# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, AND STATE SINGLE AUDIT REPORTS

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To The Board of Directors

Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc.

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc. (CLRP) which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2018 and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc. as of June 30, 2018 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matter - Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Schedules of Expenses by Object and Funding Source for General Advocacy, Housing Support Advocacy, Management and General, and Fundraising for the year ended June 30, 2018 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain other procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedules of Expenses by Object and Funding Source for General Advocacy, Housing Support Advocacy, Management and General, and Fundraising are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 14, 2019, on our consideration of Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

New Haven, CT January 14, 2019

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# **JUNE 30, 2018**

Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 686,251
Unconditional promises to give	35,169
Prepaid expenses	 26,611
Total Current Assets	 748,031
Property and Equipment	
Computer equipment	67,382
Computer software	45,782
Office equipment	 3,978
	117,142
Less, accumulated depreciation	103,252
Total Property and Equipment, net	 13,890
Total Assets	\$ 761,921
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 92,812
Total Current Liabilities	 92,812
Net Assets	
Temporarily restricted	145,537
Unrestricted	 523,572
Total Net Assets	 669,109
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 761,921

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Unrestricted	Total	
Support and Revenue			
Grants, contracts, and contributions			
State	\$	\$ 1,320,353	\$ 1,320,353
Foundations		80,335	80,335
In-kind contributions		179,192	179,192
Other income	59,298		59,298
	59,298	1,579,880	1,639,178
Net Assets Released			
from Time Restrictions	1,553,953	(1,553,953)	
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	1,613,251	25,927	1,639,178
Expenses and Losses Program services			
General Advocacy	1,099,115		1,099,115
Housing Support Advocacy	112,073		112,073
	1,211,188		1,211,188
Management and general	308,157		308,157
Fundraising	30,277		30,277
Loss on disposal of assets	2,491		2,491
<b>Total Expenses and Losses</b>	1,552,113		1,552,113
Change in Net Assets	61,138	25,927	87,065
Net Assets - Beginning of year	462,434	119,610	582,044
Net Assets - End of year	\$ 523,572	\$ 145,537	\$ 669,109

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

	Program Services					
		Housing		•		
	General	Support		Management		
	Advocacy	Advocacy	Total	and General	Fundraising	Total
Salaries	\$ 664,058	\$ 79,559	\$ 743,617	\$ 175,552	\$ 23,735	\$ 942,904
Payroll taxes and benefits	186,369	16,874	203,243	47,726	6,470	257,439
Computers	40,866		40,866			40,866
Temp services	23,551		23,551			23,551
Insurance				21,577		21,577
Audit				18,540		18,540
Library	12,516		12,516			12,516
Consultant	12,000		12,000			12,000
Travel	9,265		9,265			9,265
Conference	6,835		6,835			6,835
Depreciation	4,563	545	5,108	1,365		6,473
Dues	4,487		4,487			4,487
Attorney tax	3,796		3,796			3,796
Payroll service				3,678		3,678
Lobbying	1,542		1,542			1,542
Printing	1,376		1,376		72	1,448
Litigation	1,075		1,075			1,075
Pension plan admin fees				980		980
Office supplies				676		676
Fees	529		529			529
Banking service fees				183		183
Postage				70		70
In-kind						
Occupancy	82,456	9,856	92,312	24,688		117,000
Utilities	35,238	4,212	39,450	10,550		50,000
Janitorial services	4,440	531	4,971	1,329		6,300
Office supplies	4,153	496	4,649	1,243		5,892
Total Functional						
Expenses	\$ 1,099,115	\$ 112,073	\$ 1,211,188	\$ 308,157	\$ 30,277	\$ 1,549,622

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Cash Flows from Operating Activities Change in net assets	\$	87,065
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets	Ψ	67,005
to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation		6,473
Loss on disposal of asset		2,491
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Prepaid expenses		10,479
Unconditional promises to give		305
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		33,139
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		139,952
Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities		
Purchase of property and equipment		(10,806)
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents		129,146
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning		557,105
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End	Ф	686,251

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

#### NOTE 1 – NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc. (CLRP) is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut. CLRP provides legal assistance, counsel and representation to adults receiving, or eligible for, services from the Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services in either inpatient or community settings. CLRP is supported primarily by the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), the Connecticut Bar Foundation's (CBF) Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts Program (IOLTA), Court Fees Grant-in-Aid (CFGIA) and Judicial Branch Grant-in-Aid (JBGIA).

#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

CLRP's financial statements are prepared utilizing the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are primarily recognized at the time of award. Expenses are recognized when the related liability for goods or services has been incurred regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Net assets are classified into temporarily restricted, permanently restricted and unrestricted. The temporarily restricted category is applied to those net assets whose use is depends upon the passage of time or satisfaction of a particular purpose stipulated by the funding source. Permanently restricted applies to those assets whose use is limited to the amount of income generated by the asset. Unrestricted net assets are all other assets.

At June 30, 2018, CLRP had no permanently restricted net assets and had temporarily restricted net assets of \$145,537, representing awards under CBF IOLTA, CBF CFGIA, and Impact Fund (Impact) programs.

#### **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 and disclosures in the financial statements. It is reasonably possible that changes may occur in the near term that would affect management's estimates with respect to the estimated useful lives of assets and accrued expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

#### NOTE 1 – NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Grants and contracts are generally considered to be exchange transactions in which the grantor requires the performance for reimbursements of specified activities which go to further the overall mission of the grantor. Revenue is recognized to the extent that related expenses are incurred. Cash received in excess of amounts expended would be recognized as advances payable to third parties in the statement of financial position.

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

Unrestricted and unconditional contributions are recognized as support when awarded or pledged, if applicable. Contributions are reported as temporarily restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of such assets either by the passage of time or completion of a particular program. When a restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

#### **DONATED ITEMS**

CLRP reports gifts of land, buildings, and equipment as unrestricted support unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as temporarily restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how long those long-lived assets must be maintained, CLRP reports expirations of donor restrictions in full when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service. There were no donated assets during the year ended June 30, 2018.

CLRP recognizes donated services if they create or enhance non-financial assets or require specialized skills and would typically be purchased if not provided by donation. As detailed in Note 3, CLRP has recognized amounts for rent, office supplies, and other costs, provided by the State of Connecticut, within its financial statements.

#### CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

CLRP considers all highly liquid instruments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased, and its money market mutual fund, to be cash and cash equivalents.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

#### NOTE 1 – NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment acquisitions and substantial improvements thereon that individually exceed \$500 and have an estimated useful life exceeding one year are capitalized at cost. Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Additions, renewals, and betterments that significantly extend the life of the asset are capitalized. Repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred. Management reviews property and equipment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. As of June 30, 2018 there were no impairment losses recognized for property and equipment.

#### IMPAIRMENT OF LONG-LIVED ASSETS

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires that long-lived assets be reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of and asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of long-lived assets is measured by a comparison of the carrying amount of the assets to future undiscounted cash flows generated by the assets. No impairment losses have been recorded to date.

#### ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE

CLRP employees may accumulate up to 1.67 days per month of leave time and are entitled to payment of any unused time up to four weeks upon separation from employment.

#### **INCOME TAXES**

CLRP is a not-for-profit organization and is exempt from federal and state income taxes on exempt functional income as a public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require CLRP management to evaluate tax positions taken by CLRP and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if it has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. Management has analyzed the tax positions taken by CLRP, and has concluded that as of June 30, 2018, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. In addition, CLRP has no unrelated business income. CLRP is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods pending or in progress.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

#### NOTE 1 – NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated by management through January 14, 2019, the date the financial statements were available for issuance. No events requiring recognition or identification in the financial statements were identified.

#### NOTE 2 – CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

CLRP's financial instruments that are exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash, cash equivalents, and its certificate of deposit investment. At June 30, 2018, the carrying amount of these funds totaled \$686,251. The bank balances of these accounts totaled \$746,602, and \$22,093 out of total balances was not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

#### NOTE 3 – IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

CLRP occupies office space under a consent decree with the DMHAS. The consent decree contains provisions that provide CLRP with office space, office supplies, utilities, janitorial services and the use of furniture as an in-kind contribution for a period as long as CLRP is located in a DMHAS facility. The value of these non-cash contributions as determined by DMHAS are \$179,192 for the year ended June 30, 2018 and consisted of the following:

Occupancy	\$	117,000
Utilities		50,000
Janitorial Services		6,300
Office Supplies		5,892
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	\$	179,192

These non-cash contributions and services have been reported in the statement of activities and changes in net assets as both support and expenses for the year ended June 30, 2018.

#### NOTE 4 – EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

CLRP maintains a tax-sheltered annuity plan that is available to all employees who work at least 20 hours per week as defined in the plan. Employees can make contributions up to \$18,000 per calendar year with an additional \$6,000 catch up for employees over 50 years of age. For the year ended June 30, 2018, CLRP made \$65,438 in contributions.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

#### NOTE 4 – EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN (CONTINUED)

During 2018, CLRP received \$27,703 from the Company's tax shelter annuity plan representing non-vested portion of employer contributions forfeited from employee balances upon termination or withdrawal from the plan based on the terms of the plan document. CLRP has included the amount in accounts payable and accrued expenses at June 30, 2018 in the statement of financial position. The Company remitted the amounts back into the plan subsequent to June 30, 2018 to be used to reduce future employer contributions or pay plan expenses in accordance with the plan document.

#### NOTE 5 - PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES

#### CONNECTICUT BAR FOUNDATION

CLRP has received direct funding from the Connecticut Bar Foundation (CBF) from its Interest on Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) program, as well as pass through funding through the CBF from the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch under its Judicial Grants-In-Aid (JBGIA) and Court Fees Grants-In-Aid programs (CFGIA). The CFGIA program resulted from the Connecticut State Legislature increasing court filing fees and directing those funds to be distributed through the CBF to non-profit legal service providers.

The IOLTA program supports general operations of CLRP. Revenue for the year ended June 30, 2018 of \$70,640 was based on costs charged to awards encompassing the periods January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

The JBGIA and CFGIA funds are also for the general operations of CLRP. Awards for 2018 were \$51,176 and \$472,633, respectively for each of these programs. Revenue was recognized of \$51,176 and \$446,401 from awards covering the periods July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 (for JBGIA) and January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018 (for CFGIA).

CLRP serves the needs of individuals within the federal poverty income limits, does not discriminate in providing its services, has cooperated with data collection activities of the CBF and complied with the assurances and application guidelines it has submitted to the CBF.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

## NOTE 5 – PRINCIPAL FUNDING SOURCES (CONTINUED)

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (DMHAS)

CLRP has received funding from DMHAS to provide consent services to indigent patients at state-operated treatment facilities throughout Connecticut. DMHAS funding for inpatient services are provided pursuant to a consent order issued in 1989 which mandated state payments to support a legal assistance program. These legal services encompass the areas of admissions, treatment, environmental conditions, discharge, and other hospital-related rights under state or federal policies and laws. For the 2018 year CLRP recognized revenue of \$700,111 based upon expenses charged to the program of \$700,111, as well as an additional amount of \$179,192 based upon in-kind revenue/expenses provided to CLRP by the State for operating the program.

Additional revenue of \$96,433 was also recognized by CLRP under DMHAS's Community Grant program for the year ended June 30, 2018.

#### J. WALTON BISSELL FOUNDATION, INC. (BISSELL)

CLRP received funding for general operating expenses from Bissell. For 2018, revenue of \$10,000 was recognized based on expenses charged to the program.

#### IMPACT FUND (IMPACT)

During 2018, CLRP received funding for legal consulting services from Impact in the amount of \$10,000. In 2018 there were no expenses charged to the program. Amounts received are included in temporarily restricted net assets.

#### NOTE 6 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

CLRP receives a significant part of its support from grants, contracts, and contributions received from State of Connecticut agencies and not-for-profit foundations. Support above and beyond that mandated for inpatient clients under the consent order could be subject to reduction or termination in future years. Any significant reduction in these revenues could have a negative impact on CLRP's program services.

CLRP has received funding from the State of Connecticut as well as private foundations and agencies, and has charged costs to each of these sources. The final determination of the allowability of these costs rests with the funding sources although CLRP management believes that any disallowances would be immaterial to its operations.

# SCHEDULE I – EXPENSES BY OBJECT AND FUNDING SOURCE – GENERAL ADVOCACY

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	CT Dept of Mental					
	Health and Addictio	n	CT Bar	CT Bar		
	Services Consent	CT Bar	Foundation	Foundation	J. Walton	
	Contract No.	Foundation	Judicial Branch	Court Fees	Bissell	
	18MHA6027	IOLTA	Grant-in-Aid	Grant-in-Aid	Foundation	Total
Salaries	\$ 372,228	\$ 32,581	\$ 30,243	\$ 223,231	\$ 5,775	\$ 664,058
Payroll taxes and benefits	105,258	8,920	8,527	61,977	1,687	186,369
Computers	21,141	3,945		15,780		40,866
Temp Services	12,418	2,227		8,906		23,551
Library	6,282	1,247		4,987		12,516
Consultant	12,000					12,000
Travel	2,578	2,087		4,600		9,265
Conference	3,649	637		2,549		6,835
Depreciation	2,563	223	207	1,530	40	4,563
Dues	2,282	441		1,764		4,487
Attorney tax	3,796					3,796
Lobbying	1,542					1,542
Printing	742	127		507		1,376
Litigation	1,075					1,075
Fees	271	52		206		529
In-kind						
Occupancy	46,304	4,036	3,747	27,654	715	82,456
Utilities	19,788	1,725	1,601	11,818	306	35,238
Janitorial services	2,493	217	202	1,489	39	4,440
Office supplies	2,332	203	189	1,393	36	4,153
<b>Total General Advocacy</b>	\$ 618,742	\$ 58,668	\$ 44,716	\$ 368,391	\$ 8,598	\$ 1,099,115

See independent auditors' report.

# SCHEDULE II – EXPENSES BY OBJECT AND FUNDING SOURCE – HOUSING SUPPORT ADVOCACY

	Health a Services	ept of Mental and Addiction of Contract No. MHA6028
Salaries	\$	79,559
Payroll taxes and benefits		16,874
Depreciation		545
In-kind		
Occupancy		9,856
Utilities		4,212
Janitorial services		531
Office supplies		496
<b>Total Housing Support Advocacy</b>	\$	112,073

# SCHEDULE III – EXPENSES BY OBJECT AND FUNDING SOURCE - MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	JBGIA ommunity	Fo Int Law	CT Bar undation terest on yers Trust	F C	CT Bar oundation ourt Fees rant-in-Aid	Health Serv Co	Dept of Mental a and Addiction vices Consent ontract No. MHA6027	J. Walton Bissell Foundation	Total
Salaries	\$ 9,665	\$	10,281	\$	68,042	\$	85,596	\$ 1,968	\$ 175,552
Payroll taxes and benefits	2,741		2,821		17,642		23,953	569	47,726
Insurance			1,953		7,813		11,811		21,577
Audit			1,685		6,740		10,115		18,540
Payroll service			361		1,446		1,871		3,678
Depreciation	66		70		548		668	13	1,365
Pension plan admin fees			98		392		490		980
Office supplies			66		265		345		676
Banking service fees			18		70		95		183
Postage			7		28		35		70
In-kind									
Occupancy	1,197		1,274		9,899		12,074	244	24,688
Utilities	512		544		4,230		5,160	104	10,550
Janitorial services	64		69		533		650	13	1,329
Office supplies	 60		64		499		608	 12	 1,243
Total Management									
and General	\$ 14,305	\$	19,311	\$	118,147	\$	153,471	\$ 2,923	\$ 308,157

See independent auditors' report.

# SCHEDULE IV – EXPENSES BY OBJECT AND FUNDING SOURCE - FUNDRAISING

	CT Dept of Mental Mental Health and Addiction Services Contract No.		Fo	CT Bar oundation ourt Fees	
	18N	/IHA6027	Gra	ınt-in-Aid	Total
Salaries Payroll taxes and benefits Printing	\$	11,869 3,234 32	\$	11,866 3,236 40	\$ 23,735 6,470 72
<b>Total Housing Support Advocacy</b>	\$	15,135	\$	15,142	\$ 30,277



# REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To The Board of Directors

Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc.

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc. (CLRP), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2018, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 14, 2019.

#### INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered CLRP's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of CLRP's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the CLRP's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.



#### COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether CLRP's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

New Haven, CT

Marcust LLP

January 14, 2019



## REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR STATE PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED BY THE STATE SINGLE AUDIT ACT

To The Board of Directors

Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc.

#### REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR MAJOR STATE PROGRAM

We have audited Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc.'s (CLRP) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the Office of Policy and Management's *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on CLRP's major state program for the year ended June 30, 2018. CLRP's major state program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

#### MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its state program.

#### AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for CLRP's major state program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the State Single Audit Act (C.G.S Sections 4-230 to 4-236). Those standards and the State Single Audit Act require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major state program occurred. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence about CLRP's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for CLRP's major state program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of CLRP's compliance.



#### OPINION ON MAJOR STATE PROGRAM

In our opinion, CLRP, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on CLRP's major state program for the year ended June 30, 2018.

#### REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

Management of CLRP is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered CLRP's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on CLRP's major state program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance for CLRP's major state program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the State Single Audit Act, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of CLRP's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the State Single Audit Act. Accordingly this report is not suitable for any other purposes.

# REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED BY THE STATE SINGLE AUDIT ACT

We have audited the financial statements of CLRP, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018 and have issued our report thereon dated January 14, 2019, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the State Single Audit Act, and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is fairly stated in all material respects in related to the financial statements as a whole.

New Haven, CT January 14, 2019

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# SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Grantor/Program Title	Contract/Grant Number	State Grant Program Core-CT Number	Ex	penditures
Connecticut Department of Mental				
Health and Addiction Services (DMH.	AS)			
Consent Advocacy	18MHA6027		\$	879,303
Community Advocacy	18MHA6028			96,433
	Total DMHAS Exp	enditures		975,736
Judicial Branch:				
Passed through from the Connecticut				
Bar Foundation				
Court Fees Grant-In-Aid		34001-JUD95000-22009		446,401
Judicial Branch Grant-In-Aid		11000-JUD95131-22004		51,176
	Total Judicial Brand	ch Expenditures		497,577
Total Expenditures of State Financial As	sistance		\$	1,473,313

#### NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance includes grant activity of CLRP under programs of the State of Connecticut for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Service and the Connecticut Bar Foundation provide financial assistance to CLRP through grants and other authorizations in accordance with General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

#### NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of CLRP conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to not-for-profit organizations.

#### **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The expenditures reported on the Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial assistance are reported on the accrual basis of accounting, consistent with the preparation of the financial statements.

#### NOTE 2 – IN-KIND - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (DMHAS)

Included in the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance for the DMHAS General Advocacy program is \$179,192 representing in-kind contributions provided and valued by DMHAS, and recognized in CLRP's financial statements, for occupancy costs (\$50,000), utilities (\$117,000), janitorial services (\$6,300) and office supplies (\$5,892).

#### NOTE 3 – SUBRECIPIENTS

CLRP had no subrecipients for the year ended June 30, 2018.

# SCHEDULE OF STATE FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

# I. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements		
Type of auditors' report issued:	Unmodified	
Internal control over financial reporting:		
• Material weakness(es) identified?	yes x	no
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified	yes x	none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<u> </u>	no no
State Financial Assistance		
Internal control over major programs:		
• Material weakness(es) identified?	yesx	no no
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified	yesx	none reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major pro	grams: Unmodified	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required		
in accordance with Section 4-236-24 of the		
Regulations to the State Single Audit Act?	yesx	no no
The following schedule reflects the major programs inch	uded in the audit:	
	State Grant Program	
State Grantor/Program	Core-CT Number	Expenditures
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services:		
General Advocacy	-	\$ 879,303
Dollar threshold to distinguish between type A and type	be B programs: \$200,	000

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## SCHEDULE OF STATE FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

# II. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

- We issued a report, dated January 14, 2019, on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
- Our report on compliance indicated no reportable instances of noncompliance or other matters.
- Our report on internal control over financial reporting indicated no material weaknesses.

## III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There were no findings or questioned costs related to state financial assistance programs.

# **SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

There were no findings related to state financial assistance programs reported in the prior year.