

## **County Health Pool**

**Financial Statements** 

December 31, 2023 and 2022

(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)

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This discussion and analysis prepared in conformity with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) rules, is designed to provide an analysis of County Health Pool's (the Pool) financial condition and operating results. According to GASB rules, the intent of the management discussion and analysis is to inform the readers of the financial statements of the Pool's financial issues and activities.

The Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) should be read in conjunction with the Pool's basic financial statements and the Pool's basic financial statements should be read in conjunction with the MD&A.

The Pool's basic financial statements are the Statements of Net Position, Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position and the Statements of Cash Flows.

The Pool was formed in January 1984 by an intergovernmental agreement among the member counties of Colorado. During 1999, the Pool changed its by-laws to allow the Pool to provide services to any political subdivision of the state of Colorado.

The purpose of the Pool is to provide health, dental and vision benefits and life, accidental death and dismemberment insurance to the employees of the member organizations. Based on the date the Pool was formed, it has no ERISA compliance requirement, and it is not regulated by the Division of Insurance of the State of Colorado. On December 31, 2023, and 2022, there were 62 and 65 member organizations, respectively. Basic Financial Statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The three basic statements presented within the financial statements are as follows:

**Statements of Net Position --** These statements present information reflecting a snapshot of "Net Position", which represents the amount of total assets minus total liabilities. Although the statement of net position is not presented in a categorized basis, assets are nonetheless listed in liquid to non-liquid order. Liquid in this reference meaning cash or being turned into cash. The Pool's investment balances are considered liquid since the investment portfolio is marketable and easily turned into cash.

The liabilities consist of two categories of accounts. The first is the outstanding claims payable. This balance is the best estimate by management as to the number of claims which were incurred in the current year and will be paid in future periods. The second is the outstanding accounts payable. The accounts payable are the liabilities of the Pool, which vendors have presented invoices for payment and the cash will be disbursed in future years.

The change column illustrates for the reader that net position decreased, overall, in 2023 due to the increases in claims incurred during the year and utilization of the plan benefits.

### **Statements of Net Position**

	December 31,			
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2021</u>
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,523,636	\$ 4,408,981	\$ (2,885,345)	\$ 6,654,779
Investments	14,241,858	16,829,368	(2,587,510)	14,472,081
Accrued interest receivable	208,775	240,371	(31,596)	163,809
Accounts receivable	577,371	-	577,371	773
Prepaid expenses	7,917	8,154	(237)	11,416
Deposits	16,490	16,490		16,490
Total assets	<u>\$16,576,047</u>	\$21,503,364	\$ (4,927,317)	\$21,319,348
Liabilities				
Claims payable	\$ 6,250,000	\$ 5,250,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 5,250,000
Accounts payable	1,328,660	1,232,093	96,567	1,190,385
Contribution deposits	232,134	163,807	68,327	533,035
Total liabilities	7,810,794	6,645,900	1,164,894	6,973,420
Total net position				
(Unrestricted)	\$ 8,765,253	\$ 14,857,464	\$ (6,092,211)	\$14,345,928

The Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position -- These statements reflect the Pool's operating revenues and expenses. The essential source of revenues is from member organization contributions and the major sources of operating expenses are health, dental, and vision benefits. The change in net position is similar to net profit for any other insurance company. The amounts captioned as net position reflect the amount that corresponds to members' equity in previous years' statements of revenue, expenses and changes in net position.

### Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

		De	cember 31,	
	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Operating revenue:				
Contributions	\$ 60,714,231	\$	59,686,818	\$ 59,613,281
Total operating revenue	 60,714,231		59,686,818	 59,613,281
Operating expenses:				
Net claims incurred	51,258,970		42,895,672	45,972,805
Insurance premiums	12,999,516		12,003,744	11,453,492
Administration	 3,476,573		3,378,268	 3,486,988
Total operating expenses	 67,735,059		58,277,684	 60,913,285
Operating income (loss)	(7,020,828)		1,409,134	(1,300,004)
Net investment income (loss)	 928,617		(897,598)	 65,335
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	(6,092,211)		511,536	(1,234,669)
Net position - Beginning of year	 14,857,464		14,345,928	 15,580,597
Net position - End of year	\$ 8,765,253	\$	14,857,464	\$ 14,345,928

The changes in the Contributions income from 2023 to 2022 to 2021 reflects the change in the rates charged to members in the Pool to receive coverage and increased cost arising from the Health Reform Act. The Pool had 62, 65, and 64 member organizations at December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

The changes in the overall costs of claims reflects the increase of health care services utilization in 2023, the changing number of members in the Pool, as well as a component of the shifting to higher deductible plans on the part of, many member entities.

In addition, insurance cost, the expense related to covering excess exposures, also increased due to increasing costs in the health care industry and the Pool's past experience.

During 2023, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield reduced the amount the Pool paid for Anthem's administration costs for the servicing of claims and handling of the network of doctors and hospitals by 21.3%.

While during 2022, Blue Cross and Blue Shield reduced the amount the Pool paid for Anthem's administration costs for the servicing of claims and handling of the network of doctors and hospitals by 3.5%.

Anthem also provided plan documents review, membership cards, and administered writing claim checks in 2023 and 2022.

When the Board of Directors set the rates to charge for the benefits and services for 2023, the rates were established at a level that was estimated to increase the Pool's net position by approximately \$80,118.

When the Board of Directors set the rates to charge for the benefits and services for 2022, the rates were established at a level that was estimated to increase the Pool's net position by approximately \$273,230.

**The Statements of Cash Flows** -- These statements reflect the Pool's cash flows from operating and investing activities.

### **Economic Conditions**

In 2023, the Pool experienced an increase in health care services utilization and rising care costs. In 2022, the Pool experienced a stabilization of health care services following the declaration of global pandemic in March 2020.

According to Willis Towers Watson, employer healthcare cost increases were expected to rise by more than 10% in 2023. During 2023, the Pool experienced health care costs that were originally budgeted to increase by 7.3% according to the Pool's historical trends. This is consistent with the Willis Towers Watson analysis that health care costs were expected to continue to rise in 2023. Willis Towers Watson predicted that a continued increase of health care costs and volatility were expected due to the impact of inflation and these increases are expected to continue to accelerate beyond 2023. The Pool experienced 10% higher than budgeted health care costs throughout 2023, and the Pool used approximately \$6.1 million to cover the budget variance.

Based on the above projections and historical results, corporations are continuing to make adjustments in health care plans to cope with the increasing cost trends. Some of these adjustments include increasing co-pays, higher deductibles, and switching providers searching for lower cost options. An alternative approach is utilization management. This focuses on the employee and helps them live a healthier lifestyle and be a wiser health care consumer. Education and wellness programs are the key component of this strategy.

The Pool continues to put health care consumerism to the test with wellness and health education programs aimed at improving outcomes, thereby lowering health care costs. The Pool is trying to educate employees to be as engaged as possible, give them the tools and make them knowledgeable about their condition and about their prevention and treatment alternatives, so they make the best decision on health care access and utilization, improve their outcomes and help keep cost in check. Communication with employees has increased to be on a continuous basis, not just during policy renewal time. Input is solicited from members regarding plan design changes, benefit design changes, and contribution adjustments. The Pool's current philosophy is to conduct educational meetings with employees, along with continuous publications introducing all the tools and resources available to assist the employees to become better health care purchasers. As

a result of the Pool teaming up with Anthem and the ongoing education of the member's employees, the Pool continues to be in a strong financial condition while keeping rate increases below the current average in Colorado.

### **Requests for Information**

This report is designed to provide a general overview of the Pool's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Pool's administrator, County Technical Services, Inc. at 800 Grant Street, Suite 400, Denver, Colorado 80203, (or email address: ctsi@ctsi.org.).



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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

The Board of Directors County Health Pool

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of County Health Pool ("the Pool"), which comprise the statements of net position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of County Health Pool as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Pool and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Pool's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.



In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are
  appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of
  the Pool's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about County Health Pool's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control—related matters that we identified during the audit.

### Required Supplementary Information

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages II – VI be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Louisville, Colorado March 27, 2024

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### COUNTY HEALTH POOL STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,523,636	\$ 4,408,981
Investments	14,241,858	16,829,368
Accrued interest receivable	208,775	240,371
Accounts receivable	577,371	-
Prepaid expenses	7,917	8,154
Deposits	16,490	16,490
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 16,576,047	\$ 21,503,364
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Claims payable	\$ 6,250,000	\$ 5,250,000
Accounts payable	1,328,660	1,232,093
Contribution deposits	232,134	163,807
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,810,794	6,645,900
NET POSITION		
Unrestricted	8,765,253	14,857,464
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$ 16,576,047	\$ 21,503,364

### **COUNTY HEALTH POOL**

# STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
OPERATING REVENUE Contributions	\$ 60,714,231	\$ 59,686,818
OPERATING EXPENSES Claims, net of excess insurance recoveries of (\$11,512,950 and \$10,522,941 in 2023 and 2022,		
respectively)	51,258,970	
Insurance premiums	12,999,516	
Administration	3,476,573	3,378,268
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	67,735,059	58,277,684
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(7,020,828)	1,409,134
NON-OPERATING REVENUE  Net investment income (loss)  INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION	928,617 (6,092,211)	(897,598)
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR	14,857,464	14,345,928
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	\$ 8,765,253	<u>\$ 14,857,464</u>

### COUNTY HEALTH POOL STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u> 2022</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Contributions received from members	\$ 60,779,370	\$ 59,318,364
Payments paid to insurers	(13,056,000)	
Claims paid	(62,346,819)	,
Claims paid recovered from excess insurer	11,512,950	10,522,941
Administrative expenses paid	(3,322,569)	(3,381,779)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(6,433,068)	1,085,649
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale or maturity of investments	2,845,768	2,751,890
Purchase of investments	(250,000)	(5,099,471)
Investment income received and change in market value	951,955	(983,866)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	3,547,723	(3,331,447)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(2,885,345)	(2,245,798)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	4,408,981	6,654,779
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ 1,523,636	\$ 4,408,981
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	\$ (7,020,828)	\$ 1,409,134
Effects of changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Contribution deposits	68,327	(369,228)
Claims payable	1,000,000	-
Accounts receivable	(577,371)	773
Prepaid insurance	237	3,262
Accounts payable	96,567	41,708
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ (6,433,068)	\$ 1,085,649
NONCASH INVESTING ACTIVITY		
Change in market value of investments	\$ (8,258)	\$ (9,706)

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#### NOTE 1: ORGANIZATION

The Pool was formed in January 1984 by an intergovernmental agreement among the member counties of Colorado. During 1999, the Pool changed its by-laws to allow the Pool to provide services to any political subdivision of the state of Colorado and the Pool changed its name from Colorado Counties Cooperative for Employee Benefits to County Health Pool.

The purpose of the Pool is to provide health, dental and vision benefits and life, accidental death and dismemberment insurance to the employees of the member entities. On December 31, 2023, and 2022, there were 62 and 65 member entities, respectively, including County Technical Services, Inc. (see Note 5). The Pool collects contributions from members and makes payments for benefits, excess insurance coverage and administrative fees.

### NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to governmental risk pools, set forth by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The accrual basis of accounting is utilized where revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred.

The Pool distinguishes between operating revenues and expenses and non-operating items in the Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the Pool's purpose of providing health, life, vision, dental and accidental death and dismemberment insurance coverage for its members. Operating revenues consist of contributions from its members. Operating expenses include the cost of claims paid, excess insurance premiums, administrative expenses, and management fees. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

The Pool has elected to follow Governmental Accounting Standards Board pronouncements. Therefore, statements issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board after November 30, 1989 are not applied.

### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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### NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For purposes of the Statements of Cash Flows, the Pool considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

#### Investments

Investments are carried at fair value, which is based upon quoted market prices or observable inputs. Realized gains and losses are determined using the specific identification method. The Pool accounts for its investments in accordance with GASB statement No. 31 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools (GASB 31). GASB 31 requires governmental entities to report investments at fair value on the balance sheet. Fair value is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale.

### **Reserve for Claims Payable**

Claims are charged to operations as incurred and are reported net of excess insurance reimbursements and subrogation recoveries. The liability for claims payable is determined based upon case-basis evaluations and projections and includes a provision for incurred but not reported claims. The projections of ultimate losses on reported claims and the estimate of claims incurred but not reported are based on a composite of the Pool's experience, trends in costs of services and changes in number of covered employees. Adjustments to the probable ultimate liability for claims are made continually based on subsequent developments and experience and are included in operations as incurred (see Note 6).

### **Contributions**

The intergovernmental agreement provides for contributions from members based on rates determined annually by the Board of Directors.

#### **Income Tax**

The Pool is qualified and exempt from income tax under the provisions of Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, the accompanying financial statements do not include a provision for income taxes.

### NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government, and entities such as the Pool, deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulators. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized. The eligible collateral is determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds. The pool for all the uninsured public deposits as a group is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to the aggregate uninsured deposits. The PDPA requires that collateral must exceed 102% of the uninsured deposits.

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### NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Colorado Division of Banking is required by statute to monitor the naming of eligible depositories and reporting of the uninsured deposits and assets maintained in the collateral pools.

On December 31, 2023, the Pool's cash deposits had a bank balance of \$655,522 of which \$250,000 is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the remaining balance is collateralized according to the PDPA. The carrying balance of cash deposits as of December 31, 2023, was (\$539,434).

On December 31, 2022, the Pool's cash deposits had a bank balance of \$3,511,189 of which \$250,000 is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the remaining balance is collateralized according to the PDPA. The carrying balance of cash deposits as of December 31, 2022, was \$3,186,204.

#### Investments

Colorado statutes specify investment instruments meeting defined rating and risk criteria in which local governments, and entities such as the Pool, may invest. The Pool has adopted an investment policy which is more restrictive and limits investments to:

- Obligations of the United States and certain U.S. government agency securities
- Bankers' acceptances of certain banks
- Commercial paper
- Local government investment pools
- Any other eligible investment allowed by State statute if specifically approved by the Board

The Pool owned the following investments as of December 31, 2023:

	REMAINING MAI URITY (IN MONTHS)			
Type of Security		12	13 to 24	25 to 60
	Market Value	or Less	<b>Months</b>	<u>Months</u>
Negotiable certificates of deposit	\$ 1,752,081	-	-	\$ 1,752,081
Corporate notes	12,489,777	1,757,215	5,511,664	5,220,898
Local government investment pool	2,060,222	2,060,222		
Total	\$16,302,080	\$ 3,817,437	<u>\$ 5,511,664</u>	\$ 6,972,979

DEMAINING MATURITY (in Months)

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### NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Pool owned the following investments as of December 31, 2022:

	REMAINING MATURITY (in Months)				)		
Type of Security				12	13 to 24		25 to 60
	Mar	ket Value		or Less	<u>Months</u>		<b>Months</b>
US treasury securities	\$	96,500		-	-	\$	96,500
Negotiable certificates of deposit		2,778,212		-	717,850		2,060,362
Corporate notes	1	3,954,656		704,660	2,237,113		11,012,883
Local government investment pool		1,146,900		1,146,900	 		
Total	\$ 1	7,976,268	\$	1,851,560	\$ 2,954,963	\$	13,169,745

### **Interest Rate Risk**

In accordance with the investment policy, the Pool limits investment maturities to five years. As of December 31, 2023, and 2022, the duration of the investments is in accordance with the guidelines of the investment policy.

### **Credit Risk**

The Pool requires investments in local government investment pools and corporate notes to carry defined credit ratings. The local government investment pool, ColoTrust, has been rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's on December 31, 2023, and 2022.

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### NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

As of December 31, 2023, the corporate investments that The Pool participated in were rated as follows:

<u>Investment</u>	Standard & Poor's Rating at December 31, 2023
BURLINGTON RES INC DEB	Α
METROPOLITAN LIFE INS CO SURPLUS NT	Α
PRUDENTIAL INS CO AMER SURPLUS NTS	Α
STATE STR BOSTON CORP NTS	Α
WALT DISNEY CO SR NT	A-
LEGRAND S A DE	A-
NBD BK N A DETROIT MICH SUB N	A-
AMAZON COM INC FXD RT SR NT	AA
KOHLS CORP NT	BB
SASOL FING USA LLC GTD FXD RT BOND	BB+
AERCAP IRELAND CAP DESIGNATED ACTIVITY CO	BBB
BLOCK FINL LLC GTD SR NT	BBB
DEVON ENERGY CORP NEW FXD RT SR NT	BBB
ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS L P FXD RT SR NT	BBB
EXPEDIA GROUP INC GTD FXD RT SR NT	BBB
FIRST UN CORP STP UP SUB DEB	BBB
GENERAL MTRS FINL CO INC	BBB
HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE CO GTD FXD RT NT	BBB
LENNAR CORP GTD FXD RT NT	BBB
MAGELLAN MIDSTREAM PARTNERS LP FXD RT SR NT	BBB
PROSUS N V ISIN	BBB
ONEOK PARTNERS L P GTD SR NT	BBB
PETRO-CDA DEB	BBB
PULTEGROUP INC GTD FXD RT SR NT	BBB
SUNOCO LOGISTICS PARTNERS OPERATIONS LP GTD SF	BBB

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### NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investment	Standard & Poor's Rating at December 31, 2023
AVIATION CAP GROUP LLC SR NT	BBB-
BOARDWALK PIPELINES LP GTD FXD RT NTS	BBB-
BOEING CO SR NT	BBB-
CANADIAN NAT RES LTD NT	BBB-
CENOVUS ENERGY INC NT	BBB-
DELL INTL L L C / EMC CORP FIRST LIEN NT	BBB-
DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS LLC	BBB-
HOLLYFRONTIER CORP FXD RT SR NT	BBB-
HYATT HOTELS CORP SR NT	BBB-
MICRON TECHNOLOGY INC SR NT	BBB-
NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO FXD RT NT	BBB-
OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVS INC GTD SR NT	BBB-
OWL ROCK CAP CORP FXD RT SR NT	BBB-
PROSPECT CAP CORP FXD RT SR NOTE	BBB-
BANC ONE CORP SUB DEB	BBB+
ENBRIDGE ENERGY PARTNERS L P GTD FXD RT SR	BBB+
FOOD LION INC NT	BBB+
GE CAP FDG LLC GTD NT	BBB+
JACKSON NATL LIFE INS CO SURPLUS NT	BBB+
NXP B V/ NXP FUNDING LLC	BBB+
RAYTHEON TECHNOLOGIES CORP NT	BBB+
SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION LLC	BBB+
TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LTD SR NT	BBB+
UNITED DOMINION TLTY TR INC	BBB+
BANKUNITED INC FXD RT SR NT	Not Rated
FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC DEL FXD RT SUB NT	Not Rated

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### NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

As of December 31, 2022, the corporate investments that The Pool participated in were rated as follows:

<u>Investment</u>	Standard & Poor's Rating at December 31, 2022
BURLINGTON RES INC	Α
METROPOLITAN LIFE INS CO	Α
PRUDENTIAL INS CO AMER SURPLUS	Α
STATE STR BOSTON CORP	Α
LEGRAND S A DE	A-
NBD BK N A DETROIT MICH	A-
RAYTHEON TECHNOLOGIES CORP	A-
GEORGIA PAC CORP	A+
AMAZON COM INC	AA
HOSPITALITY PPTYS	B+
KOHLS CORP	BB+
SASOL FING USA LLC	BB+
BANC ONE CORP	BBB+
WALT DISNEY CO	BBB+
ENBRIDGE ENERGY PARTNERS LP	BBB+
GE CAP FDG LLC	BBB+
JACKSON NATL LIFE INS CO	BBB+
MAGELLAN MIDSTREAM PARTNERS LP	BBB+
TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LTD	BBB+
UNITED DOMINION TLTY TR INC	BBB+
AERCAP IRELAND CAP DESIGNATED ACTIVITY CO	BBB
AON CORP	BBB
BLOCK FINL LLC	BBB
DELL INTL L L C / EMC CORP FIRST LIEN	BBB
DEVON ENERGY CORP	BBB
FIRST UN CORP STP UP SUB DE	BBB
FOOD LION INC	BBB
GENERAL MTRS FINL CO INC	BBB

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### NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

	Standard & Poor's Rating at
<u>Investment</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
GRUMA S A DE C V	BBB
HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE CO	BBB
NXP B V/ FDG LLC	BBB
ONEOK PARTNERS LP	BBB
PETRO-CDA DEB	BBB
PROSUS N V ISI	BBB
SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION LLC	BBB
AVIATION CAP GROUP LLC	BBB-
BOARDWALK PIPELINES LP	BBB-
BOEING CO	BBB-
CANADIAN NAT RES LTD	BBB-
CENOVUS ENERGY INC	BBB-
DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS LLC	BBB-
ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS LP	BBB-
EXPEDIA GROUP INC	BBB-
HOLLYFRONTIER CORP	BBB-
HYATT HOTELS CORP	BBB-
LENNAR CORP	BBB-
MICRON TECHNOLOGY INC	BBB-
NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO	BBB-
OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVS INC	BBB-
OWL ROCK CAP CORP	BBB-
PARK AEROSPACE HLDINGS	BBB-
PROSPECT CAP CORP	BBB-
PULTEGROUP INC	BBB-
SUNOCO LOGISTICS PARTNERS OPERATIONS LP	BBB-
BANKUNITED INC	Not Rated
FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC	Not Rated

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### NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### **Concentration of Credit Risk**

The Pool requires that, excluding direct U.S. government obligations such as Treasury Notes, Treasury Bills, and FDIC insured certificates of deposit, no single investment will represent more than 5% of the total fair value of the investment portfolio and commercial paper cannot represent more than 10% of the fair value. Limits by issuer are not defined.

As of December 31, 2023, concentrations in single issuers of the Pool's entire investment portfolio were as follows:

	Market	% of Total
Investment Type	<u>Value</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
MAGELLAN MIDSTREAM PARTNERS LP FXD RT SR NT	643,617	5%
BANC ONE CORP SUB DEB	507,437	4%
MICRON TECHNOLOGY INC SR NT	449,879	3%
FOOD LION INC N	269,119	2%
STATE STR BOSTON CORP NTS	263,443	2%
METROPOLITAN LIFE INS CO SURPLUS NT	261,143	2%
BURLINGTON RES INC DEB	259,805	2%
PRUDENTIAL INS CO AMER SURPLUS NT	258,148	2%
DEVON ENERGY CORP NEW FXD RT SR NT	252,758	2%
NXP B V/ FDG LLC SR NT	251,375	2%
FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC DEL FXD RT SUB NT	250,310	2%
HYATT HOTELS CORP SR NT	250,310	2%
KOHLS CORP N	249,158	2%
JACKSON NATL LIFE INS CO SURPLUS N	238,896	2%
FIRST UN CORP STP UP SUB DE	237,492	2%
AVIATION CAP GROUP LLC SR NT	233,679	2%
PROSPECT CAP CORP FXD RT SR NOTE	229,878	2%
NBD BK N A DETROIT MICH SUB N	229,545	2%
SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION LLC	229,104	2%
UNITED DOMINION TLTY TR INC	228,330	2%
AMAZON COM INC FXD RT SR NT	227,592	2%
ENBRIDGE ENERGY PARTNERS L P GTD FXD RT SR	227,387	2%
SUNOCO LOGISTICS PARTNERS OPERATIONS LP GTD	227,387	2%
DELL INTL L L C / EMC CORP FIRST LIEN NT	227,117	2%
PULTEGROUP INC GTD FXD RT SR NT	227,111	2%
LENNAR CORP GTD FXD RT NT	225,871	2%

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### NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

	Market	% of Total
Investment Type	<u>Value</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
EXPEDIA GROUP INC GTD FXD RT SR NT	224,825	2%
PROSUS N V ISI	224,559	2%
TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LTD SR NT	224,442	2%
OWL ROCK CAP CORP FXD RT SR NT	224,327	2%
NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO FXD RT NT	224,055	2%
HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE CO GTD FXD RT NT	223,967	2%
BOEING CO SR NT	223,893	2%
ONEOK PARTNERS L P GTD SR NT	223,724	2%
SASOL FING USA LLC GTD FXD RT BOND	223,616	2%
BOARDWALK PIPELINES LP GTD FXD RT NTS	223,299	2%
AERCAP IRELAND CAP DESIGNATED ACTIVITY CO	222,834	2%
CANADIAN NAT RES LTD NT	221,380	2%
GENERAL MTRS FINL CO INC	220,209	2%
GE CAP FDG LLC GTD NT	220,041	2%
BANKUNITED INC FXD RT SR NT	219,461	2%
BLOCK FINL LLC GTD SR NT	218,607	2%
CENOVUS ENERGY INC NT	215,370	2%
DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS LLC	214,458	2%
ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS L P FXD RT SR NT	213,641	2%
RAYTHEON TECHNOLOGIES CORP NT	211,924	1%
LEGRAND S A DE	211,788	1%
WALT DISNEY CO SR NT	209,258	1%
HOLLYFRONTIER CORP FXD RT SR NT	170,588	1%
OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVS INC GTD SR NT	164,540	1%
PETRO-CDA DEB	159,080	1%
	\$ 12,489,777	

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### NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

As of December 31, 2022, concentrations in single issuers of the Pool's entire investment portfolio were as follows:

	Market	% of Total
Investment Type	<u>Value</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
MAGELLAN MIDSTREAM PARTNERS LP	641,388	4%
BANC ONE CORP	514,053	3%
HOSPITALITY PPTYS	452,411	3%
MICRON TECHNOLOGY INC	444,033	3%
STATE STR BOSTON CORP	269,865	2%
FOOD LION INC	268,462	2%
BURLINGTON RES INC	266,918	2%
METROPOLITAN LIFE INS CO	264,980	2%
PRUDENTIAL INS CO AMER SURPLUS	264,413	2%
GEORGIA PAC CORP	257,555	2%
DEVON ENERGY CORP	254,603	2%
KOHLS CORP	253,020	2%
FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC	252,960	2%
AON CORP	251,738	1%
NXP B V/ FDG LLC	248,828	1%
HYATT HOTELS CORP	248,253	1%
FIRST UN CORP STP UP SUB DE	242,739	1%
JACKSON NATL LIFE INS CO	242,732	1%
GRUMA S A DE C V	242,244	1%
NBD BK N A DETROIT MICH	235,314	1%
PARK AEROSPACE HLDINGS	234,420	1%
UNITED DOMINION TLTY TR INC	234,308	1%
AVIATION CAP GROUP LLC	230,627	1%
AMAZON COM INC	228,922	1%
ENBRIDGE ENERGY PARTNERS LP	228,668	1%
SUNOCO LOGISTICS PARTNERS OPERATIONS LP	228,461	1%
PROSPECT CAP CORP	227,997	1%

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### NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

	Market	% of Total
Investment Type	<u>Value</u>	<u>Portfolio</u>
SABINE PASS LIQUEFACTION LLC	227,660	1%
DELL INTL L L C / EMC CORP FIRST LIEN	227,567	1%
PULTEGROUP INC	225,954	1%
LENNAR CORP	225,756	1%
TRANSCANADA PIPELINES LTD	224,291	1%
NATIONAL FUEL GAS CO	224,003	1%
AERCAP IRELAND CAP DESIGNATED ACTIVITY CO	223,102	1%
HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE CO	223,049	1%
BOEING CO	222,930	1%
BOARDWALK PIPELINES LP	222,397	1%
EXPEDIA GROUP INC	222,264	1%
OWL ROCK CAP CORP	221,913	1%
ONEOK PARTNERS LP	221,902	1%
LEGRAND S A DE	221,810	1%
BANKUNITED INC	221,695	1%
PROSUS N V ISI	220,781	1%
SASOL FING USA LLC	219,958	1%
BLOCK FINL LLC	219,679	1%
CANADIAN NAT RES LTD	218,831	1%
RAYTHEON TECHNOLOGIES CORP	218,629	1%
GENERAL MTRS FINL CO INC	216,825	1%
GE CAP FDG LLC	214,974	1%
WALT DISNEY CO	214,746	1%
CENOVUS ENERGY INC	214,368	1%
ENERGY TRANSFER PARTNERS LP	209,629	1%
DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS LLC	208,546	1%
HOLLYFRONTIER CORP	167,668	1%
OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVS INC	162,631	1%
PETRO-CDA DEB	161,193	1%
	\$ 13,954,656	

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### NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Pool's trust agent, Pershing LLC, uses Level 1 and Level 2 inputs for valuation purposes based on fair values in actively traded markets for identical or similar assets. Financial assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis are reflected in the Pool's statements of net position on December 31, 2023, and 2022, as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,523,636	
Investments	<del></del>	16,829,368
	<u>\$ 15,765,494</u>	\$21,238,349

The composition of investment returns for the years ended December 31, 2023, and 2022 are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u> 2022</u>
Interest	\$ 786,832	\$ 750,090
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	 141,785	(1,647,688)
Net investment income (loss)	\$ 928,617	\$ (897,598)

#### NOTE 4: EXCESS INSURANCE CONTRACTS

The Pool entered into an excess insurance contract to limit large losses. The excess loss coverage limits The Pool's exposure to \$125,000 of claims paid per person in 2023 and \$100,000 of claims paid per person in 2022.

Excess insurance premiums for the years ended December 31, 2023, and 2022 were \$12,999,516 and \$12,003,744, respectively.

Although management believes they have acquired excess insurance from solvent carriers, a contingent liability exists with respect to excess insurance coverages which would become a liability of the Pool if the excess insurers were unable to meet their obligations under the contracts.

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### NOTE 5: ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLAIMS SERVICING AGREEMENTS

The Pool entered into an agreement with County Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI), a nonprofit corporation, to provide administrative services for the Pool. Fees for such services were \$535,627 and \$493,456 for 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Additionally, the Pool entered into an agreement with a third-party claims administrator, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem). Fees for such services were \$1,800,743 and \$2,33,156 for 2023 and 2022, respectively. CTSI and Anthem are considered to be related parties for purposes of these financial statements.

### NOTE 6: CLAIMS PAYABLE

As discussed in Note 2, the Pool establishes a liability for both reported and unreported claims. The following represents changes in that liability for the Pool during the years ended December 31, 2023, and 2022.

Claims payable, beginning of year	<b>2023</b> \$5,250,000	<b>2022</b> \$5,250,000
Provision for claims expense Provision for covered events of the current year Increase (Decrease) in provision for covered	47,712,074	41,746,659
events of prior years	3,546,896 51,258,970	1,149,013 42,895,672
Payments, net of excess insurance recoveries Claims expenses attributable to covered events		
of the current year  Claims expenses attributable to covered events	41,462,074	36,496,659
of prior years  Total payments	8,796,896 50,258,970	6,399,013 42,895,672
Claims payable, end of year	\$6,250,000	\$5,250,000

As a result of changes in estimates of insured events in prior years, the provision for claims expense increased by \$3,546,896 and \$1,149,013 for the years ended December 31, 2023, and 2022, respectively. The increase in both years is due to higher-than expected-losses and related expenses for claims.

#### NOTE 7: CONCENTRATIONS

The business plan of the Pool calls for contributions to be allocated and spread out among members to avoid concentrations. There were no contributions from individual members during the years ended December 31, 2023, and 2022, that exceeded 10% of total contributions.

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#### NOTE 8: INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL RISKS

### Insurance Risks

Insurance risk is the risk that an event will take place giving rise to a claim or claims and includes the uncertainty of the amount and timing of any resulting claim or claims. Factors influencing insurance risk include but are not limited to the amount of risk undertaken, risk diversification and geographical and industry exposures. The Pool directly insures certain risks of members and as such there is a concentration of insurance risk within the industry sector and territory in which the Pool operates.

#### NOTE 9: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. It establishes a hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon inputs to the valuation and the degree to which they are observable or not observable in the market. The three levels in the hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation are based upon quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that are accessible as of the measurement date.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation include quoted prices in either markets that are not active, or in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used by the Pool.

- U.S. treasury securities: Valued at the fair value of shares held by the Pool at vear end.
- Certificates of deposit: Valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.
- Bonds: Valued at the fair value of shares held by the Pool at year end.
- Local government investment pool: Valued at cash equivalent.

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### NOTE 9: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis are reflected in the Pool's statement of net position on December 31, 2023, as follows:

### Assets:

	Level 1		Level 2	Level 3		Total
Negotiable certificates of deposit	\$ 1,752,081	9	-	\$	- \$	1,752,081
Corporate obligations	-		12,489,777		-	12,489,777
Local government investment pool	2,060,222		-		-	2,060,222
Total	\$ 3,812,303	\$	12,489,777	\$	- \$	16,302,080

Financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis are reflected in the Pool's statement of net position on December 31, 2022, as follows:

### Assets:

	Level 1	Level 2	_evel 3	Total
US treasury securities	\$ 96,500	\$ -	\$ - \$	96,500
Negotiable certificates of deposit	2,778,212	-	-	2,778,212
Corporate obligations	-	13,954,656	-	13,954,656
Local government investment pool	 1,146,900	-	-	1,146,900
Total	\$ 4,021,612	\$ 13,954,656	\$ - \$	17,976,268

### NOTE 10: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

As part of the administrative services provided to the Pool, CTSI has evaluated events subsequent to December 31, 2023, through March 27, 2024, which is the issuance date of this report. There were no material events noted in the subsequent period that would have impacted the results reported herein or in the Pool's results going forward.