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MSHDA's RAHS works with local communities and teams to promote stable housing opportunities and confront issues facing low-income residents across Michigan. RAHS removes barriers for families and individuals working to overcome housing insecurity and assists those in need with housing, education, and community resources.

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective #1: To assess the effectiveness of MSHDA's efforts in administering the Housing Choice Voucher Program.			Effective
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
MSHDA needs to improve its access and security controls over Elite, the MSHDA Activity Tracking Tool (MATT 2.0), and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to ensure the integrity of its RAHS programs. Among the issues we noted was that 40% of the assignments or changes to users' security levels that we reviewed were not properly approved or documented (Finding #1).		X	Agrees
MSHDA needs to improve its quality control inspection efforts. We noted weaknesses related to inspection completeness and missed opportunities to question tenants (Finding #2).		X	Agrees

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective #2: To assess the effectiveness of MSHDA's efforts in administering the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.			Effective
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
See Finding #1 .		X	Agrees

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective #3: To assess the effectiveness of MSHDA's efforts in administering the Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG).			Effective
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
See <u>Finding #1</u> .		X	Agrees
MSHDA needs to improve its ESG documentation to support compliance with federal grant requirements and ensure the continued availability of ESG funds. Weaknesses included the lack of contract signatures and conflict of interest forms (<u>Finding #3</u>).		X	Agrees

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