

**MENTAL HEALTH REGION** 2017 Audit Programs**PLANNING CONFERENCE**  
**ENTRANCE**

June 30, 2017

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

IN ATTENDANCE:

<u>Region</u>		<u>Auditor</u>	
Name	Title	Name	Title
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ItemsDiscussion

## A. Scope of Audit\*\*:

1. Period to be audited.
2. Basis of accounting.
3. Objectives of audit.
4. Engagement letter (if multi-year letter is used, auditor should annually remind management of the terms of the engagement).
5. Funds to be audited (including component units).
6. Federal programs.
7. Additional audit requirements.
8. Reports to be issued.
9. The audit will be conducted in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

## B. Timing of\*\*:

1. Fieldwork.
2. Release of report.

## C. Availability of records.

## D. Working space arrangements, if applicable.

## E. Extent of internal audit/other client assistance.

## F. Status of prior year's audit comments.

## G. Personnel changes.

## H. Accounting problems during the year.

## I. Pending litigation.

## J. Significant accounting policies.

## K. Extent of computerized books and records.

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L. Inquire of management about the existence of related party/business transactions, including changes from the prior year and the nature of the relationships.	
M. If the Region has extended or received financial guarantees on obligations of other entities without receiving or paying equivalent value for the guarantee, discuss the obligation with Region officials (GASB 70).	
N. Understanding of fee and billing arrangements.	
O. Additional items for audit planning:	
1. New capital projects or completion of projects from the prior year.	
2. New grants or completion of grants from the prior year.	
3. New revenue sources or significant changes in user changes.	
4. Debt issuances or refunding/retirement of debt.	
5. Significant changes in Region's budget from the prior year or significant amendments to the Region's current year budget.	
6. Other.	
P. GASB 43/45/57 – Inquire of management about the date of the most recent actuarial valuation or update to the valuation. A new valuation should be performed as required (based on total plan membership) or if significant changes have occurred since the most recent valuation that would affect the results of the valuation (changes in benefit provisions, size or composition of population covered, medical trend rates).	
GASB 74/75 (replaces GASB 43/45/57) – Discuss the requirements effective for fiscal year 2018 with management, including the required actuarial valuation, footnote disclosures and financial statement effects.	
Q. Inquire of management and, when appropriate, those charged with governance, about whether the Region is in compliance with laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements.	
R. Inquire of management about its understanding of the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and whether they have knowledge of fraud that has occurred.	

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S. Inquire of management about the existence of a program for preventing, deterring or detecting fraud. If a program exists, determine if fraud risk factors have been identified.	
T. Inform management about the auditor's responsibilities to inquire of them and others about fraud risk factors relating to financial reporting and misappropriation of assets throughout the audit in accordance with AU-C 240.	
U. Inquire of management about the existence of any known limitations on the audit.	
V. Discuss nonaudit services with <u>those charged with governance or management</u> , including**:	
1. Independence issues.	
2. The nature of the audit and the nonaudit services provided.	
W Other items.	
X. Discuss the following items with <u>those charged with governance</u> **:	
1. Are there any matters warranting particular attention during the audit or any areas where additional procedures are requested?	
2. Has there been any significant communications with regulators?	
3. How does the Region respond to changes in financial reporting standards and laws/regulations?	
4. What actions have been taken to respond to prior audit comments?	
5. Were there any communications with management regarding the Region's processes for identifying and responding to the risks of fraud? If yes, document the specific communications.	
6. How do those charged with governance exercise oversight of management's processes for identifying and responding to the risks of fraud in the Region and the internal controls management has established to mitigate these risks?	
7. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities.	

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Acknowledgement:

_____ Region Board Chairperson	_____ Date
_____ Executive Director/CED	_____ Date
_____ Fiscal Agent	_____ Date

**\*\*** These items are required to be communicated with those charged with governance, in addition to the items communicated in the audit engagement letter. If those charged with governance are not present at the entrance conference, ensure the required communications are discussed at a later date.