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ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

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**ORGANIZATION
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

			<u>Term Expires</u>
Elected			
Commissioners			
Chair	Richard Brenner	Carlton County	January 2012
Vice Chair	Janice Hall	Cook County	January 2010
Board Member	Peg Sweeney	St. Louis County	January 2012
Board Member	Gordon Aanerud	Carlton County	January 2011
Board Member	Wade Pavleck	Koochiching County	January 2011
Board Member	Rick Goutermont	Lake County	January 2011
Board Member	Keith Nelson	St. Louis County	January 2010
Board Member	Steve O'Neil	St. Louis County	January 2012
Appointed			
Executive Director	Tom Roy		Indefinite

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Arrowhead Regional Corrections

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund of Arrowhead Regional Corrections as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise Arrowhead Regional Corrections' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Arrowhead Regional Corrections' management. Our responsibility is to express opinions 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 audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the General Fund of Arrowhead Regional Corrections as of December 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 5 to the financial statements, during the year ended December 31, 2008, Arrowhead Regional Corrections implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and the required supplementary information are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Arrowhead Regional Corrections' basic financial statements. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of Arrowhead Regional Corrections. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 25, 2010, on our consideration of Arrowhead Regional Corrections' 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

/s/Rebecca Otto

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March 25, 2010

/s/Greg Hierlinger

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
DECEMBER 31, 2008
(Unaudited)**

Our Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of Arrowhead Regional Corrections' financial performance provides an overview of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. Please read it in conjunction with the accompanying basic financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Total net assets in 2008 for Arrowhead Regional Corrections increased \$0.5 million to \$7.9 million, compared to a \$0.9 million increase for 2007.

Arrowhead Regional Corrections' General Fund reported an ending fund balance of \$6.3 million for 2008, an increase of 20.8 percent. Over half of the fund balance, \$4.0 million, is reserved and not available for appropriation. The remaining \$2.3 million (unreserved fund balance) has been designated for specific uses.

The General Fund reported an excess of revenues over expenditures of \$1.1 million.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This MD&A is intended to serve as an introduction to Arrowhead Regional Corrections' basic financial statements. The basic financial statements comprise three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report contains other supporting schedules in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements: The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about Arrowhead Regional Corrections as a whole and about its activities. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All current year revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report Arrowhead Regional Corrections' net assets and changes to them. Think of Arrowhead Regional Corrections' net assets--the difference between assets and liabilities--as one way to measure Arrowhead Regional Corrections' financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in Arrowhead Regional Corrections' net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other non-financial factors, such as the condition of buildings and structures, to assess the overall health of Arrowhead Regional Corrections. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 11 and 12.

Fund financial statements: These statements provide detailed information about the General Fund, not Arrowhead Regional Corrections as a whole. Arrowhead Regional Corrections' General Fund is considered a governmental fund.

All of Arrowhead Regional Corrections' services are reported in the General Fund, which focuses on how money flows into and out of the fund and any balance left at year-end that is available for spending. This fund is reported using the modified accrual method of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash. The General Fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of Arrowhead Regional Corrections' operations and the basic services it provides. General Fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance Arrowhead Regional Corrections' programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and the General Fund in a reconciliation following each of the fund financial statements. The basic financial statements for the General Fund can be found on pages 13 through 16.

Notes to the financial statements: The notes provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes can be found on pages 17 through 33.

Supporting schedules: The budgetary comparison schedule, schedule of funding progress, notes to the required supplementary information, and schedule of intergovernmental revenue are provided on pages 34 through 39.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Net assets may, over time, be a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of Arrowhead Regional Corrections, assets exceeded liabilities by \$7.9 million.

By far, the largest portion of Arrowhead Regional Corrections' net assets is the investment in capital assets. Because Arrowhead Regional Corrections uses these capital assets to provide services to participants, they are not available for future spending.

Table 1
Net Assets
(in Millions)

	Governmental Activities	
	2008	2007
Current and other assets	\$ 7.5	\$ 6.7
Capital assets	<u>6.0</u>	<u>6.1</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 13.5</u>	<u>\$ 12.8</u>
Other liabilities	\$ 0.9	\$ 0.6
Long-term liabilities outstanding	<u>4.7</u>	<u>4.8</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 5.6</u>	<u>\$ 5.4</u>
Net Assets		
Invested in capital assets	\$ 6.0	\$ 6.1
Unrestricted	<u>1.9</u>	<u>1.3</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 7.9</u>	<u>\$ 7.4</u>

The following analysis focuses on Arrowhead Regional Corrections' net assets (Table 1).

Governmental Activities

Total net assets of Arrowhead Regional Corrections increased by \$0.5 million in 2008 after increasing by \$0.9 million in 2007. Arrowhead Regional Corrections has been able to report positive balances in net assets unrestricted for 2008, 2007, and 2006 because current and other assets are greater than total liabilities.

Current and other assets increased by \$0.8 million as the result of revenues exceeding expenses by \$0.5 million, while payables increased by \$0.3 million over year-end 2007. Due from other governments saw a decrease of \$0.7 million in 2008. Combined cash and investments increased by \$1.1 million over the same period.

Other liabilities consists almost entirely of accounts payable and salaries payable, while long-term liabilities outstanding are 100 percent compensated absences.

A detailed analysis of capital assets is presented in Table 3 that is under the heading "Capital Assets and Debt Administration."

Table 2
Changes in Net Assets
(in Millions)

	Governmental Activities	
	2008	2007
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 1.4	\$ 1.1
Operating grants and contributions	2.9	2.9
General revenues		
Community corrections act subsidy	4.0	3.9
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	12.9	12.9
Miscellaneous	0.4	0.6
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 21.6</u>	<u>\$ 21.4</u>
Expenses		
Program expenses		
Administration	\$ 2.1	\$ 2.0
Court and field services	9.5	9.7
Northeast Regional Corrections Center	5.4	5.1
Arrowhead Juvenile Center	4.1	3.7
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 21.1</u>	<u>\$ 20.5</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ 0.5	\$ 0.9
Net Assets, January 1	<u>7.4</u>	<u>6.5</u>
Net Assets, December 31	<u>\$ 7.9</u>	<u>\$ 7.4</u>

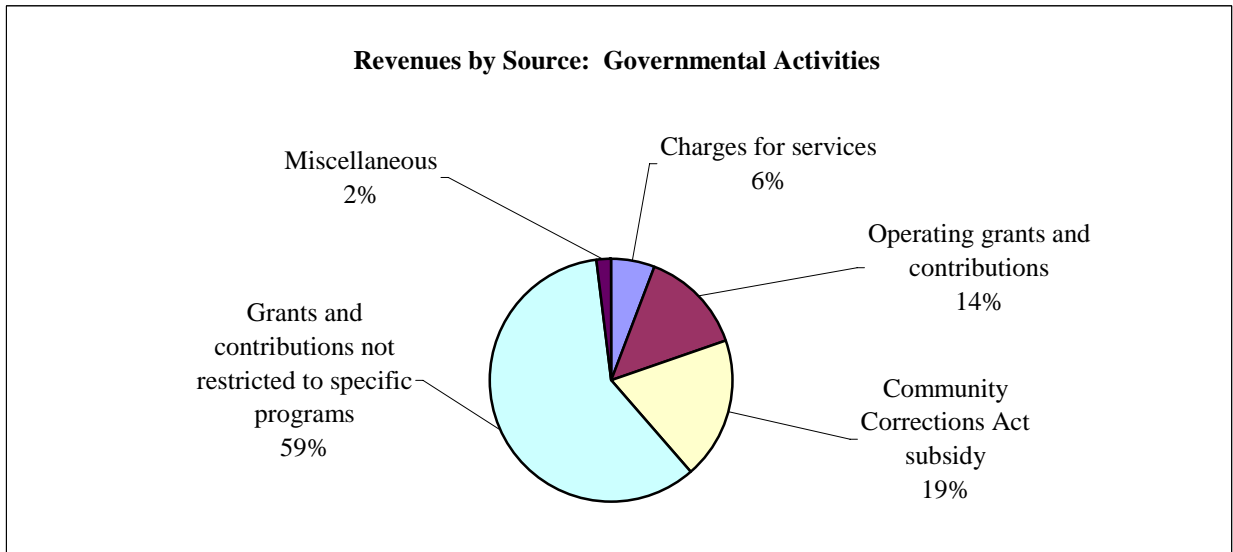
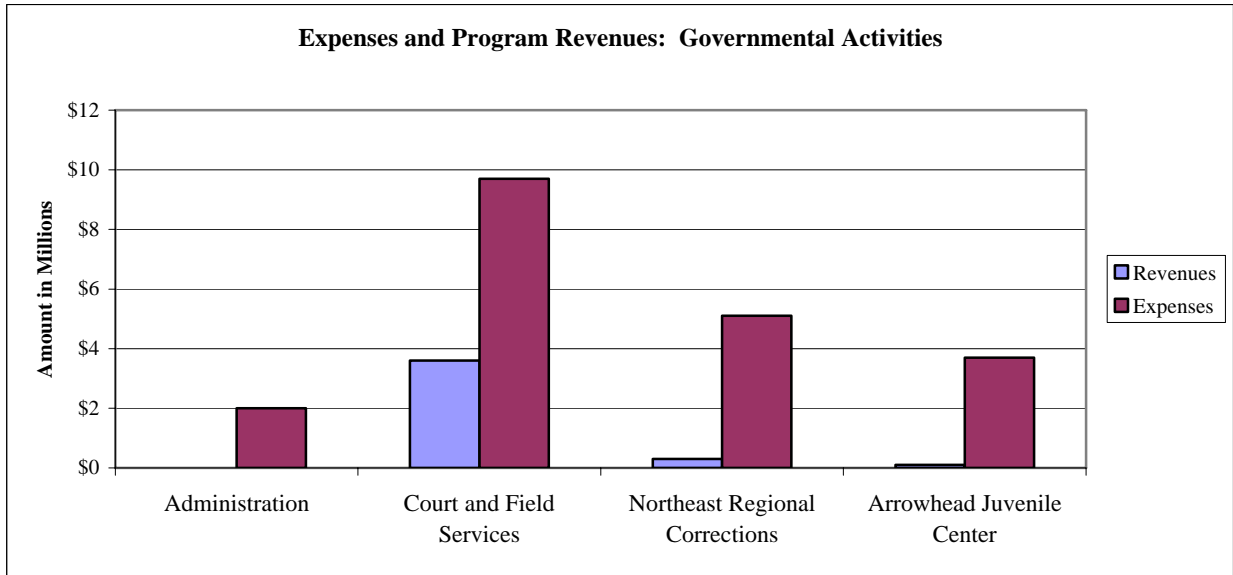
The following analysis focuses on Arrowhead Regional Corrections' changes in net assets (Table 2).

Governmental Activities

Total revenues were \$0.2 million more in 2008 than in 2007; however, that was far less than the \$2.0 million increase experienced in 2007. County contributions for 2008 and 2007 were \$12.7 million, compared to \$11.8 million in 2006.

Revenues from operating grants and contributions were unchanged.

Total expenses increased in 2008 by \$0.6 million. The cost of employer paid benefits also increased by \$0.6 million due primarily to a \$0.5 million increase in the cost of salaries and health insurance premiums. The Arrowhead Juvenile Center reflected the largest increase in expenses over 2007, while Court and Field Services accounted for 45 percent of total program expenses.



Financial Analysis of the General Fund

As noted earlier, Arrowhead Regional Corrections uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

General Fund. The focus of Arrowhead Regional Corrections’ General Fund is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing Arrowhead Regional Corrections’ financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of Arrowhead Regional Corrections’ net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of December 31, 2008, Arrowhead Regional Corrections' General Fund reported a fund balance of \$6.3 million, compared with \$5.2 million in 2007 and \$4.7 million in 2006. Unreserved fund balance, which is available for spending at Arrowhead Regional Corrections' discretion, was \$2.3 million at the end of the year. Most of the \$2.3 million of unreserved fund balance has been designated for compensated absences. Designations reflect Arrowhead Regional Corrections' self-imposed limitations on otherwise available expendable resources. The remaining \$4.0 million of fund balance is reserved. Fund balance is reserved because it is either unavailable for spending or legally restricted. Reserved for correctional fees of \$3.8 million, or 61.2 percent, is the largest reservation of fund balance.

Personal services make up 75.5 percent of Arrowhead Regional Corrections' total expenditures, while member contributions at 57.4 percent and state and federal grants at 33.3 percent are responsible for most of the revenues.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Arrowhead Regional Corrections was able to continue increasing the portion of the fund balance that is reserved for corrections fees. The reserved for correctional fees was more than \$3.8 million at the end of 2008, a record high. This reserve can be used in the future to support critical correction services.

Arrowhead Regional Corrections' budget for 2008 was 0.4 percent higher than the 2007 budget. As was the case in 2007, funding received from the state for the Community Corrections Act subsidy increased modestly in 2008 to \$4.0 million.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At year-end, Arrowhead Regional Corrections showed total capital assets of \$6.0 million. These amounts represent a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings, machinery, and vehicles. Detail is presented immediately below in Table 3.

Table 3
Capital Assets at Year-End
(Net of Depreciation, in Millions)

	Governmental Activities	
	2008	2007
Land	\$ 0.5	\$ 0.5
Buildings and improvements	5.3	5.5
Vehicles	0.2	0.1
Totals	<u>\$ 6.0</u>	<u>\$ 6.1</u>

The decrease in capital assets was due to depreciation expense exceeding new purchases by \$0.1 million. Purchases during the year of \$0.2 million were for five vehicles, a tractor and tractor disc, a plow blade, and the replacement of a boiler.

Additional information on Arrowhead Regional Corrections' capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

Debt Administration

At year-end, Arrowhead Regional Corrections did not have any bonded debt.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Local governments continue to be challenged by a relatively stagnant economy.

Arrowhead Regional Corrections' health insurance premiums for 2008 were increased by 9.0 percent. Employer and employee paid premiums have increased every year since 2003.

Other factors impacting the 2009 budget will be settling labor contracts and rising energy costs.

Arrowhead Regional Corrections' 2009 budget was passed at a Board meeting in late 2008. The five member counties' total contribution will be about the same in 2009 as it was in 2008.

CONTACTING ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS' FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of finances and to show Arrowhead Regional Corrections' accountability for the money it receives. If you have a question about this report or need information, contact the Arrowhead Regional Corrections Office at: 100 N. 5th Avenue West, Duluth, Minnesota 55802-1293.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 1

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Assets

Cash and pooled investments	\$ 3,650,401
Petty cash and change funds	8,995
Investments	2,268,018
Accounts receivable	33,886
Accrued interest receivable	39,856
Due from other governments	1,363,159
Inventories	126,135
Prepaid items	30
Capital assets	
Non-depreciable	476,534
Depreciable - net of accumulated depreciation	<u>5,564,723</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 13,531,737</u>

Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ 261,468
Salaries payable	639,363
Due to other governments	21,239
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year	1,105,389
Due in more than one year	<u>3,560,628</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 5,588,087</u>

Net Assets

Invested in capital assets	\$ 6,041,257
Unrestricted	<u>1,902,393</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 7,943,650</u>

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
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EXHIBIT 2

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Assets</u>
<u>Functions/Programs</u>		<u>Fees, Charges, Fines, and Other</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	
Governmental activities				
Administration	\$ 2,102,256	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,102,256)
Court and field services	9,446,433	1,105,314	2,630,877	(5,710,242)
Northeast Regional Corrections Center	5,442,386	224,508	110,741	(5,107,137)
Arrowhead Juvenile Center	<u>4,085,038</u>	<u>95,400</u>	<u>187,246</u>	<u>(3,802,392)</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 21,076,113</u>	<u>\$ 1,425,222</u>	<u>\$ 2,928,864</u>	<u>\$ (16,722,027)</u>
General Revenues				
Community Corrections Act subsidy				\$ 4,031,187
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs				12,875,683
Unrestricted investment earnings				65,421
Miscellaneous				<u>291,440</u>
Total general revenues				<u>\$ 17,263,731</u>
Change in net assets				<u>\$ 541,704</u>
Net Assets - Beginning				<u>7,401,946</u>
Net Assets - Ending				<u>\$ 7,943,650</u>

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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GOVERNMENTAL FUND

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**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 3

**BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Assets

Cash and pooled investments	\$	3,650,401
Petty cash and change funds		8,995
Investments		2,268,018
Accounts receivable		33,886
Accrued interest receivable		39,856
Due from other governments		1,363,159
Prepaid expense		30
Inventories		126,135
		126,135
Total Assets	\$	<u><u>7,490,480</u></u>

Liabilities and Fund Balance

Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$	261,468
Salaries payable		639,363
Due to other governments		21,239
Deferred revenue - unavailable		288,798
		288,798
Total Liabilities	\$	<u><u>1,210,868</u></u>

Fund Balance

Reserved for		
Inventories	\$	126,135
Prepaid items		30
Health and welfare		33,201
Correctional fees		3,843,266
Unreserved		
Designated for compensated absences		2,267,985
Designated for petty cash funds		8,995
		8,995
Total Fund Balance	\$	<u><u>6,279,612</u></u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	<u><u>7,490,480</u></u>

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 4

**RECONCILIATION OF GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Fund balance - General Fund (Exhibit 3)	\$ 6,279,612
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund.	6,041,257
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the fund.	288,798
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the fund.	
Net other postemployment benefits liability	\$ (112,225)
Compensated absences	(4,553,792)
	<u>(4,666,017)</u>
Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Exhibit 1)	<u>\$ 7,943,650</u>

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 5

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Revenues	
Intergovernmental	\$ 20,293,007
Charges for services	1,425,222
Investment earnings	65,421
Miscellaneous	474,048
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Total Revenues	\$ 22,257,698
Expenditures	
Current	
Administration	\$ 2,105,441
Court and field services	9,497,279
Northeast Regional Corrections Center	5,385,611
Arrowhead Juvenile Center	4,003,134
Capital outlay	203,423
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Total Expenditures	\$ 21,194,888
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 1,062,810
Fund Balance - January 1	5,200,464
Increase (decrease) in reserved for inventories	16,338
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Fund Balance - December 31	\$ 6,279,612
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**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

EXHIBIT 6

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND TO THE
GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Net change in fund balance - General Fund (Exhibit 5) \$ 1,062,810

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

In the fund, under the modified accrual basis, receivables not available for expenditure are deferred. In the statement of activities, those revenues are recognized when earned. The adjustment to revenue between the fund statement and the statement of activities is the increase or decrease in revenue deferred as unavailable.

Deferred revenue - December 31	\$ 288,798	
Deferred revenue - January 1	<u>(928,679)</u>	(639,881)

Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Also, in the statement of activities, only the gain or loss on the disposal of assets is reported; whereas, in the governmental fund, the proceeds from the sale increase financial resources. Therefore, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balance by the net book value of the assets sold.

Expenditures for general capital assets	\$ 203,423	
Current year depreciation	<u>(239,778)</u>	(36,355)

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental fund.

Change in compensated absences	\$ 251,017	
Change in other postemployment benefits	(112,225)	
Change in inventories	<u>16,338</u>	<u>155,130</u>

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Exhibit 2) \$ 541,704

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Arrowhead Regional Corrections' financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for the year ended December 31, 2008. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (statements and interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued through November 30, 1989, (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by Arrowhead Regional Corrections are discussed below.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

Arrowhead Regional Corrections was established pursuant to the Community Corrections Act, Minn. Stat. §§ 401.01-.16, and a joint powers agreement, effective January 1, 1993, between Carlton, Cook, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis Counties, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.59. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, these financial statements present Arrowhead Regional Corrections (primary government). Arrowhead Regional Corrections is governed by an eight-member Board. One member is appointed from the Board of Commissioners of each participating county, except for St. Louis County, which has three members from its Board of County Commissioners. In addition, the right to have an additional member is annually rotated among Carlton, Cook, Koochiching, and Lake Counties. Except for the rotating Board member position, all Board members serve two-year terms. The Board is organized with a chair and vice chair elected at the annual meeting in January of each year.

B. Basic Financial Statements

1. Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide financial statements (the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) display information about the primary government. These statements include the financial activities of Arrowhead Regional Corrections. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities.

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

B. Basic Financial Statements

1. Government-Wide Statements (Continued)

The government-wide statement of net assets is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. Arrowhead Regional Corrections' net assets are reported in two parts: (1) invested in capital assets and (2) unrestricted net assets. Arrowhead Regional Corrections first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of each function of Arrowhead Regional Corrections' governmental activities are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those clearly identifiable with a specific function or activity. Program revenues include: (1) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or activity; and (2) grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or activity. Revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

2. Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about Arrowhead Regional Corrections' General Fund. The General Fund is Arrowhead Regional Corrections' primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Arrowhead Regional Corrections considers all revenues as available if collected within 60 days after the end of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt, compensated absences, and claims and judgments, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent that they have matured. Proceeds of long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is Arrowhead Regional Corrections' policy to use restricted resources first and then unrestricted resources as needed.

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

1. Cash and Pooled Investments

Arrowhead Regional Corrections' available cash balances are pooled and invested by St. Louis County in accordance with Minnesota statutes. The County's cash balances and investments are at fair value based on quoted market prices. Additional disclosures defining cash and pooled investments can be found in the St. Louis County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

2. Inventories

All inventories are valued at cost using the first in/first out method. Inventories in governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when purchased rather than when consumed. Inventories at the government-wide level are reported as expenses when consumed.

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity (Continued)

3. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by Arrowhead Regional Corrections as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Property, plant, and equipment of Arrowhead Regional Corrections are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	30 - 70
Building improvements	10 - 20
Furniture, equipment, and vehicles	3 - 15

4. Compensated Absences

The liability for compensated absences reported in the financial statements consists of unpaid, accumulated annual vacation and sick leave balances. The liability has been calculated using the vesting method, in which leave amounts for both employees who are currently eligible to receive termination payments and other employees who are expected to become eligible in the future to receive such payments upon termination are included. Compensated absences are accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity (Continued)

5. Deferred Revenue

The General Fund and the government-wide financial statements defer revenue for resources that have been received, but not yet earned. Governmental funds also report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenues not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period.

6. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net assets.

7. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts not available for appropriation or legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans subject to change.

8. 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 of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

2. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. Deposits and Investments

Arrowhead Regional Corrections is authorized by Minn. Stat. §§ 118A.02 and 118A.04 to deposit its cash and to invest in certificates of deposit in financial institutions designated by the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners and the Arrowhead Regional Corrections Board. The County invests the funds of Arrowhead Regional Corrections. By agreement, Arrowhead Regional Corrections retains the interest earned on investments purchased with funds designated for compensated absences. The County retains the interest from the remainder of the funds. Minnesota statutes require that all County deposits be covered by insurance, surety bond, or collateral.

Arrowhead Regional Corrections invests in the types of securities authorized by Minn. Stat. §§ 118A.04 and 118A.05.

Additional disclosures, as required by GASB Statement No. 3, *Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements*; GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*; and GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*, are disclosed on an entity-wide basis in the St. Louis County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The following is a summary of Arrowhead Regional Corrections' cash:

	December 31, 2008
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Cash and pooled investments	\$ 3,650,401
Petty cash and change funds	8,995
Investments	<hr/> 2,268,018
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Total	\$ 5,927,414
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**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
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2. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets (Continued)

2. Receivables

Receivables as of December 31, 2008, for Arrowhead Regional Corrections' governmental activities are as follows:

Due from other governments	\$	1,363,159
Accounts		33,886
Accrued interest receivable		39,856
		39,856
Total Receivables	\$	1,436,901

3. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2008, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance
Capital assets not depreciated				
Land	\$ 476,534	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 476,534
Capital assets depreciated				
Buildings	\$ 7,731,770	\$ 65,839	\$ -	\$ 7,797,609
Machinery, furniture, and equipment	965,867	137,584	-	1,103,451
	\$ 8,697,637	\$ 203,423	\$ -	\$ 8,901,060
Less: accumulated depreciation for				
Buildings	\$ 2,289,357	\$ 180,989	\$ -	\$ 2,470,346
Machinery, furniture, and equipment	807,202	58,789	-	865,991
	\$ 3,096,559	\$ 239,778	\$ -	\$ 3,336,337
Total capital assets depreciated, net	\$ 5,601,078	\$ (36,355)	\$ -	\$ 5,564,723
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$ 6,077,612	\$ (36,355)	\$ -	\$ 6,041,257

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
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2. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

3. Capital Assets (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of Arrowhead Regional Corrections as follows:

Administration	\$ 9,108
Court and field services	20,478
Northeast Regional Corrections Center	118,324
Arrowhead Juvenile Center	<u>91,868</u>
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 239,778</u>

B. Liabilities

1. Payables

Payables at December 31, 2008, were as follows:

Accounts	\$ 261,468
Salaries	639,363
Due to other governments	<u>21,239</u>
Total Payables	<u>\$ 922,070</u>

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

2. Detailed Notes on All Funds

B. Liabilities (Continued)

2. Leases

Operating Leases

Arrowhead Regional Corrections leases office space and office equipment under noncancelable operating leases. Total costs for such leases were \$456,266 for the year ended December 31, 2008. The future minimum lease payments for these leases are as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Amount
2009	\$ 456,266
2010	456,266
2011	456,266
2012	456,266
2013	456,266
Total	\$ 2,281,330

3. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2008, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Compensated absences	\$ 4,804,809	\$ 895,354	\$ 1,146,371	\$ 4,553,792	\$ 1,105,389
Net other postemployment benefits (Note 5)	-	112,225	-	112,225	-
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 4,804,809	\$ 1,007,579	\$ 1,146,371	\$ 4,666,017	\$ 1,105,389

4. Deferred Compensation

Arrowhead Regional Corrections' employees participate in St. Louis County's deferred compensation plan.

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
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2. Detailed Notes on All Funds

B. Liabilities (Continued)

5. Other Employee Benefits

Under Arrowhead Regional Corrections' personnel policies and union contracts, its employees are granted vacation and sick leave in varying amounts based upon length of service. Vacation leave accrual varies from 2.0 to 9.0 hours per biweekly pay period. Sick leave accrual is from 2.0 to 5.5 hours per biweekly pay period.

Unused accumulated vacation is paid to employees at termination. All vacation pay is accrued when earned in the government-wide financial statements.

Vested sick leave is paid to employees at retirement or is used for the payment of employees' health insurance coverage during their retirement. The vested sick leave and unvested sick leave likely to become vested (vesting sick leave) are estimated using the vesting method prescribed by GASB Statement 16. Both vested and vesting amounts are recognized in the government-wide statements as liabilities, but not in the governmental fund.

Unvested sick leave of \$1,262,271 (total accumulated sick leave less estimated amounts of vested and vesting sick leave) at December 31, 2008, is available to employees in the event of illness-related absences and is not reported in the financial statements.

6. Risk Management

Arrowhead Regional Corrections is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, or destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; or natural disasters. Risk management is handled through a combination of purchased commercial insurance and participation in the St. Louis County self-insurance program. Arrowhead Regional Corrections did not have a loss exceeding the limits of insurance coverage for any of the past three years. There were no significant reductions in insurance from the prior year.

St. Louis County handles its self-insurance through three internal service funds. Additional disclosures as required by GASB Statement No. 10, *Accounting and Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues*, are disclosed on an entity-wide basis in the St. Louis County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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3. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans

A. Plan Description

All full-time and certain part-time employees of Arrowhead Regional Corrections are covered by defined benefit pension plans administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). PERA administers the Public Employees Retirement Fund and the Public Employees Correctional Fund, which are cost-sharing, multiple-employer retirement plans. These plans are established and administered in accordance with Minn. Stat. chs. 353 and 356.

Public Employees Retirement Fund members belong to either the Coordinated Plan or the Basic Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security, and Basic Plan members are not. All new members must participate in the Coordinated Plan. Members who are employed in a county correctional institution as a correctional guard or officer, a joint jailer/dispatcher, or as a supervisor of correctional guards or officers or of joint jailer/dispatchers and are directly responsible for the direct security, custody, and control of the county correctional institution and its inmates, are covered by the Public Employees Correctional Fund.

PERA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by state statute and vest after three years of credited service. The defined retirement benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for Coordinated and Basic Plan members. The retiring member receives the higher of a step-rate benefit accrual formula (Method 1) or a level accrual formula (Method 2). Under Method 1, the annuity accrual rate for a Basic Plan member is 2.2 percent of average salary for each of the first ten years of service and 2.7 percent for each year thereafter. For a Coordinated Plan member, the annuity accrual rate is 1.2 percent of average salary for each of the first ten years and 1.7 percent for each successive year. Under Method 2, the annuity accrual rate is 2.7 percent of average salary for Basic Plan members and 1.7 percent for Coordinated Plan members for each year of service. For Public Employees Correctional Fund members, the annuity accrual rate is 1.9 percent of average salary for each year of service.

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
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3. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans

A. Plan Description (Continued)

For all Public Employees Retirement Fund members hired prior to July 1, 1989, whose annuity is calculated using Method 1 and Public Employees Correctional Fund members, a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90. A reduced retirement annuity is also available to eligible members seeking early retirement.

The benefit provisions stated in the previous paragraphs of this section are current provisions and apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but are not yet receiving them are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated public service.

PERA issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Public Employees Retirement Fund and the Public Employees Correctional Fund. That report may be obtained on the internet at www.mnpera.org; by writing to PERA at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 200, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55103-2088; or by calling 651-296-7460 or 1-800-652-9026.

B. Funding Policy

Pension benefits are funded from member and employer contributions and income from the investment of fund assets. Rates for employer and employee contributions are set by Minn. Stat. ch. 353. These statutes are established and amended by the State Legislature. Arrowhead Regional Corrections makes annual contributions to the pension plans equal to the amount required by state statutes. Public Employees Retirement Fund Basic Plan members and Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 9.1 and 6.0 percent, respectively, of their annual covered salary. Contribution rates in the Coordinated Plan increased in 2009 to 9.4 percent. Public Employees Correctional Fund members are required to contribute 5.83 percent of their annual covered salary.

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
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3. Employee Retirement Systems and Pension Plans

B. Funding Policy (Continued)

Arrowhead Regional Corrections is required to contribute the following percentages of annual covered payroll in 2008 and 2009:

	2008	2009
Public Employees Retirement Fund		
Basic Plan members	11.78%	11.78%
Coordinated Plan members	6.50	6.75
Public Employees Correctional Fund	8.75	8.75

Arrowhead Regional Corrections' contributions for the years ending December 31, 2008, 2007, and 2006, for the Public Employees Retirement Fund and the Public Employees Correctional Fund were:

	Public Employees Retirement Fund	Public Employees Correctional Fund
2008	\$ 491,505	\$ 295,255
2007	513,309	259,532
2006	485,595	239,127

These contribution amounts are equal to the contractually required contributions for each year as set by state statute.

4. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items

A. Contingent Liabilities

Amounts received or receivable from grant agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of the expenditures that may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although Arrowhead Regional Corrections expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
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4. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items (Continued)

B. Claims and Litigation

Arrowhead Regional Corrections, in connection with the normal conduct of its affairs, is involved in various claims, judgments, and litigation.

The County Attorney estimates that the potential claims against Arrowhead Regional Corrections that would not be covered by insurance will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of Arrowhead Regional Corrections.

C. Participation

The budget of Arrowhead Regional Corrections is financed through state grants and contributions from the participating counties. County contributions are shared in the following proportion:

	<u>Percent (%)</u>
Carlton County	10.48
Cook County	1.61
Koochiching County	1.98
Lake County	2.11
St. Louis County	<u>83.82</u>
Total	<u>100.00</u>

Member contributions for the current year totaled \$12,776,380, or 63 percent, of the total intergovernmental revenue received.

Of the various state grants available to Arrowhead Regional Corrections, the most significant is the grant authorized under the Community Corrections Act. Grant proceeds for 2008 totaled \$4,031,187, or 20 percent, of total intergovernmental revenue received.

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
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4. Summary of Significant Contingencies and Other Items (Continued)

D. Jointly-Governed Organizations

Arrowhead Regional Corrections, in conjunction with other governmental entities and various private organizations, formed the jointly-governed organizations listed below:

- Duluth Family Service Collaborative
- Koochiching County Family Services Collaborative
- North St. Louis County Family Services Collaborative
- North Shore Collaborative

The collaboratives were established to create opportunities to enhance family strengths and support through service coordination and access to informal communication. Arrowhead Regional Corrections has no operational or financial control over the collaboratives. During the year, Arrowhead Regional Corrections had expenditures of \$500 related to the North Shore Collaborative.

5. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

In 2008, Arrowhead Regional Corrections implemented the requirements of a new accounting pronouncement, GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*.

A. Plan Description and Funding Policy

Arrowhead Regional Corrections provides postemployment health care benefits in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 471.61, subd. 2b. The retiree must pay 100 percent of the total premium cost.

B. Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation

Arrowhead Regional Corrections' annual OPEB cost is calculated based on the annual required contribution (ARC) of the employer, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed 30 years.

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5. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

B. Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation (Continued)

The following table shows the components of the Arrowhead Regional Corrections' annual OPEB cost for 2008, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and changes in the Authority's net OPEB obligation:

ARC	\$	163,339
Interest on net OPEB obligation		-
Adjustment to ARC		-
		-
Annual OPEB cost	\$	163,339
Contributions during the year		(51,114)
		(51,114)
Increase in net OPEB obligation	\$	112,225
Net OPEB - Beginning of Year		-
		-
Net OPEB - End of Year	\$	112,225

Arrowhead Regional Corrections' annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for 2008 were as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended	Annual OPEB Cost	Employer Contribution	Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost Contributed	Net OPEB Obligation
December 31, 2008	\$ 163,339	\$ 51,114	31.29%	\$ 112,225

C. Funding Status and Funding Progress

The actuarial accrued liability for benefits at December 31, 2008, is \$1,731,675. Arrowhead Regional Corrections currently has no assets that have been irrevocably deposited in a trust for future health benefits; thus, the entire amount is unfunded. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) is \$11,245,904. The ratio of the unfunded actuarially accrued liabilities (UAAL) to covered payroll is 15.4 percent

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5. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

C. Funding Status and Funding Progress (Continued)

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and health care cost trends. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The Schedule of Funding Progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

D. Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques designed to reduce the effect of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

In the January 1, 2008, actuarial valuation, the entry age normal actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 4.4 percent discount rate, which is based on the estimated long-term investment yield on the general assets of Arrowhead Regional Corrections. The annual health care cost trend rate is 8.0 percent initially, reduced incrementally to an ultimate rate of 5.0 percent after 20 years. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level dollar amount over 30 years.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
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Schedule 1

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$ 19,881,658	\$ 19,881,658	\$ 20,293,007	\$ 411,349
Charges for services	1,205,715	1,205,715	1,425,222	219,507
Investment earnings	77,561	77,561	65,421	(12,140)
Miscellaneous	356,205	356,205	474,048	117,843
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 21,521,139</u>	<u>\$ 21,521,139</u>	<u>\$ 22,257,698</u>	<u>\$ 736,559</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
Administration				
Administrative support services	\$ 1,598,839	\$ 1,598,839	\$ 1,330,318	\$ 268,521
Research and evaluation	221,459	221,459	266,053	(44,594)
Staff development	167,173	167,173	94,132	73,041
Arrowhead Council of Churches	25,950	25,950	25,950	-
Women offenders program	174,015	174,015	172,358	1,657
Use of institutions	100,000	217,500	216,630	870
Total administration	<u>\$ 2,287,436</u>	<u>\$ 2,404,936</u>	<u>\$ 2,105,441</u>	<u>\$ 299,495</u>
Court and field services				
Probation	\$ 8,903,658	\$ 8,903,658	\$ 8,563,255	\$ 340,403
St. Louis County data processing charges	133,063	133,063	133,850	(787)
Intensive supervision program	369,631	369,631	391,244	(21,613)
Short-term consequences	149,117	149,117	166,179	(17,062)
Sentence to serve	180,776	180,776	180,776	-
Juvenile restitution	-	-	1,246	(1,246)
Correctional fees	62,500	62,500	60,729	1,771
Total court and field services	<u>\$ 9,798,745</u>	<u>\$ 9,798,745</u>	<u>\$ 9,497,279</u>	<u>\$ 301,466</u>
Northeast Regional Corrections Center				
Administration	\$ 5,015,479	\$ 5,015,479	\$ 4,886,492	\$ 128,987
Special education	182,436	182,436	204,959	(22,523)
Basic education	132,296	132,296	142,775	(10,479)
Vocational education	145,065	145,065	151,385	(6,320)
Total Northeast Regional Corrections Center	<u>\$ 5,475,276</u>	<u>\$ 5,475,276</u>	<u>\$ 5,385,611</u>	<u>\$ 89,665</u>
Arrowhead Juvenile Center				
Administration	<u>\$ 3,959,682</u>	<u>\$ 3,959,682</u>	<u>\$ 4,003,134</u>	<u>\$ (43,452)</u>

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Schedule 1
(Continued)

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Expenditures (Continued)				
Capital outlay				
Court and field services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,295	\$ (77,295)
Northeast Regional Corrections Center	-	-	60,289	(60,289)
Arrowhead Juvenile Center	-	-	65,839	(65,839)
Total capital outlay	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 203,423</u>	<u>\$ (203,423)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 21,521,139</u>	<u>\$ 21,638,639</u>	<u>\$ 21,194,888</u>	<u>\$ 443,751</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ (117,500)	\$ 1,062,810	\$ 1,180,310
Fund Balance - January 1	5,200,464	5,200,464	5,200,464	-
Increase (decrease) in reserved for inventories	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,338</u>	<u>16,338</u>
Fund Balance - December 31	<u>\$ 5,200,464</u>	<u>\$ 5,082,964</u>	<u>\$ 6,279,612</u>	<u>\$ 1,196,648</u>

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Schedule 2

**SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (b)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) (b-a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((b-a/c))
January 1, 2008	\$ -	\$1,731,675	\$1,731,675	0.0%	\$11,245,904	15.4%

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**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

1. Budgetary Data

The Arrowhead Regional Corrections Board adopts annual revenue and expenditure budgets for the General Fund on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. The budget is subject to approval by member counties and the State of Minnesota.

On or before mid-June of each year, all divisions submit requests for appropriations to the Executive Director so that a budget can be prepared. Before September 15, the proposed budget is presented to the Board for review and approval.

The appropriated budget is prepared by each division of Arrowhead Regional Corrections. Department heads may make transfers of appropriations within a department. Transfers of appropriations between departments require Board approval. The legal level of budgetary control (the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed the budget) is at the divisional level. During the year, the Board made supplemental budgetary appropriations of \$117,500 to the expenditures in the General Fund.

Encumbrance accounting, under which commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the General Fund. Encumbrances (purchase orders and contracts) outstanding at year-end are reported as reservations of fund balances and provide authority for the carryover of appropriations to the subsequent year in order to complete these transactions. There were no encumbrances reported at December 31, 2008.

2. Other Postemployment Benefits

In 2008, Arrowhead Regional Corrections implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. Since Arrowhead Regional Corrections has not irrevocably deposited funds in a trust for future health benefits, the actuarial value of the assets is zero. Currently, only one year's worth of data is available. Future notes will provide additional trend analysis to meet the three-year funding status requirement as the information becomes available.

See Note 5, Other Postemployment Benefits, in the notes to the financial statements for more information.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

Schedule 3

**SCHEDULE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Shared Revenue

State

PERA rate reimbursement	\$ <u>47,303</u>
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Membership Contributions

Shared operations

Carlton County	\$ 1,339,223
Cook County	205,857
Koochiching County	252,370
Lake County	269,200
St. Louis County	10,709,730
Local contributions	<u>52,000</u>

Total shared operations	\$ <u>12,828,380</u>
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Grants

State

Minnesota Department of Education	\$ <u>97,517</u>
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Minnesota Department of Corrections

Court and field services

Caseload/workload reductions grant	\$ 1,229,364
Intensive supervision grant	435,937
Sex offender grant	419,882
Felony caseload reductions grant	109,544
Challenge incarceration program	164,641
Remote electronic monitoring	<u>29,907</u>

Total court and field services	\$ 2,389,275
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Arrowhead Juvenile Center

Sex offender grant	129,543
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Community Corrections Act subsidy

	<u>4,031,187</u>
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Total Minnesota Department of Corrections	\$ <u>6,550,005</u>
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Total State Grants	\$ <u>6,647,522</u>
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**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

Schedule 3
(Continued)

**SCHEDULE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Grants (Continued)

Federal

Department of	
Agriculture	\$ 57,703
Justice	698,875
Education	13,224
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Total Federal Grants **\$ 769,802**

Total State and Federal Grants **\$ 7,417,324**

Total Intergovernmental Revenue **\$ 20,293,007**

Notes to Schedule of Intergovernmental Revenue

1. Department of Justice revenue of \$595,075 was for reimbursements for expenditures incurred as follows:
\$301,873 for 2007; \$207,028 for 2006; and \$86,174 for 2005.

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**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL CORRECTIONS
DULUTH, MINNESOTA**

Schedule 4

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

**FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDITED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

INTERNAL CONTROL

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEMS NOT RESOLVED

96-2 **Internal Control/Segregation of Duties**

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control. This responsibility includes the internal control over the various accounting cycles, the fair presentation of the financial statements and related notes, and the accuracy and completeness of all financial records and related information. Adequate segregation of duties is a key internal control in an organization's accounting system. The size of Arrowhead Regional Corrections and its staffing limits the internal control that management can design and implement into the organization. Management should be aware that segregation of duties is not adequate from an internal control point of view.

Management is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of all financial records and related information. Also, management is responsible for controls over the period-end financial reporting process, including controls over procedures used to enter transaction totals into the general ledger; initiate, authorize, record, and process journal entries into the general ledger; and record recurring and nonrecurring adjustments to the financial statements.

Management has requested that the Office of the State Auditor prepare the annual financial statements and related notes. This arrangement is not unusual for an organization the size of Arrowhead Regional Corrections. This decision was based on the availability of Arrowhead Regional Corrections' staff and the cost benefit of using our expertise.

During our audit, we proposed material adjustments to convert Arrowhead Regional Corrections' financial records to the financial statements as reported. These adjustments increased revenue; reclassified liabilities; reclassified revenues; increased reserved fund balances; and decreased unreserved, designated fund balances.

We recommend the Board of Directors be mindful that limited staffing causes inherent risks in safeguarding Arrowhead Regional Corrections' assets and the proper reporting of its financial activity. We recommend the Board of Directors continue to implement oversight procedures and monitor those procedures to determine if they are still effective internal controls.

Client's Response:

Arrowhead Regional Corrections' management continues to be aware of the lack of segregation of accounting functions as a result of our limited number of office personnel. Internal control policies and procedures are reviewed on a regular basis and will continue to be followed by employees.

06-1 Capital Assets

For financial reporting and asset management purposes, Arrowhead Regional Corrections is required to keep records of its capital assets. Arrowhead Regional Corrections' capital asset records are recorded on a separate software system maintained by its fiscal agent. Capital asset additions and deletions are entered into this system, and depreciation is calculated by the system. Capital asset policies utilized by Arrowhead Regional Corrections in maintaining the capital asset system have not been formally approved, but current practices parallel the policy utilized by its fiscal agent. A capital asset policy should be adopted that defines Arrowhead Regional Corrections' accounting policies over capital assets, including capitalization threshold, useful lives, and depreciation methods.

Arrowhead Regional Corrections also does not have policies and procedures in place to identify capital asset additions and deletions for entry to the capital asset system. Arrowhead Regional Corrections' fiscal agent enters capital asset additions into the system based on capital expenditure accounts, but Arrowhead Regional Corrections has no procedure in place to review these accounts at year-end. Arrowhead Regional Corrections' staff identify capital asset deletions by reviewing the capital asset listing at year-end and determining which assets have been sold or removed from service.

We recommend the Arrowhead Regional Corrections Board establish a capital asset policy to define Arrowhead Regional Corrections' accounting policies over capital assets. Arrowhead Regional Corrections should also establish policies and procedures to identify capital asset additions and deletions. Department heads should report capital asset additions and deletions to the person maintaining the capital asset records at least annually. Also, we recommend a physical inventory of capital assets be performed

periodically. This physical inventory can be rotated so that a portion of the capital assets is inventoried each year. Each asset should be counted at least once every five years. Some critical capital assets may need more frequent accounting.

Client's Response:

Arrowhead Regional Corrections will recommend to the Arrowhead Regional Corrections Board at their April 2010 meeting that they adopt a Capital Asset System Policy similar to that utilized by St. Louis County, its fiscal agent.

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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*

Board of Commissioners
Arrowhead Regional Corrections

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund of Arrowhead Regional Corrections as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, which collectively comprise Arrowhead Regional Corrections' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 25, 2010. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Arrowhead Regional Corrections' internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Arrowhead Regional Corrections' internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Arrowhead Regional Corrections' internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects Arrowhead Regional Corrections' ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of Arrowhead Regional Corrections' financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by Arrowhead Regional Corrections' internal control. We considered the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Recommendations as items 96-2 and 06-1 to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by Arrowhead Regional Corrections' internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we consider item 96-2 to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Arrowhead Regional Corrections' financial statements are free of 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*.

Minnesota Legal Compliance

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Local Government*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65. Accordingly, the audit included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Local Government* contains six categories of compliance to be tested: contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, and miscellaneous provisions. Our study included all of the listed categories.

The results of our tests indicate that, for the items tested, Arrowhead Regional Corrections complied with the material terms and conditions of applicable legal provisions.

Arrowhead Regional Corrections' written responses to the significant deficiency and material weakness identified in our audit have been included in the Schedule of Findings and Recommendations. We did not audit Arrowhead Regional Corrections' responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Arrowhead Regional Corrections Board, management, and others within Arrowhead Regional Corrections and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than those specified parties.

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March 25, 2010