

September 17, 2019

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audits of the financial statements of Healthcare Business Management Association (the Organization) which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of September 17, 2019, the following representations made to you during your audit.

## **Financial Statements**

- 1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated April 4, 2019, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP.
- 3) We acknowledge our responsibility 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.
- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5) Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- 6) Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 7) All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- 8) The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 9) Material concentrations have been appropriately disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

- 10) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Organization is contingently liable, have been properly recorded or disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 11) Receivables recorded in the financial statements represent valid claims against debtors for sales or other charges arising on or before the statement of financial position date and have been reduced to their estimated net realizable value.
- 12) In regard to the nonattest services performed by you, we have:
  - a) Assumed all management responsibilities.
  - b) Designated an individual (within senior management) with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services.
  - c) Evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed.
  - d) Accepted responsibility for the results of the services.

## **Information Provided**

- 13) We have provided you with:
  - a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
  - b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
  - c) Unrestricted access to persons within the Organization from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - d) Minutes of the meetings of the governing board or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 14) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 15) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 16) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the Organization and involves:
  - a) Management,
  - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
  - c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 17) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Organization's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others.
- 18) We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 19) We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- 20) We have disclosed to you the identity of the Organization's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- 21) The Organization has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.

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- 22) The Organization is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any activities of which we are aware that would jeopardize the Organization's tax-exempt status, and all activities subject to tax on unrelated business income or excise or other tax, have been disclosed to you. All required filings with tax authorities are up-to-date.
- 23) We have provided you with all of the information that is relevant to our plans to mitigate the adverse effects of conditions or events that indicate there is substantial doubt about the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern for at least one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued, including our evaluation of the likelihood that those plans can be effectively implemented. Management believes it can return to profitability in 2019 through dues increases, recruitment of additional members, and cost reductions. In addition, in the event that the projected profits do not materialize, HBMA further has the ability to defer payment of accounts payable for a reasonable period of time to preserve cash. HBMA also expects to initiate the billing for 2020 dues earlier in 2019 (October) in order to accelerate the payment of 2020 dues to preserve cash through one year after the issuance of the financial statements.

Very truly yours,

Kurt Gallagher, Executive Director