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Dr. Giuseppe N. Colasurdo, President
The University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston
7000 Fannin St #1200
Houston, Texas 77030

Dear Dr. Colasurdo,

I am attaching the final report on *A Compliance Monitoring Audit of Graduate Medical Education at The University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston*, Report No. THECB-CM-FA-20-009. There were no findings resulting from our engagement.

This Compliance Monitoring audit report will be presented to the THECB Committee on Agency Operations, a standing committee of the THECB Board on April 22, 2020.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Poehl".

Mark A. Poehl, CPA, CIA, CISA, CFE
Director, Internal Audit and Compliance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The University of Texas Health Science Center - Houston (UTHSC) complied with relevant Coordinating Board (THECB) rules and regulations for the Graduate Medical Education (GME) grant and with Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 6, Subchapters G, H, and I in areas of institution eligibility, resident position eligibility, and allowability of grant expenditures.

Audit Scope, Objective, and Methodology

Our review included tests of relevant eligibility and expenditure data reported and certified by The University of Texas Health Science Center – Houston for accuracy and completeness in accordance with TAC Chapter 6, Subchapters G, H, and I.

Our work included procedures to verify:

- Resident positions were valid and accredited;
- Expenditures reported were allowable; and
- Expenditures reported reconcile with official accounting records.

We conducted this audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide reasonable basis for our findings and recommendations based on our audit objectives. We believe the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for the findings and recommendations, if any, based on the audit objectives.

Our consideration of internal control was for the compliance purposes described in the scope section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control.

The audit methodology included objectively reviewing and analyzing various forms of documentation, conducting interviews and observations, and performing other tests of controls necessary to achieve the objectives of the audit.

Background

In 2013, the 83rd Texas Legislature created new grant programs intended to expand the availability of graduate medical education (GME) in Texas. In 2015, the 84th Texas Legislature, through Senate Bill 18, consolidated these programs into one overarching GME Expansion Grants Program. The Graduate Medical Education (GME) Expansion Program administers programs that support efforts to increase first-year residency positions and is available to support the maintenance and creation of those at existing and new GME programs.

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