
**Department of Public
Health and Human
Services**

We performed a financial-compliance audit of the Department of Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) for the two fiscal years ended June 30, 2005. We determined the status of audit recommendations made to PHHS in the previous audit. Of the 16 recommendations still applicable to the agency, PHHS implemented nine, partially implemented five and did not implement two.

We issued an unqualified opinion on the financial schedules for each of the two years under audit. The opinion is located on page A-3. The reader may rely on the presented financial information and the supporting data on the Statewide Accounting, Budgeting and Human Resources System.

This audit report contains 18 recommendations to PHHS. The issues discussed in this report include noncompliance with federal regulations concerning payments of foster care benefits for ineligible clients, compliance with legal requirements of the Women, Infants, and Children Program, and charging vocational rehabilitation costs after the close of the grant year.

PHHS management's response to our recommendations starts on page B-3 of the report document. The listing below serves as a means of summarizing the recommendations contained in the report, the department's response thereto, and a reference to the supporting comments.

Recommendation #1

We recommend the department continue to improve procedures to ensure permanency placement hearings occur as required by federal regulations. 8

Department Response: Concur. See page B-3.