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Background

The 84th Texas Legislature appropriated more than \$5,550,187 million to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for fiscal year (FY) 2016 to fund the Nursing Shortage Reduction Regular Program. Institutions eligible for funding under this program must report to the THECB an annual Program Report until all funds for that year have been expended or returned.

During fiscal year 2016, the THECB awarded the University of Texas Medical Branch's (UTMB Health's) School of Nursing (SON) a Nursing Shortage Reduction Regular Program grant for \$520,942.58 to be expended within four fiscal years. THECB Rule 22.508 *Expenditure Restrictions, Accounting Requirements, and Audit Provisions* requires institutions receiving an award of \$500,000 or more must submit an audit six months after the fiscal year end in which that award's funds were completely expended.

Audit Objectives

The primary objective of this audit was to determine that the expenditures from this award met the expenditure requirements outlined in the Program Announcement for this program.

Scope of Work and Methodology

The scope of our review focused on the financial activity reported for fiscal years 2016-2018. The audit included obtaining an understanding of the financial reporting processes and reviewing the documentation supporting the activity recorded in the financial system.

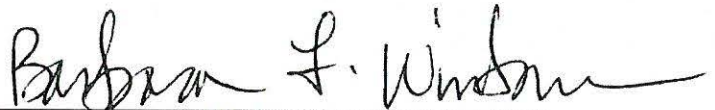
The audit was conducted in accordance with the *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing* as promulgated by the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Audit Results

Based on the audit procedures performed, the financial information reported in the accompanying UTMB Health SON Program Report is materially correct and fairly presents the revenues and expenditures of the funds received from the THECB for fiscal years 2016 – 2018. The funds awarded by the Coordinating Board were accounted for in accordance with the Nursing Shortage Reduction Regular Program Guidelines and substantially complied with the Texas Uniform Grant Management Standards.



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