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New Orleans Office of Inspector General Completes Its Audit of The New Orleans East Hospital's Use of Credit Cards

As detailed in the NOEH Credit Card Audit report released today, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) conducted a performance audit of the New Orleans East Hospital (NOEH) for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

The OIG Found:

- NOEH employees did not receive written approval prior to the issuance and use of NOEH credit cards for 27 percent of the selected transactions, totaling \$15,914.
- NOEH did not maintain written logs for its credit cards to account for who had possession of the credit cards at all times.
- All selected credit card purchases appeared business-related and allowable per NOEH policy and state law.
- All selected credit card purchases were supported by an itemized original receipt and documentation of the business purpose of the expense.

Based on these findings, the OIG made the following recommendations to NOEH:

- NOEH should provide training to employees to ensure compliance with policies concerning the issuance and use of NOEH credit cards.
- NOEH should maintain written logs for the issuance and return of each NOEH credit card in compliance with best practices.

“Our mission is to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse and also determine whether agencies that receive City funds are being good stewards of the City’s limited resources. NOEH has demonstrated their commitment to our mission by effectively monitoring and enforcing the use of credit cards. NOEH has also agreed to implement the recommendations that we have suggested in this report which will improve the effectiveness and efficiency of this critical entity.”

Edward Michel, Inspector General

In addition to today’s report, the OIG released a brief with highlights. Go to www.nolaog.gov to view all OIG reports.