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State Auditor Issues Report on Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging

State Auditor Mike Foley released a report today on the finances of the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging (ENOA) – an Omaha-based organization that receives grant funding from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Allegations of financial impropriety were brought to the State Auditor's Office many months ago regarding ENOA's practice of billing DHHS for counseling, services, and meals to "clients" who are dead. The auditor's report confirms the validity of those allegations.

The report also examines many thousands of dollars of other ENOA expenditures that lack any documentation as to the purpose of the expenses. Some of the expenses, such as jewelry, alcohol, and various retail store purchases, appear to be entirely inappropriate.

ENOA has undergone significant staff reorganization in light of these matters and has replaced its executive director, chief fiscal officer, and other key managers.

Foley complimented ENOA Board Chair Mary Ann Borgeson and Board member Chris Jerram for fully cooperating with the State Auditor's Office and for taking appropriate actions to address the problems.

The report recommends that DHHS tighten up its procedures for monitoring grantee expenditures.

A copy of the report can found at: http://www.auditors.nebraska.gov/APA_Reports/2011/SA250-04182011-Letter_Regarding_Issues_Found_During_Fiscal_Year_2010_CAFR_and_Single_Audits.pdf