

COUNTY OF WARREN
DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE
AND SOCIAL SERVICES
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2010

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DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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Independent Auditors' Report

The Honorable Director and Members of
the Board of Chosen Freeholders
County of Warren
Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services
Belvidere, New Jersey

We have audited the accompanying combined statement of assets, liabilities and fund balances of the County of Warren, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services (the "Division"), a component unit of the County of Warren, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010 (December 1, 2010 for the Assistance Account), and the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and changes in fund balances and disbursements for the year ended December 31, 2010 (December 1, 2010 for the Assistance Account), as listed in the foregoing table of contents. These component unit financial statements are the responsibility of the Division's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these component unit financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audits 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 includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

The policy of the Division is to prepare its component unit financial statements on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements in accordance with accounting principles prescribed by the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development. Consequently, certain revenue and the related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. This is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, because the Division prepares its component unit financial statements on the basis of accounting discussed in the third paragraph, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph, do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Division as of December 31, 2010 (December 1, 2010 for the Assistance Account), and the receipts and disbursements of the Division's various accounts for the year ended December 31, 2010 (December 1, 2010 for the Assistance Account).

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However, in our opinion, the component unit financial statements referred to above, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Division at December 31, 2010 (December 1, 2010 for the Assistance Account), and the receipts and disbursements for the year ended December 31, 2010 (December 1, 2010 for the Assistance Account), in conformity with accounting principles prescribed by the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development as described in Note B to the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated July 30, 2011 on our consideration of the Division'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 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* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audits.

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are required by the US Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Nonprofit Organizations*, and New Jersey's OMB Circular NJOMB 04-04, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid* and are not a required part of the financial statements. This information has been subjected the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements mentioned above and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole, on the basis of accounting described in Note B to the financial statements and Note B to the Schedules of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards.

Mount Arlington, New Jersey
July 30, 2011



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COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 (DECEMBER 1, 2010 FOR THE ASSISTANCE FUND)

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Assistance Fund</u>	<u>Administration Fund</u>	<u>Clearing Fund</u>	<u>Child Support And Paternity Fund</u>	<u>Reach Account</u>	<u>General Fixed Assets Account Group</u>
Assets							
Cash	\$ 589,150	\$ 359,368	\$ 170,501	\$ 5,832	\$ 34,478	\$ 18,971	
Fixed Assets	100,863						\$ 100,863
Total assets	<u>\$ 690,013</u>	<u>\$ 359,368</u>	<u>\$ 170,501</u>	<u>\$ 5,832</u>	<u>\$ 34,478</u>	<u>\$ 18,971</u>	<u>\$ 100,863</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance							
Fund Balances:							
Restricted	\$ 408,649	\$ 349,368		\$ 5,832	\$ 34,478	\$ 18,971	
Unrestricted	180,501	10,000	\$ 170,501				
Investment in Fixed Assets	100,863						\$ 100,863
Total Fund Balances	<u>690,013</u>	<u>359,368</u>	<u>170,501</u>	<u>5,832</u>	<u>34,478</u>	<u>18,971</u>	<u>100,863</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 690,013</u>	<u>\$ 359,368</u>	<u>\$ 170,501</u>	<u>\$ 5,832</u>	<u>\$ 34,478</u>	<u>\$ 18,971</u>	<u>\$ 100,863</u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 (DECEMBER 1, 2010 FOR THE ASSISTANCE FUND)

	Total	Administration Fund	Assistance Fund	Clearing Fund	Child Support Fund	General Assistance Fund	Reach Account	General Fixed Assets Account Group
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 10,822,572	\$ 8,031,489	\$ 1,583,694	\$ 40,755	\$ 432,234	\$ 705,431	\$ 28,969	
DISBURSEMENTS								
Fund Disbursements	7,266,113	4,681,862	1,488,697	40,251	442,936	585,088	27,279	
Funds Returned to County	3,344,037	3,344,037						
Funds Returned to State	120,343					120,343		
Total Disbursements	10,730,493	8,025,899	1,488,697	40,251	442,936	705,431	27,279	
Excess/(Excess) Receipts over/ (under) Disbursements	92,079	5,590	94,997	504	(10,702)	-	1,690	
Fund Balance at December 31, 2009	597,934	164,911	264,371	5,328	45,180		17,281	\$ 100,863
Fund Balance at December 31, 2010	\$ 690,013	\$ 170,501	\$ 359,368	\$ 5,832	\$ 34,478	\$ -	\$ 18,971	\$ 100,863

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COUNTY OF WARREN
DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note A: Nature of Operations

The County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services (the "Division") is a division of the County of Warren. The Director is the chief executive officer who carries out the administrative duties and policies of the Division. By law, the Division administers the various Public Welfare and Social Service programs under the supervision of the New Jersey State Division of Family Development, Division of Youth and Family Services, the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, and the Division on Aging.

The County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services provides Warren County residents with financial assistance through Temporary Assistance to Needy Families ("TANF"), General Assistance Program, Child Support and Paternity Services, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Medically Needy, employment programs, homeless services and other social service programs.

The Division provides services to recipients of TANF, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income and to individuals and families who are eligible under federal income guidelines. Adults in need of protection are served without regard to income as an eligibility factor.

Note B: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting principles of the County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services conform to the cash basis of accounting which has been prescribed by the Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services, State of New Jersey. The following is a summary of the significant policies:

Reporting Entity

Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Codification Section 2100, "Defining The Financial Reporting Entity" establishes standards to determine whether a governmental component unit should be included in the financial reporting entity. The basic criterion for inclusion or exclusion from the financial reporting entity is the exercise of oversight responsibility over agencies, boards and commissions by the primary government. The exercise of oversight responsibility includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. In addition, certain legally separate, tax-exempt entities that meet specific criteria (i.e. benefit of economic resources, access/entitlement to resources and significance) should be included in the financial reporting entities. The Division would be considered a component unit of the County of Warren based on the requirements of the GASB. However, as the reporting entity of the County of Warren was established in accordance with New Jersey statutes, the primary government financial statements do not include reporting on component units.

Basis of Accounting - Revenue, including grants, is recorded as received in cash rather than when earned. Expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred. Unexpended cash balances at December 31, of each year are automatically held for use in subsequent years. Assistance Account transactions, after the first of each month, are reflected in the subsequent month's activity. The Assistance Account report reflects financial activity in each year for the period of December 2 of the prior year through December 1 of the current year.

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Note B: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

Management Estimates – The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents – Amounts include petty cash, change funds, amounts on deposit, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Inventory of Supplies - The costs of inventories of supplies are recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The costs of inventories are not included on the balance sheet.

Fixed Assets - Equipment purchases are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase and are not capitalized in the individual accounts.

General Fixed Assets Account Group - General fixed assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Infrastructure assets are not included in general fixed assets, as per state directive. Major renewals and betterments are charged to the asset accounts; maintenance and minor repairs and replacements, which do not improve or extend the lives of the respective assets, are expensed currently. Donated fixed assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. The total value recorded for general fixed assets is offset by the "Investment in Fixed Assets". When properties are retired or otherwise disposed of, the asset and the Investment in Fixed Assets are adjusted accordingly. Fixed assets are reviewed for impairment.

Contributed Facilities – The Division occupies, without charge, premises located in government-owned buildings. The estimated fair rental value of the premises is not reported as support and expenditures in the period in which the premises were used, since the amount is not readily determinable.

Fund Balances

Unrestricted Funds - consist of amounts that are available for use in carrying out the administration of the Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services and are discretionary as to their use. The unrestricted fund balance is made up of the ending balance in the administration account and \$10,000 of the balance of the reach account. The \$10,000 represents the balance of cash advances received by the agency from the State of New Jersey, Division of Family Development, to be utilized in the payment of expenditures. This amount would be payable upon cessation of the Reach program to the State of New Jersey.

Restricted Funds - result from grantor agencies or donors who place restrictions on the use of the funds which mandate the purpose(s) for which the funds may be utilized.

Note C: Description of Funds

In order to ensure resources are used for their intended purpose, the County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services has established certain funds to account for these resources:

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Note C: Description of Funds (Cont'd)

Assistance Fund – Consists of monies held in a State of New Jersey account, in which receipts are direct wires from the State of New Jersey Division of Family Development, and disbursements are made to Social Security and TANF clients through EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer-plastic cards).

Administration Fund – All administrative expenses are recorded to this account. Funding is received from the New Jersey Division of Family Development.

General Assistance Fund – Receipts are from the State of New Jersey for single individuals. Reporting of these transactions is recorded through the General Assistance Automated System (GAAS).

Clearing Fund – Reimburses various programs for funds that represents the recoupment of various types of overpayments, recoveries, and funds initially not identifiable.

Child Support and Paternity Fund – Through the Automated Child Support Enforcement System (“ACSES”) or NJKiDS collects child support funds and remits through wire transfers to the County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services.

Reach Account – Assistance account used to make emergency utility payments, prevent utility shut-off, and record transportation expenses. The OMEGA system tracks these transactions.

General Fixed Asset Account Group – Accounts for all fixed asset additions and retirements. Fixed assets are not depreciated.

Note D: Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents and investments include petty cash, change funds, amounts in deposits, money market accounts, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Investments are stated at cost, which approximates market. The Office classifies certificates of deposit which have original maturity dates of more than three months but less than twelve months from the date of purchase, as investments.

GASB Statement No. 40 *Governmental Accounting Standards Board Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures* requires disclosure of the level of custodial risk assumed by the Division in its cash, cash equivalents and investments, if those items are uninsured or unregistered. Custodial risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the government’s deposits may not be returned.

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Note D: Cash and Cash Equivalents (Cont'd)

Interest Rate Risk – In accordance with the County of Warren's cash management plan, the Division ensures that any deposit or investment matures within the times period that approximates the prospective need for the funds, deposited or invested, so that there is not a risk to the market value of such deposits or investments.

Credit Risk – The Division limits its investments to those authorized in the County of Warren's cash management plan which are permitted under state statutes as detailed below and on the following page.

Deposits:

New Jersey statutes permit the deposit of public funds in institutions located in New Jersey, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), or by any other agencies of the United States that insure deposits or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed insurance limits as follows:

The market value of the collateral must equal 5% of the average daily balance of public funds; and

If the public funds deposited exceed 75% of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value at least equal to 100% of the amount exceeding 75%.

All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank Office or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000.

Investments

New Jersey statutes permit the Division to purchase the following types of securities:

- (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
- (2) Government money market mutual funds;
- (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
- (4) Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the local unit is a part or within which the school district is located;

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Note D: Cash and Cash Equivalents (Cont'd)

- (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by local units;
- (6) Local government investment pools;
- (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund; or
- (8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
 - (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) above;
 - (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
 - (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in statute; and
 - (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

As of December 1 for the Assistance account and December 31, 2010 for the remainder of the accounts, cash and cash equivalents of the County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services (the "Division") consisted of the following:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Checking Accounts</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Administration	\$ 170,501	\$ 170,501
Assistance	359,368	359,368
Clearing	5,832	5,832
Child Support	34,478	34,478
Reach Account	18,971	18,971
	<u>\$ 589,150</u>	<u>\$ 589,150</u>

The carrying amount of the Division's cash and cash equivalents at year end was \$589,140 and the bank balance was \$553,306. The Division did not hold any investments at year end.

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Note E: Pension Plan

County employees are enrolled in the following cost sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement systems the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) or the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP). The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers PERS cover substantially all County employees. Prudential Financial jointly administers the DCRP investments with the NJ Division of Pension and Benefits. As a general rule, all full-time employees are eligible to join the PERS. However, if an employee is ineligible to enroll in the PERS, the employee may be eligible to enroll in DCRP.

Employees who are members of PERS and retire at a specified age according to the relevant tier category for that employee are entitled to a retirement benefit based upon a formula which takes "final average salary" during years of creditable service. Vesting occurs after 8 to 10 years of service. The DCRP provides eligible members with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting is immediate upon enrollment for members of the DCRP.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information of each of the above systems, funds and trust. The financial reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295.

The contribution policy is set by New Jersey State Statutes and, in most retirement systems, contributions are required by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. Employee contributions are based on percentages of 5.5% for PERS and DCRP of employees' annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined. The actuarially determined employer contribution includes funding for cost-of-living adjustments and noncontributory death benefits for PERS. The DCRP was established July 1, 2007, under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 and expanded under the provisions of Chapter 98, P.L. 2008. Employee contributions for DCRP are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

County contributions to PERS amounted to \$2,781,845, \$2,352,139 and \$1,725,388 for 2010, 2009 and 2008, respectively. The annual pension cost ("APC") for PERS differed from the net pension obligation ("NPO") due to the enactment of Chapter 114, P.L. 1997 for 2008 as the APC was \$2,156,736 and the NPO was \$1,725,389.

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Note F: Post-Retirement Benefits

In addition to the pension benefits described in Note 5, the County provides other post-retirement benefits to certain County employees are retirement, substantially similar in nature to the health benefits provided to employees presently working.

In 2008, the County obtained their post employment health care coverage from Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. An actuarial valuation was prepared for these year and the required disclosures were included in the 2008 audit report. In 2009, the County changed health benefit coverage providers to the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP). The SHBP does not provide information on the funding status and funding progress or the Annual OPEB cost or Net OPEB obligation for individual members of the SHBP.

The County contributes to the State Health Benefits Program, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan administered by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. SHBP was established in 1961 under N.J.S.A 52:14-17.25 et seq. to provide health benefits to State employees, retirees, and their dependents.

The SHBP was extended to employees, retirees, and dependents of participating local public employers in 1964. Local employers must adopt a resolution to participate in SHBP.

In accordance with the County's resolution, County employees are entitled to the following benefits:

The County provides post retirement healthcare benefits to both bargaining and non-bargaining unit employees who meet the following criteria:

Bargaining Unit and Non Bargaining Unit Employees

The Employer shall pay current hospital and major medical premiums under the aforesaid policy for employees and their dependent who retire after January 1, 1975, with:

- 1 Twenty-five (25) years of full-time County service. Or,
- 2 Fifteen (15) years of full-time County service and age 62.
- 3 Or are separated from full-time County service on a disability pension.

Such payment shall continue until the death of an employee or retiree.

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Note F: Post-Retirement Benefits (Cont'd)

Upon the death of an employee or retired employee who is a member of the hospitalization and major medical benefits plan, (whether paid for by the Employer or the employee), the surviving spouse may continue in the plan by paying the monthly premium. If the surviving spouse shall remarry, the coverage shall cease immediately. If the surviving spouse: is or shall thereafter be employed elsewhere and is covered by another medical benefits plan, the County's coverage shall cease immediately. In the event of the death of an active covered employee, the employee's surviving covered dependents shall receive six (6) additional full months of coverage paid for by the County, subject to the above stated provisions regarding remarriage and coverage provided by employment elsewhere.

Prescription coverage through SHBP will also be provided at the County's expense for retirees who qualify under the aforementioned for both themselves and eligible dependents.

The County will reimburse an employee who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older for Medicare Part B premiums until the employee retires.

Rules governing the operation and administration of the program are found in Title 17, Chapter 9 of the New Jersey Administrative Code. SHBP provides medical, prescription drugs, mental health/substance abuse, and Medicare Part B reimbursement to retirees and their covered dependents.

The State Health Benefits Commission is the executive body established by statute to be responsible for the operation of the SHBP. The State of New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the SHBP. That report may be obtained by writing to:

State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625-0295.

Participating employers are contractually required to contribute based on the amount of premiums attributable to their retirees. Postretirement medical benefits under the plan have been funded on a pay-as-you-go basis since 1994. Prior to 1994, medical benefits were funded on an actuarial basis.

Contributions to pay for health premiums of participating retirees in the SHBP are billed to the County on a monthly basis. The County's portion of post-retirement benefits is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis from the Current fund operating budget.

The County contributions to SHBP for the year ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, were approximately \$12,727,379 and \$6,590,409, respectively. There were 258 and 256 retired participants eligible at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

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Note G: Contingent Liabilities

Amounts received or receivable from grantors, principally the federal and state governments are subject to regulatory requirements and adjustments by the agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts previously recognized by the Division as revenue would constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, or expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantors, cannot be determined at this time, although Division officials expect such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Note H: Fixed Assets

The capitalization threshold established by the County of Warren utilized by the Division is \$5,000.

	Balance Dec. 31, 2009	Balance Dec. 31, 2010
Fixed Assets	\$ 100,863	\$ 100,863
	\$ 100,863	\$ 100,863

Note I: Economic Dependency

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

Note J: Deferred Compensation

The County of Warren offers its employees (including the Office's employees) a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, which is administered by Great-West, permits participants to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Amounts deferred under the plan are not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

Note K: Risk Management

Warren County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

Property, Liability and Workers' Compensation

The County is a member of the New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund (the "Fund"). The Fund provides its members with Workers' Compensation and Employee Liability Insurance. The Fund is a risk-sharing public entity risk pool that is both an insured and self-administered group of governmental entities established for the purpose of providing low-cost insurance coverage for its members in order to keep local property taxes at a minimum. Each member appoints an official to represent their respective entity for the purpose of creating a governing body from which officers for the Fund are elected.

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Note K: Risk Management (Cont'd)

As a member of the Fund, the County could be subject to supplemental assessments in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Fund were to be exhausted, members would become responsible for their respective shares of the Fund liabilities.

The Fund can declare and distribute dividends to members upon approval of the State of New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. These distributions are divided amongst the members in the same ratio as their individual assessment relates to the total assessment of the membership body. The members may either receive payment or offset their subsequent year assessments with their respective share of the distribution.

As of the audit date, the 2010 financial information for the fund was not available. Selected financial information for the Fund, for 2009, is as follows:

	New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund Dec. 31, 2009
Total Assets	\$ 19,258,806
Net Assets/(Deficit)	\$ (3,907,700)
Total Revenue	\$ 15,167,755
Total Expenses	\$ 10,969,840
Change in Net Assets for the Year Ended December 31	\$ 4,197,915
Net Assets Distribution to Participating Members	\$ (3,923,814)

Financial statements for the Fund are available at the office of the Fund's Executive Director:

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1001 Route 517, Suite 1
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New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance

The County has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Benefit Reimbursement Method". Under this plan, the County is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund for benefits paid to its former employees and charged to its account with the State. The County is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State.

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES

COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2009	A		\$ 164,911
Increased by Receipts:			
County of Warren:			
Budget Appropriations		\$ 4,681,863	
Federal and State Programs:			
Earned Subsidy Grant		2,954,708	
Special Grants		9,638	
Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services:			
Medical Assistance Program		34,315	
Medically Needy Program		142,879	
General Assistance Reimbursements:			
Home Energy Assistance Administration Funds		2,807	
Child Support Incentives		192,310	
Matchable Refunds		5,494	
Interest:			
Child Support		53	
Other than Child Support		108	
Non Temporary Assistance to Needy Families			
Application Fees - Child Support and Paternity			
Program		12	
Other Miscellaneous Receipts		7,302	
		8,031,489	8,196,400
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Operating Disbursements:			
Salaries and Wages		3,012,534	
Employee Benefit Plans		1,414,035	
Travel Expense		5,367	
Office Expense		89,687	
Staff Training and Development		6,690	
Purchased Services for Clients		89,453	
Miscellaneous Matchable Expenses		6,949	
Child Support and Paternity Expense		9,009	
Electronic Data Processing Expense		43,096	
Miscellaneous Non-Matchable Expense		5,042	
Funds Returned to County Treasurer:			
2010 County Appropriations		3,344,037	
		8,025,899	
Balance December 31, 2010	A		\$ 170,501

COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 1, 2009	A	\$ 264,371
Increased by Receipts:		
County Participation:		
Assistance for Supplemental Security Income Recipients		\$ 176,973
State and Federal Participation:		
Assistance for Supplemental Security Income Recipients		80,000
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families:		
County Share		95,147
State and Federal Share		1,165,496
Child Support Program Disregards		51,334
Due from Clearing Account:		
Assistance for Supplemental Security Income Recipients:		
County Share		1,435
State and Federal Share		4,304
Supplemental Security Income:		
Public Assistance - County		450
Public Assistance - State		8,555
		<u>1,583,694</u>
		1,848,065
Decreased by Disbursements:		
Assistance for Supplemental Security Income Recipients:		
County Share		43,237
State and Federal Share		129,712
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families:		
County Share		54,777
State and Federal Share		1,036,443
Child Support Program Disregards		8,859
Returned to State Treasurer		168,164
Travel Related Expense Payments		47,505
		<u>1,488,697</u>
Balance December 1, 2010	A	<u>\$ 359,368</u>

COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - CLEARING ACCOUNT

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2009	A	\$ 5,328
Increased by:		
Refunds of Overpayments		\$ 9,032
Old Age Assistance		8,445
Other Collections		3,767
Food Stamp Recoupments		17,509
Medical Assistance		1,992
Interest		10
		40,755
		46,083
Decreased by:		
Reimbursement to State Treasurer:		
Food Stamp Recoupments		20,117
County Share of Medicaid		385
Due Assistance Account		14,744
Due General Assistance Account		4,829
Interest Due Administration Account		13
Payments to Client		163
		40,251
Balance December 31, 2010	A	\$ 5,832

COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - CHILD SUPPORT
ACCOUNT AND PATERNITY

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2009	A	\$ 45,180
Increased by:		
Regular Collections		\$ 430,283
Stop Payment Alimony		242
Blood Tests		1,658
Interest		51
		<u>432,234</u>
		<u>477,414</u>
Decreased by:		
Incentive Payments		384,620
Child Support Program Disregard Payments		54,792
Surplus Payments to Clients		1,788
Blood Tests		1,683
Interest Due Administrative Account		53
		<u>442,936</u>
Balance December 31, 2010	A	<u>\$ 34,478</u>

COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT
EXCEPT FOR "FISCAL" YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Increased by:

State Aid Payments	\$ 549,210	
Supplemental Security Income - Initial Refund Checks	150,493	
Due from Clearing Account	4,829	
Other	899	
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		\$ 705,431
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		705,431

Decreased by:

General Assistance Expenditures	580,465	
Supplemental Security Income - Refunds to Clients	4,623	
Excess Due back to State of New Jersey	120,343	
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		\$ 705,431
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COUNTY OF WARREN DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - REACH ACCOUNT

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance December 31, 2009	A		\$ 17,281
Increased by:			
Assistance Reimbursements		\$ 28,953	
Interest		<u>16</u>	
			<u>28,969</u>
			46,250
Decreased by:			
Reach Expenses			<u>27,279</u>
Balance December 31, 2010	A		<u><u>\$ 18,971</u></u>

COUNTY OF WARREN

DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

PART II

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

WARREN COUNTY DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Name of Federal Agency or Department/Program Name	C.F.D.A Account No.	Grant Award Amount	Grant Period		Expenditures	Cumulative Expenditures
			From	To		
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:</u>						
Pass-through Programs From:						
NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development:						
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	93.558	\$ 2,104,446	1/1/2010	12/31/2010	\$ 2,104,446	\$ 2,104,446
Refugee Resettlement Programs	93.566	1,308	1/1/2010	12/31/2010	1,308	1,308
Child Support and Paternity Program	93.563	504,272	1/1/2010	12/31/2010	504,272	504,272
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	688,849	1/1/2010	12/31/2010	688,849	688,849
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	132,612	1/1/2010	12/31/2010	132,612	132,612
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	145,674	1/1/2010	12/31/2010	145,674	145,674
		<u>3,577,161</u>			<u>3,577,161</u>	<u>3,577,161</u>
<u>Social Security Administration:</u>						
Supplemental Security Income	96.006	160,457	1/1/2010	12/31/2010	160,457	160,457
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/NJ Department of Human Services (NJDHS):</u>						
Pass-Through Program from:						
NJ Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development:						
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.551	599,206	1/1/2010	12/31/2010	599,206	599,206
Total Federal Awards		<u>\$ 4,336,824</u>			<u>\$ 4,336,824</u>	<u>\$ 4,336,824</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

WARREN COUNTY DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Name of State Agency of Department	State Account #	Grant Award Amount	Grant Period		Expenditures	Cumulative Expenditures
			From	To		
<u>NJ Department of Human Services:</u>						
Division of Family Development:						
Work First New Jersey - General Assistance:						
Client Assistance	100-054-7550-121	\$ 1,181,379	1/1/2010	12/31/2010	\$ 1,181,379	\$ 1,181,379
Administration Costs	100-054-7550-121	673,484	1/1/2010	12/31/2010	673,484	673,484
		<u>1,854,863</u>			<u>1,854,863</u>	<u>1,854,863</u>
Supplemental Security Income	100-054-7550-125	121,658	1/1/2010	12/31/2010	121,658	121,658
Total State Awards		<u>\$ 1,976,521</u>			<u>\$ 1,976,521</u>	<u>\$ 1,976,521</u>

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

COUNTY OF WARREN
DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

A. GENERAL

The accompanying Schedules of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards present the activity of all federal and state award programs of the County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services. The County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services is defined in Note 1 to the Division's financial statements. All federal and state awards received directly from federal and state agencies, as well as federal and state awards passed through other government agencies are included on the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards.

B. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying Schedules of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards are presented using the cash basis of accounting. The information in these schedules is presented in accordance with the requirements of federal OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations*.

C. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with the amounts reported in the related federal and state financial reports.

D. THRESHOLD FOR FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

The threshold for distinguishing federal Type A and B programs was \$300,000. The threshold for distinguishing state Type A and B programs was \$300,000. The Division qualified as a "low-risk" auditee under the provisions of section 530 of the Circular.



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Independent Auditors' 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 Honorable Director and Members of
 the Board of Chosen Freeholders
 County of Warren
 Belvidere, New Jersey

We have audited the financial statements of the County of Warren, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services (the "Division") as of, and for the year ended, December 31, 2010, with the exception of the Assistance Account which is reported as of December 1, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated July 30, 2011, which indicated that the financial statements have been prepared on an other comprehensive basis of accounting. We conducted our audits 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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 Township's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

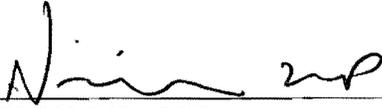
The Honorable Director and Members of
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County of Warren
Belvidere, New Jersey
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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Division's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provision of laws, regulation, contracts, and grant agreement, noncompliance 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 noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and management of the Division, and to meet the requirements for filing with the New Jersey Department of Human Services, federal and state awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Mount Arlington, New Jersey
July 30, 2011



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Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance with Requirements That Could Have a Direct and Material Effect on Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and New Jersey's OMB Circular NJOMB 04-04

The Honorable Director and Members of
 the Board of Chosen Freeholders
 County of Warren
 Belvidere, New Jersey

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the County of Warren, Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services (the "Division") with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (the "OMB") *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* and the *New Jersey State Aid/Grant Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state programs for the year ended December 31, 2010. The Division's major federal and state programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal and state programs is the responsibility of the Division's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Division's compliance based on our audit.

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; OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations*, and New Jersey's OMB Circular NJOMB 04-04, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid*. Those standards, OMB Circular A-133 and New Jersey's OMB Circular NJOMB 04-04 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal or state program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Division's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Division's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Division complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state programs for the year ended December 31, 2010.

The Honorable Director and Members of
the Board of Chosen Freeholders
County of Warren
Belvidere, New Jersey
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Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the Division is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal and state programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Division's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal or state program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 on the *New Jersey State Aid/ Grant Compliance Supplement*, but not for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Division'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, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal or state program 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 noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal or state program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be deficiencies, 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the members of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and management of the Division, and to meet the requirements for filing with the NJ Department of Human Services, other federal and state awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Mount Arlington, New Jersey
July 30, 2011



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COUNTY OF WARREN
DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Summary of Auditors' Results:

- An unqualified report was issued on the County of Warren Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services (the "Division") financial statements prepared on an other comprehensive basis of accounting.
- The audit did not disclose any noncompliance which is material in relation to the financial statements of the Division.
- The audit did not disclose any material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in the internal controls of the Division.
- The audit did not disclose any material weakness or significant deficiencies in the internal controls of the Division's major federal or state programs.
- An unqualified report was issued on the Division's compliance for major federal and state programs.
- The Division's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2010 consisted of the following awards:

	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	\$ 2,104,446
Title XIX, Medical Assistance Program	93.778	688,849
Administrative Costs - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.551	599,206
Title IV-D, Child and Paternity Support Program	93.563	504,272

- The Division's major state program for the year ended December 31, 2010 consisted of the following award:

	<u>State Account Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Work First New Jersey - General Assistance	100-054-7550-121	\$ 1,854,863

- The threshold for determining Type A and B programs was \$300,000. A risk-based approach was used to determine major programs.
- The Division qualified as a low-risk auditee under the provisions of Section 530 of the Circular.
- The single audit threshold identified in Federal OMB Circular A-133 and New Jersey OMB Circular NJOMB 04-04 is \$500,000.

Findings Relating to the Financial Statements which are required to be Reported in Accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards:

- The audit did not disclose any findings required to be reported under Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards.

COUNTY OF WARREN
DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010
(Continued)

Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards:

- The audit did not disclose any findings or questioned costs for federal awards as defined in Federal OMB Circular A-133.

Findings and Questioned Costs for State Awards:

- The audit did not disclose any findings or questioned costs for state awards as defined in Federal OMB Circular A-133 and New Jersey's OMB Circular NJOMB Circular 04-04.

COUNTY OF WARREN
DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

There were no prior year audit findings.

COUNTY OF WARREN

DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

PART III

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

COUNTY OF WARREN
DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

Contracts and Agreements Required to be Advertised for N.J.S. 40A:11-4

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 states:

a. " When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the contracting agent in the aggregate does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate to the contracting unit, of the governing body of the contracting unit without public advertising for bids, except that the governing body of any contracting unit may adopt an ordinance or resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to Subsection b. of Section 9 of P.L. 1971, C.198 (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9), the governing body of the contracting unit may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.

b. Any contract made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 5 of P.L. 1971, C.198 (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5) may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months. The Division of Local Government Services shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations concerning the methods of accounting for all contracts that do not coincide with the contracting unit's fiscal year.

c. The Governor, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of every fifth year beginning in the fifth year after the year in which P.L. 1999, C.440 takes effect, adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the governing body is permitted to establish, as set forth in subsection a. of this section, or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in section 2 of P.L. 1971, C.198 (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2), and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000. The Governor shall, no later than June 1 of every fifth year, notify each governing body of the adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is made."

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 states: "Every contract awarded by the contracting agent for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the governing body of the contracting unit to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this act or specifically by any other law. The governing body of a contracting unit may, by resolution approved by a majority of the governing body and subject to subsections b. and c. of this section, disqualify a bidder who would otherwise be determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, if the governing body finds that it has had prior negative experience with the bidder."

Effective July 1, 2005 the bid threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 and 40A:11-4 (as amended) is \$21,000 and with a qualified purchasing agent the threshold may be up to \$29,000.

Effective July 1, 2010 the bid threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 and 40A:11-4 (as amended) is \$26,000 and with a qualified purchasing agent the threshold may be up to \$36,000.

The governing body of the County of Warren has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the bid threshold within the fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the County Counsel's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

COUNTY OF WARREN
DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010
(Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Required to be Advertised for N.J.S. 40A:11-4

The minutes of the County of Warren Board of Chosen Freeholders indicated that bids were requested by public advertising for various applicable goods and services.

The minutes indicated that bids were requested by public advertising per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4. The minutes also indicated that resolutions were adopted and advertised authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services".

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed. No exceptions were noted.

COUNTY OF WARREN
DIVISION OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES
SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

NONE