate a portion of qualifying expenditures to Medicaid and KCHIP at a pre-agreed upon rate. Subsequently, the Exchange worked to discuss, review, and determine the cost allocation methodology for any Medicaid/KCHIP eligible expenditures. On March 20, 2012, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the Exchange's Implementation Advance Planning Document (I-APD) for the design, development, and implementation activities of the state's health insurance exchange that provides a benefit to the state's Medicaid program and KCHIP programs. Updates to the I-APD have been submitted on an annual basis to CMS for continued approval of the project's design, development, and implementation activities.

6. Commitments

As of June 30, 2022, the Commonwealth renewed and entered into numerous contract agreements relating to the development and operations of the Exchange. Any agreements are contingent on broad-based premium assessment levels.

Vendor Contracts

The Exchange has engaged in long-term contracts obligating it to expenditures totaling approximately \$3,112,000 and \$116,000 in the years ending June 30, 2023 and 2024, respectively.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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7. Compensated Absences

The policy of the Commonwealth is to record the cost of annual and compensatory leave. Annual leave accumulates at amounts ranging from 7.5 to 16 hours per month, determined by the length of service, with maximum accumulations ranging from 30 to 60 days. The estimated liability and change in the estimated liability for compensated absences for the Exchange as of June 30, 2022, are:

	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	Reductions	Ending <u>Balance</u>	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
Annual leave Compensatory leave	\$ 42,136 61,901	\$ 20,769 12,492	\$ 17,795 26,806	\$ 45,110 47,587	\$ 11,117 <u>21,541</u>
Total	\$ <u>104,037</u>	\$ <u>33,261</u>	\$ <u>44,601</u>	\$ <u>92,697</u>	\$ <u>32,658</u>

It is the policy of the Commonwealth to record the cost of sick leave when paid. Generally, sick leave is paid only when an employee is absent due to illness, injury, or related family death. There is no liability recorded for sick leave at June 30, 2022. The estimated accumulated unused sick leave for the the Exchange employees at June 30, 2022 was \$87,467.

8. Pension Plan

Under the provisions of Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) 61.645, the Board of Trustees of the KRS administers the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS).

The Commonwealth contributes to the KERS, a multiple-employer cost sharing defined benefit pension plan that covers substantially all regular full-time members employed in non-hazardous and hazardous duty positions of any state department, board, or any agency directed by Executive Order to participate in the System. The plan provides for retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members. Retirement benefits may be extended to beneficiaries of the plan members under certain circumstances.

House Bill 76 passed during the 2022 legislative session changes the frequency and scope of actuarial studies for the state's pension plans. The bill requires the Legislators Retirement Plan, the Judicial Retirement Plan, KRS, and the Teachers' Retirement System to perform an actuarial investigation of economic assumptions (inflation rate, investment return, payroll growth assumptions, etc.) once every two years rather than once every five years. The first actuarial investigation of economic assumptions will occur prior to the 2023 actuarial valuations. A review of demographic assumptions (mortality tables, withdrawal rates, retirement rate assumptions, etc.) will continue to be conducted once every five years.

The KRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the above mentioned retirement systems. That report may be obtained by writing the Kentucky Retirement System, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-6124, or by telephone at (800) 928-4646 or (502) 564-4646 or online at www.kyret.ky.gov.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended June 30, 2022

Kentucky Retirement System Governance KRS 61.510 through KRS 61.705 Cost Sharing Multiple Employer Defined Benefit Non-Hazardous

	Tier 1 Participation Prior to 9/1/2008	Tier 2 Participation Prior to 9/1/2008 through 12/31/2013	Tier 3 Participation on or after 1/1/2014
Covered employees:		II-time members employed in r rd, or any agency directed by E	
Benefit formula:	Final Compensation X Ben	efit Factor X Years of Service	Cash Balance Plan
Final compensation:	Average of the highest 5 fiscal years (must contain at least 48 months). Includes lump-sum compensation payments (before and at retirement).	Five complete fiscal years immediately preceding retirement; each year must contain 12 months. Lumpsum compensation payments (before and at retirement) are not to be included in creditable compensation.	No Final Compensation
Benefit factor:	1.97% or 2.0% for those retiring with service for all months between 1/1998 and 1/1999,	Less than 11 years = 1.10% 11 to 20 years = 1.30%. 21 to 26 years = 1.50%. 27 to 30 years = 1.75%. Over 30 years = 2.00%.	No benefit factor. A life annuity can be calculated in accordance with actuarial assumptions and methods adopted by the board based on member's accumulated account balance.
Cost of living adjustment	No COLA unless authorize	d by the Legislature with spec	ific criteria. This impacts all

retirees regardless of Tier.

(COLA):

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended June 30, 2022

Tier 1 Tier 2 Tier 3

Unreduced retirement

benefit:

Any age with 27 years of service. Age 65 with 1 month of service. Money Purchase for age 65 with less than 48 months based on contributions

and interest.

Reduced retirement

benefit:

Reduced by 6.5% per year for the first 5 years and 4.5% per year for the next 5 years for each year the member is younger than age 65 or has less than 27 years of service, whichever is smaller.

Reduced by 6.5% per year for the first 5 years and 4.5% per year for the next 5 years for each year the member is younger than age 65, or does not meet the rule of 87 (age plus service) and is younger than age 57, whichever is

No reduced retirement

benefit

smaller.

Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS)
Non-Hazardous
Pension Plan

Employer contribution: 78.69%

Member contribution: 5%

Employer contributions: \$261,895

As of the measurement date:

Actuarial valuation date:

Measurement date:

Actuarial cost method:

Amortization method:

June 30, 2020

June 30, 2021

Entry age normal

Level percent of pay

Asset valuation method: 20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the

expected actuarial value of assets is recognized

Investment rate of return: 5.25%
Inflation rate: 2.30%
Payroll growth assumptions: 0%

Projected salary increases: Active member salaries are assumed to increase at the rate of 3.30%

to 15.30% for KERS

Mortality tables: System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience from

2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP-2014 mortality

improvement scale using a base year of 2019

Date of experience study: The period July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2018

Update procedures applied: The total pension liability was rolled forward from the valuation date to

the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, using generally accepted

actuarial principles.

Change in assumptions: There have been no changes in actuarial assumptions.

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Membership information as of June 30, 2022 was:

Retirees and beneficiaries receiving	
benefits	2
Inactive members	1
Active plan members	18
Total	21

The long-term expected rate of return was determined by using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of returns are developed for each asset class. The ranges are combined by weighting the expected future real rate of return by the target asset allocation percentage. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rate of return for each major asset class is summarized in the table below. The current long-term inflation assumption is 2.30% per annum.

	Non-Haz	<u> zardous Plan</u>
		Long-Term
	Target	Expected Real
Asset Class	<u>Allocation</u>	Rate of Return
Growth	54.50%	
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US equity	16.25%	5.70%
Non-US equity	16.25%	6.35%
Private equity	7.00%	9.70%
Specialty credit/high yield	15.00%	2.80%
Liquidity	25.50%	
Core bonds	20.50%	0.00%
Cash	5.00%	-0.61%
Casii	5.00%	-0.0170
Diversifying strategies	20.00%	
Real estate	10.00%	5.40%
Opportunistic	0.00%	N/A
Real return	10.00%	4.55%
Expected real return	100.00%	4.02%
Long-term inflation assumption	100.0070	2.30%
Long-term illiation assumption		2.30 /0
Expected nominal return for portfolio		6.32%
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Year Ended June 30, 2022

KERS Non-Hazardous Pension Plan

Discount rate:	5.25%		
Change in discount rate from prior valuation:			
Plan cash flow assumption:	The projection of cash flow us determine the single discount assumed that employers woul contribute the actuary determicontribution rate in all future yeaccordance with the current furpolicy as revised by House Bill the 2021 legislative session.	rate d ined ears undin	in ng
Rates incorporated in the discount rate Long-term rate of return: Period applied: Municipal bond rate:	5.25% All periods N/A		
Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate Net pension liability: Net pension liability assuming a decrease of 1% in the discount rate: Net pension liability assuming an increase of 1% in the discount rate: Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange's (KHBE) proportionate share of the net pension liability:	\$2,690,717		
KERS Non-Hazar			
Pension expense		\$	321,481
Deferred outflows of resources Differences between expected and actual expectange in proportionate share Contributions subsequent to the measurement		\$ 	3,069 286,566 309,555 599,190
Deferred inflows of resources Differences between expected and actual expense Net difference between projected and actual expense Change in proportionate share	\$ 	15,958 65,297 61 81,316	

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Year Ended June 30, 2022

The amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from contributions after the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of net pension liability during the year ending June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows related to pensions will be amortized and recognized as pension expense/(income) in future years.

Future amortization Year ending June 30:

2023	\$	229,993
2024		11,325
2025		(14,990)
2026		(18,009)
Total	\$.	208,319

9. Other Post Employment Benefits

KRS 61.701 created a trust fund to be known as the "Kentucky Retirement Systems insurance trust fund." Trust fund assets are dedicated for use for health benefits as provided in KRS 61.702 and as permitted under 26 United States Code (U.S.C.) secs. 105 and 106, to retired recipients and employees of employers participating in the KRS, and to certain of their dependents or beneficiaries, including but not limited to qualified beneficiaries as described in 42 U.S.C. secs. 300bb-1 et seq. The employers participating in the trust fund are limited to the Commonwealth, political subdivisions of the Commonwealth, and entities whose income is exempt from taxation under 26 U.S.C. sec.115.

The board of trustees of the KRS administers the trust fund and the board serves as trustee of the fund. The board manages the assets of the fund in the same manner in which it administers the retirement funds, except that separate accounting and financial reporting shall be maintained for the trust fund. The financial reports can be obtained by writing Kentucky Retirement Systems, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-6124, by telephone at (800) 928-4646, or online at www.kyret.ky.gov.

The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting which is the same method used by all retirement plans of the Commonwealth. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which contributions are due. Employer contributions to the plan are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with terms of the plan.

Investments are reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. The fair value of real estate is based on appraisals. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value.

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Kentucky Retirement Systems OPEB Plan Governance KRS 61.701 to 61.705 Cost Sharing Multi-Employer Defined Benefit Kentucky Employee Retirement System Non-Hazardous

Plan Administrator: The plan is administered by KRS.

Covered Employees: Members of KRS currently receiving benefits.

Benefit Factor:	Participation prior to July 2003		•	between July August 2008	Participation on or after September 2008		
	Months of Service	Percent of premium paid	Months of Service	Percent of premium paid	Months of Service	Percent of premium paid	
	<48	0%	Greater than	\$10 per	Greater	\$10 per	
	48 to 119		or equal to	each year of	than or	each year of	
	inclusive	25%	120	service without	equal to 180	service without	
	120 to 179			regard to a		regard to a	
	inclusive	50%		maximum dollar		maximum dollar	
	180 to 239			amount,		amount,	
	inclusive	75%		adjusted by 1.5% annually		adjusted by 1.5% annually	
	240 or more	100%		·		•	

There has been no change in actuarial assumptions since June 30, 2017 (other than the blended discount rate used to calculate the Total OPEB liability). House bill 185 was enacted during the 2018 General Assembly Regular Session, which updated the benefits provisions for active members who die in the line of duty.

Contribution Rate:

Contribution rates for the employer are actuarially determined. No member contribution.

Contribution rates for the employer are actuarially determined. No member contribution.

Contribution rates for the employer are actuarially determined. No member contribution.

COLA: Members participating after 2008 receive 1.5% annually.

Membership:

Retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits	2
Inactive members	1
Active plan members	18
Total	21

Publicly available financial report can be accessed at www.kyret.ky.gov.

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KERS Non-Hazardous

Employer contribution Member contribution

State contribution as a percentage of nonemployer special funding situation

Contributions Experience study

Actuarial valuation date Measurement date

Inflation

Salary increases

Investment rate of return Health cost trend rates

Actuarial cost method Asset valuation method

Actuarial assumptions Investment rate of return Mortality tables

Updated procedures applied

12.85% 1.00%

0% \$49.015

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2018

June 30, 2019 June 30, 2021

2.3%, no change from prior year

3.30% to 15.30%, varies by service, change from prior year rate of

3.55% to 19.555%

6.25%, no change from prior year

Pre age 65 initial trend starting at 6.25% at January 1, 2021 and gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 13 years. The 2020 premiums were known at the time of the valuation and were incorporated into the liability measurement. Post age 65 initial trend starting at 5.50% at January 1, 2021 and gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.05% over a period of 14 years. The 2020 premiums were known at the time of the valuation and

were incorporated into the liability.

Entry age normal

20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the

expected actuarial value of assets is recognized

6.25%, no change from prior year

System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience from 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019. Prior year assumption pre-retirement mortality: PUB-2010 General Mortality table, projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2010. Post-retirement mortality (non-disabled): System specific mortality table based on mortality experience from 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019. Post-retirement mortality (disabled): PUB-2010 Disabled Mortality table, with a 4-year set-forward for both male and female rates, projected with the ultimate rates from the MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2010.

Standard roll forward methods using generally accepted actuarial

techniques.

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The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rate of returns are developed for each asset class. The ranges are combined by weighting the expected future real rate of return by the target asset allocation percentage.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of expected real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

		KERS Non-	-Hazardous
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term <u>Real Rate (</u>	
US equity Non-US equity Specialty credit/high yield	21.75 % 21.75 % 15.00 %	6	5.70 % 5.35 % 2.80 %
Private equity Real estate Core bonds	10.00 % 10.00 % 10.00 %	5	0.70 % 6.40 % 0.00 %
Real return Cash Total	10.00 % 1.50 % 100.00 %		·.55 %).60 %
KE Non-Haz	RS zardous		
Discount rate Change in discount rate from prior valuation			5.26 % -0.17 %
Rates incorporated in the discount rate Long-term rate of return Period applied Municipal bond rate			6.25 % All periods 1.92 %
Sensitivity of the net pension liability to chang Net OPEB liability Net OPEB liability assuming a decrease Net OPEB liability assuming an increase	of 1% in the discount rate		555,605 678,513 454,837
Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to changes trend rates Net OPEB liability	s in the healthcare cost	¢	555,605
Net OPEB liability Net OPEB liability assuming a decrease trend rate Net OPEB liability assuming an increase			458,987 671,969
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KHBE's proportionate share of the OPEB Liability			0.0244%

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended June 30, 2022

Plan Cash Flow Assumptions

The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contribution will be at the actuarial contribution rate. The actuarial contribution was calculated in accordance with the current funding policy revised by House Bill 8, passed during the 2021 legislative session.

KERS Non-Hazardous

Non-Hazardous	
OPEB income	\$ (152,643)
Deferred outflow of resources Differences between expected and actual experience Changes in assumptions Change in proportionate share Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	\$ 32,179 54,649 235,235 49,015 371,078
Deferred inflow of resources Differences between expected and actual experience Changes in assumptions Net difference between projected and actual earning on investments Change in proportionate share	\$ 76,958 521 31,202 413,753 522,434

The amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contributions after the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of net OPEB liability during the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows related to OPEB will be amortized and recognized as OPEB expenses/(income) in future years.

Future amortization Year ending June 30:

\$ (197,486)
2,931
4,021
(9,836)
\$ <u>(200,370</u>)



Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

Year Ended June 30, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	0.023090 %	0.018332 %	0.013930 %	0.025316 %	0.059129 %	0.074877 %	0.096380 %	0.070682 %
Proportionate share of the collective net pension liability	\$ 3,074,900	\$ 2,596,714	\$1,967,397	\$3,443,869	\$7,916,426	\$8,535,622	\$ 9,668,781	\$ 6,341,498
Covered payroll	\$ 332,805	\$ 300,680	\$ 206,986	\$ 382,253	\$ 947,485	\$1,221,266	\$ 1,488,340	\$ 1,115,012
Proportionate share of the net pension liability asset as a percentage of covered payroll	923.93 %	863.61 %	950.50 %	900.94 %	835.52 %	698.92 %	649.64 %	568.74 %
Pension plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	18.48 %	14.01 %	13.66 %	12.84 %	13.30 %	15.00 %	18.83 %	22.32 %

^{*}This is a 10 year schedule. Years will be added to this schedule in future fiscal years until 10 years of information is available.

Schedule of Pension Contributions

Year Ended June 30, 2022

		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>
Actuarially determined contribution	\$	290,705	\$	243,490	\$	205,213	\$	267,181	\$	374,808	\$	467,094	\$	502,092	\$	368,089
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution		309,55 <u>5</u>	_	220,338		185,657	_	262,133	_	407,48 <u>5</u>		566,920	_	502,808	_	209,811
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	(18,850)	\$_	23,152	\$	19,556	\$_	5,048	\$_	(32,677)	\$_	(99,826)	\$_	(71 <u>6</u>)	\$_	158,278
Covered payroll	\$	397,163	\$	300,680	\$	288,911	\$	376,152	\$	892,589	\$	1,199,340	\$	1,488,340	\$	1,115,012
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll		77.94%		73.28%		64.26%		69.69%		45.65%		47.25%		33.78%		18.82%
Notes to Schedule as of the measurement date: Valuation date	Jur	ne 30, 2019	Ju	ne 30, 2017	Jur	ne 30, 2017	Ju	ne 30, 2016	Ju	une 30, 2016	Ju	ine 30, 2015	Ju	ıne 30, 2015	Ju	ne 30, 2014
Methods and assumptions used to determine contributions: Actuarial cost method		Entry Age Normal		Entry Age Normal	E	Entry Age Normal	1	Entry Age Normal		Entry Age Normal		Entry Age Normal		Entry Age Normal		Entry Age Normal
Amortization method	pei	Level reentage of groll closed		Level ercentage of ayroll closed	•	Level rcentage of yroll closed	•	Level ercentage of syroll closed	•	Level ercentage of ayroll closed	•	Level ercentage of ayroll closed		Level ercentage of ayroll closed	•	Level ercentage of eyroll closed

Schedule of Pension Contributions

Year Ended June 30, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Asset valuation method	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets is recognized	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets is recognized	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets is recognized	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets is recognized	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets is recognized	Five-year smoothed Market	Five-year smoothed Market	Five-year smoothed Market
Investment return	5.25%	5.25%	5.25%	6.75%	7.50%	6.75%	7.50%	7.75%
Inflation	2.30%	2.30%	2.30%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%	3.25%
Projected Salary Increase	3.3% to 15.30%, varies by service	3.55% to 15.55%, varies by service	3.55% to 15.55%, varies by service	4.0%, average	4.0%, average	4.0%, average, including inflation	4.0%, average, including inflation	4.5%, per annum

Mortality

System-specific mortality table based on mortality experience from 2013-2018, projected with the ultimate rates from MP-2014 mortality improvement scale using a base year of 2019.

This is a 10 year schedule. Years will be added to this schedule in future fiscal years until 10 years of information is available.

Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability

Year Ended June 30, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	0.0244 %	0.0183 %	0.0143 %	0.0248 %	0.0644 %
Proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability	\$ 555,605 \$	464,687 \$	317,877 \$	587,554 \$	1,634,231
Covered payroll	\$ 354,021 \$	260,954 \$	216,784 \$	390,039 \$	1,026,627
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	156.94 %	178.07 %	146.63 %	150.64 %	159.18 %
OPEB plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	38.15 %	29.47 %	30.92 %	27.32 %	24.40 %

^{*}This is a 10 year schedule. Years will be added to this schedule in future fiscal years until 10 years of information is available.

Schedule of OPEB Contributions

Year Ended June 30, 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Actuarially determined contribution Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 47,691	\$ 45,390	\$ 26,287	\$ 46,619	\$ 95,595
	49,015 (1,324)	42,581 2,809	35,532 (9,245)	<u>44,383</u> <u>2,236</u>	<u>98,522</u> (2,927)
Covered payroll	\$ 500,668	\$ 381,893	\$ 300,861	\$ 375,956	\$ 1,136,359
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.79%	11.15%	11.81%	11.81%	8.67%
Notes to Schedule as of the measurement date Valuation date	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2016
Methods and assumptions used to determine					
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Amortization method	Level Percent of Pay	Level Percent of Pay	Level Percent of Pay	Level Percent of Pay	Level Percent of Pay
Amortization period	30 year closed period at June, 2019	26 years, closed	26 years, closed	27 years, closed	27 years, closed
Asset valuation method	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets is recognized	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets is recognized	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets is recognized	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets is recognized	20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets is recognized
Investment return	6.25%	5.25%	6.25%	7.50%	6.25%
Inflation	2.30%	2.30%	2.30%	3.25%	2.30%
Projected Salary Increase	3.30% to 15.30%, varies by service	3.55% to 15.55%, varies by service	3.55% to 15.55%, varies by service	0%	0%

Mortality Table for 2020, 2019, 2018, and 2017

RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table, projected to 2013 with Scale BB (set back 1 year for females)
This is a 10 year schedule. Years will be added to this schedule in future fiscal years until 10 years of information is available.



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

The Board of Directors
Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange

We have audited, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards 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 Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange (a component unit of the Commonwealth of Kentucky) (the Exchange), which comprise the balance sheet as of June 30, 2022, 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, which collectively comprise the Exchange's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 31, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Manchester, New Hampshire

Berry Dunn McNeil & Parker, LLC

May 31, 2023