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Report Summary

Performance Audit

State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board (Children Trust Michigan)

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)

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The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Act (Public Act 250 of 1982) created the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board as an autonomous agency and delineates the Board's powers and duties. The Board is administered under the supervision of MDHHS and referred to as Children Trust Michigan (CTM). CTM is the Michigan chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America. Its mission is to provide financial support, education, and resources to a network of partners throughout Michigan who work to prevent child abuse and neglect by strengthening families. The CTM Unit within MDHHS carries out activities including, but not limited to, managing and overseeing CTM grants and administering the Pam Posthumus Signature Auction Event (Auction Event). The Children's Trust Fund created by Public Act 249 of 1982 provides funding for CTM's direct service prevention programs, grants to local councils, and administrative costs. In fiscal year 2022, CTM reported total expenditures of \$4.0 million.

Public Act 250 of 1982 requires the Auditor General to complete a review of CTM every three years.

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective 1: To assess CTM's compliance with selected child abuse and neglect prevention laws, regulations, rules, and procedures.			Complied, with exceptions
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
CTM did not conduct any site visit monitoring of local councils during fiscal years 2021 and 2022. In other years when conducted, CTM's records did not reflect an examination of the grantee's underlying financial records for 20% of visits reviewed (Finding 1).		X	Agrees
CTM did not always publicly post notices for its planned meetings, make available for public inspection over 40% of approved meeting minutes, or include all required information in the minutes for over 25% of its meetings in compliance with the Open Meetings Act (Finding 2).		X	Agrees

Findings Related to This Audit Objective (Continued)	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
Over a three-year period, CTM lacked required annual internal evaluations designed to help CTM ensure its operations are consistent with achievement of its mission (<u>Finding 3</u>).		X	Agrees
CTM often did not make required transmittals and notifications to the Governor and applicable legislative members and staff related to CTM's biennial State Plan (<u>Finding 4</u>).		X	Agrees
CTM had not implemented monitoring procedures for Electronic Grants Administration and Management System (EGrAMS) grantee users to ensure compliance with State of Michigan technical standards (<u>Finding 5</u>).		X	Disagrees

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective 2: To assess the sufficiency of CTM's internal control to safeguard the Auction Event inventory and proceeds.			Sufficient
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
None reported.			Not applicable.

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