PALM BEACH COUNTY

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: 08/14/20 1	[X] Consent [] Regular [] Public Hearing
Department: Submitted By:	Internal Auditor's Office
	I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF
Motion and Title: Staff report for period ending M its July 18, 2012 meeting.	recommends motion to receive and file: Audit recommendation follow-up arch 31, 2012 reviewed and distribution authorized by the Audit Committee at
status of open audit recom county management. The	2010-007 requires the Internal Auditor to issue semi-annual reports on the mendations to the Board of County Commissioners, the Audit Committee and report is being submitted to the Board of County Commissioners as required by tywide (PFK)
Background and Policy	Issues: N/A
Attachments:	
	ow-up report as identified above.
Recommended by:	Justif Heyeron 19 July 2012 Internal Auditor Date
Recommended by:	County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income (County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	None 🛶 🤰	see below	9		
# ADDITIONAL FTE					
POSITIONS (Cumulative)					

	Motoh (Country)
	Match (County)
	SCAL IMPACT None of See bellow
	CIONAL FTE
POSITIO	ONS (Cumulative)
Budget A	Included In Current Budget? Yes No Account No.: Fund Agency Org Object Fram Number Revenue Source
B. Reco	ommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:
	No fiscal impact
A.]	Department Fiscal Review:
A	III. REVIEW COMMENTS: OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:
В.	Budget/OFMB The State of the S
	Paul F 5 7/26/12 Assistant Quinty Attorney
C.	Other Department Review:

Department Director



Office of the County Internal Auditor

Audit Recommendation
Follow-Up Report
Status Update as of
March 31, 2012





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DATE: June 20, 2012

TO: The Audit Committee

FROM: Joseph F. Bergeron, Internal Auditor

SUBJECT: Recommendation Follow-Up Report

Attached is the Internal Auditor's Recommendation Follow-Up Report providing the status of audit recommendations as of March 31, 2012. We plan to report on audit recommendations semiannually for periods ending March 31 and September 30. We plan to provide the reports to the Audit Committee at its meeting following the cut-off dates. We will submit the reports to the BCC following Audit Committee review.

The report contains a Summary Status of Audit Recommendations followed by:

- Exhibit 1 Audit Recommendations Open at Beginning of the October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 Reporting Period
- Exhibit 2 Audit Recommendations Issued During the October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 Reporting Period
- Exhibit 3 Open Audit Recommendations by County Department at March 31, 2012
- Exhibit 4 Summary Aging of Open Audit Recommendations
- Exhibit 5 Audit Recommendations Submitted for Audit Committee Consideration
- Exhibit 6 Recommendation Status at March 31, 2012

The purpose of this report is to keep the Audit Committee, the BCC and County Administration informed of the status of recommendations made by the Internal Auditor's Office. We welcome any suggestions to improve this report to enhance oversight of Internal Auditor Office operation.

Exhibit 5 includes recommendations that are at least two years old or which have had final management action without correcting the underlying condition where we believe additional action is necessary.

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SUMMARY STATUS OF AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

MARCH 31, 2012

As of March 31, 2012, the Internal Auditor's Database of Audit Recommendations showed that management actions had not been completed on 46 recommendations. These recommendations are considered as "Open". Of those 46 open recommendations, follow-up has been conducted on 18 showing that management action has started but was not yet complete. The other 28 open recommendations are scheduled for follow-up in the future and no audit evaluation has been conducted at this time.

Changes in the inventory of Audit Recommendations during the period October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012 are shown below:

Open Audit Recommendations as of October 1, 2011	65
Additional Audit Recommendations from Audit Reports Issued October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012	19
Audit Recommendations Completed October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012	38
Open Audit Recommendations as of March 31, 2012	46

Recommendation follow-up work is generally conducted within one year of report issuance or earlier if management indicates that final action is expected to occur. Follow-up is done to determine the following:

- Was the recommendation implemented as agreed to by management? Or, if not, did alternative management action(s) correct the identified deficiency (ies)?
- Was the underlying cause (condition) corrected?

Sufficient audit evidence is developed to support a conclusion as to implementation of the recommendation and correction of the underlying cause (condition). If final management action has been taken on all audit recommendations in an audit report, the recommendations are considered "Complete" and are included in the current report, but not in future reports.

If management action(s) are not complete on any or all of the audit recommendations in an audit report, they are included in this report as 'In Process" and another audit follow-up will be scheduled. In those cases where final management action has been taken and the underlying cause (condition) has not been corrected, we show this recommendation as Completed, Not Implemented. These recommendations are included within Exhibit 5 for Audit Committee consideration.

Exhibit 1: Audit Recommendations Open at Beginning of the October 1, 2011 Through March 31, 2012 Reporting Period

Report	Issue Date	Number of Open Audit Recommendations Beginning of Reporting Period	Final Management Action Taken During Reporting Period	Number of Open Audit Recommendations End of Reporting Period
07-11 Community Services Department Financially Assisted Agencies	Jun-07	1	1	0
07-23 Facilities Development & Operations Property & Real Estate Management Division	Sep-07	1	0	1
09-22 Fire Rescue Overtime	Jun-09	1	0	1
10-06 Community Services Department Ryan White Program	Mar-10	2	0	2
10-07 Purchasing Warehouse Operations	Mar-10	3	0	3
10-17 Engineering & Public Works Land Development Division	Jun-10	1	1	0
10-23 Fire Rescue Bureau of Safety Services	Sep-10	2	0	2
11-03 Administration Global Spectrum	Dec-10	2	0	2
11-05 Administration Follow-up on Countywide PPM CW-O-001	Dec-10	2	0	2
11-09 Housing & Community Development Commission on Affordable Housing	Dec-10	9	8	1
11-10 County Library Main Library Follow-up on Previous Recomm	Dec-10	1	1	0
11-14 Information Systems Services Voice Services	Mar-11	4	0	4
11-15 Planning, Zoning, & Building Public Service Tax - Electricity & Franchise Fees	Mar-11	2	2	0
11-16 Public Safety Justice Services Division	Mar-11	2	2	0
11-20 Palm Tran IT Systems	Mar-11	2	0	2
11-21 Palm Tran Transportation Disadvantaged Bus Pass Pgm	Mar-11	1	0	1
11-22 Administration Countywide Audit of Take Home Vehicles	Jun-11	4	0	4
11-23 Parks & Recreation Osprey Point Golf Course Cash & Revenue Controls	Jun-11	2	2	0
11-24 Information Systems Services WAN Agreements/Public Sector & Non-profits	Jun-11	3	2	1
11-26 Housing & Community Development ARRA Internal Controls & Reporting	Jun-11	4	4	0
11-28 Risk Management Prescriptions	Sep-11	2	1	1
11-31 County Attorney Interdepartmental Billings	Sep-11	1	1	0
11-31 Financial Management & Budget Interdepartmental Billings	Sep-11	3	3	0

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Report	Issue Date	Number of Open Audit Recommendations Beginning of Reporting Period	Final Management Action Taken During Reporting Period	Number of Open Audit Recommendations End of Reporting Period
11-32 Water Utilities Inventory Warehouse	Sep-11	8	3	5
11-33 Administration Consultants Overhead Rates	Sep-11	1	1	0
11-34 Financial Management & Budget Public Service Tax - Ferrellgas	Sep-11	1	1	0
Total		65	33	32

Exhibit 2: Audit Recommendations Issued During the October 1, 2011 Through March 31, 2012 Reporting Period

Report	Issue Date	Number of Audit Recommendations Issued this Reporting Period	Final Management Action Taken During Reporting Period	Number of Open Audit Recommendations End of Reporting Period
12-01 Administration				
Cell Phone Stipend Audit	Dec-11	8	0	8
12-02 Parks & Recreation				
Cash Collections Audit	Dec-11	5	0	5
12-03 Water Utilities				
Cash Collections Audit	Dec-11	6	5	1
Total		19	5	14

Exhibit 3: Open Audit Recommendations by County Department as of March 31, 2012

Department	Open Recommendations in Process	Open Recommendations Future Implementation with Follow-up Pending
Administration	2	14
Community Services Department	0	2
County Attorney	0	0
County Library	0	0
Engineering & Public Works	0	0
Facilities Development & Operations	1	0
Fire Rescue	1	2
Housing & Community Development	1	0
Information Systems Services	1	4
Office of Financial Management & Budget	0	0
Palm Tran	3	0
Parks & Recreation	0	5
Planning, Zoning, & Building	0	0
Public Safety	0	0
Purchasing Department	3	0
Risk Management	0	1
Water Utilities	6	0
Total Open Recommendations	18	28

Exhibit 4: Summary Aging of Open Audit Recommendations As of March 31, 2012

Timeframe	Inventory at Beginning of Period (Exhibit 1)	Issued During this Period (Exhibit 2)	Closed During this Period (Exhibits 1 & 2)	Open at End of Period (Exhibit 7)	In Process	Follow-up Not Yet Scheduled
0 -3 Months	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 - 6 Months	0	19	5	14	1	13
6 - 12 Months	29	0	18	11	6	5
1 - 2 Years	28	0	14	14	6	8
Over 2 Years	8	0	1	7	5	2
Total	65	19	38	46	18	28

0 -3 Months	January 2012 to March 2012
3 - 6 Months	October 2011 to December 2011
6 - 12 Months	April 2011 to September 2011
1 - 2 Years	April 2010 to March 2011
Over 2 Years	March 2010 or Earlier

Exhibit 5: Audit Recommendations Submitted for Audit Committee Consideration

Recommendations for which Final Management Action Has Been Taken Without Resolving the Underlying Condition

None	

Recommendations Which Have Been Open Longer Than Two Years

10-06 Community Services Department	
Ryan White Program	
Report Issued 03/17/2010	
First follow up October 2011	
Second follow-up May 2012	
#3 The Community Services Department	Status – March 2012
Director should ensure that contracted agencies	Follow-up Pending
comply with the law in determining client	Implementation scheduled for May 2012.
eligibility and ensuring that Ryan White funds	Follow-up scheduled for June 2012.
are the payer of last resort. In this regard, he	
should follow-up on the results of the Treasure	Status – September 2011
Coast Health Council study made in regards to	In Process . The Department Director revised
Ryan White Part B, and consider the potential	the contract with agencies to better delineate
for applicability to Ryan White Part A funding.	the requirements for eligibility. Enhancements
	to the "Careware" database are still required.
	Department officials told us that the target
	completion date is March 2012.
#4 The Community Services Department	Status – March 2012
Director should ensure that program monitors	Follow-up Pending
specifically address client eligibility in their	Implementation scheduled for May 2012.
program oversight function. In this regard,	Follow-up scheduled for June 2012.
monitors need to go beyond the supporting	
documentation in the file such a paystubs, and	Status – September 2011
other income determination, and review the	In Process . The "Care-ware" database
'due diligence' exercised by case management	discussed in Recommendation 3 will help fully
agencies in carrying out the law regarding the	implement this recommendation. Department
Ryan White payer of last resort requirement.	officials told us that the target completion date

Exhibit 5: Audit Recommendations Submitted for Audit Committee Consideration

	is March 2012.
10-07 Purchasing	
Warehouse Operations	
Report Issued 03/17/2010	
First follow up September 2011	
Second follow-up May 2012	
#1 The Warehouse Manager should ensure that	Status – March 2012
written policies and procedures are issued for	In Process PPMs have been drafted and are
its warehouse operations function as required	being reviewed by the Department Director as
by PPM CW-O-001. Written policies and	of the end of May 2012. PPM issuance
procedures should include guidelines for	expected in June 2012.
ordering, receiving, storing, and issuing of	
stock items from the Warehouse.	Status – September 2011
	In Process. Department Director estimated
	completion of PPMs by March 2012.
#3 The Purchasing Department Director should	Status – March 2012
study the issue of cost effectiveness of	In process . Department Director is working
warehouse operations considering the issues	with Administration to develop a scope and
contained in this report and the impact of the	process for implementing the study of
move to the new warehouse in 2010. Issues	warehouse operations. Projected completion of
include whether (a) full cost recovery should	this process is expected in June 2012.
be considered in warehouse pricing, (b) cost	
savings extend to other items not included in	Status – September 2011
our sample, (c) governmental agencies other	In process. Department Director told us that
than those under the BCC should be charged	additional time is needed to conduct study. She
for supplies and storage, and (d) County	estimated a revised completion date as March
departments and agencies should be able to	2012.
buy supplies from vendors rather than the	
warehouse, thus reducing the number of items	
needed to be stored at the warehouse.	
#4 The Purchasing Department Director should	Status – March 2012
develop written policies and procedures for the	In Process PPMs have been drafted and are
storage of items in the Warehouse. These	being reviewed by the Department Director as
procedures should include who can store items	of the end of May 2012. PPM issuance
in the Warehouse, how to request storage space	expected in June 2012.
and any restrictions on types of items the	
Warehouse will store.	Status – September 2011
	In process. Department Director stated that
	PPMs should be completed by March 2012.
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Exhibit 6 Recommendation Status at March 31, 2012

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07-11 Community Services	
Financially Assisted Agencies	
Report originally issued 6/20/07	
Recommendation #4 open after follow-ups in 2008, 2010 and	
2011.	
Final follow-up in May 2012	
#4 The CSD Manager of Planning and Evaluation should ensure	Status - March 2012
that all Program Monitors maintain adequate documentation of	Complete. Our review
site visits and other FAA contacts in agency files.	showed that site visits had
site visite unit sinus in a general in ugeneral	been prepared as
	recommended.
	Status – September 2011
	In process. Our testing
	showed that although site
	visit reports were prepared,
	some were not in
	accordance with PPM CSO-
	110 as required. Manager
	stated corrective action to be
	completed by March 1,
	2012.
07-23 Facilities Development and Operations	
Property and Real Estate Management Division	
Report issued 9/12/07	
Recommendation #1 open after follow-ups in 2008, 2010 and	
2011.	
Fourth follow-up May 2012.	
#1 The Department Director should review issues involved in	Status – March 2012
Division not carrying out responsibilities assigned in CW PPM	In process. The Department
CW-L-023 and CW-L-024, including the extent that other County	Director stated that the draft
departments administer leases within the Division's	PPM has been with the
responsibility.	County Attorney's Office
	for over a month. One issue
	needs to be agreed upon in
	order to issue the PPM final.
	Target date is May 31, 2012.

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	Status – September 2011 In process. Department. Director expects Countywide PPMs to be completed February 2012.
09-22 Fire Rescue	
Overtime	
Report Issued 6/10/2009 Recommendation #1 open after follow up in 2010 and 2011. Third follow-up May 2012	
 #1 The Fire Recue Department Administrator should ensure that overtime assignments and verification of overtime worked is documented in accordance with Operational Procedure I-54. Specifically, he should ensure that: District Chiefs document the personnel assigned in accordance with the Overtime Computer Program, and limit use of 'Skipped DC did not try' to those situations included in the Operational Procedure. All personnel earning overtime to individually submit Employee Leave Requests, and limit the authority of District Chiefs to sign as both authorizing and approving officials. Station log books are maintained to show all time in and out for personnel working overtime. 	Status March 2012 In process. Vendor delays reported by the Department result in a new projected implementation date of May 31, 2012. We will follow-up after that date to determine status. Status – September 2011 In process. Fire Rescue Administrator stated that original plan to implement an in-house system did not work properly. New system was purchased (Telestaff) in September 2011 and should be implemented by March 2012.
10-06 Community Services Department	
Ryan White Program	
Report Issued 03/17/2010 First follow-up October 2011 Second follow-up May 2012	
#3 The Community Services Department Director should ensure that contracted agencies comply with the law in determining client eligibility and ensuring that Ryan White funds are the payer of last resort. In this regard, he should follow-up on the results of the Treasure Coast Health Council study made in regards to Ryan White Part B, and consider the potential for applicability to Ryan White Part A funding.	Status – March 2012 Follow-up Pending Implementation scheduled for May 2012. Follow-up scheduled for June 2012.
	Status – September 2011 In Process. The Department Director revised

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#4 The Community Services Department Director should ensure that program monitors specifically address client eligibility in their program oversight function. In this regard, monitors need to go beyond the supporting documentation in the file such a paystubs, and other income determination, and review the 'due diligence' exercised by case management agencies in carrying out the law regarding the Ryan White payer of last resort requirement.	the contract with agencies to better delineate the requirements for eligibility. Enhancements to the "Careware" database are still required. Department officials told us that the target completion date is March 2012. Status – March 2012 Follow-up Pending Implementation scheduled for May 2012. Follow-up scheduled for June 2012. Status – September 2011 In Process. The "Careware" database discussed in Recommendation 3 will help fully implement this recommendation. Department officials told us that the target completion date is March 2012.
10-07 Purchasing	
Warehouse Operations Report Issued 03/17/2010 First follow up October 2011	
#1 The Warehouse Manager should ensure that written policies and procedures are issued for its warehouse operations function as required by PPM CW-O-001. Written policies and procedures should include guidelines for ordering, receiving, storing, and issuing of stock items from the Warehouse.	Status – March 2012 In Process PPMs have been drafted and are being reviewed by the Department Director as of the end of May 2012. PPM issuance expected in June 2012.
#3 The Purchasing Department Director should study the issue of	Status – September 2011 In Process. Department Director estimated completion of PPMs by March 2012. Status – March 2012
cost effectiveness of warehouse operations considering the issues	In process. Department

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contained in this report and the impact of the move to the new warehouse in 2010. Issues include whether (a) full cost recovery should be considered in warehouse pricing, (b) cost savings extend to other items not included in our sample, (c) governmental agencies other than those under the BCC should be charged for supplies and storage, and (d) County departments and agencies should be able to buy supplies from vendors rather than the warehouse, thus reducing the number of items needed to be	Director is working with Administration to develop a scope and process for implementing the study of warehouse operations. Projected completion of this process is expected in June 2012.
stored at the warehouse.	Status – September 2011 In process. Department Director told us that additional time is needed to conduct study. She estimated a revised completion date as March 2012.
#4 The Purchasing Department Director should develop written policies and procedures for the storage of items in the Warehouse. These procedures should include who can store items in the Warehouse, how to request storage space and any restrictions on types of items the Warehouse will store.	Status – March 2012 In Process PPMs have been drafted and are being reviewed by the Department Director as of the end of May 2012. PPM issuance expected in June 2012. Status – September 2011 In process. Department Director stated that PPMs should be completed by March 2012.
10-17 Engineering & Public Works	
Land Development Division	
Report Issued 06/23/2010 First follow-up October 2011 Second follow up April 2012	
#1 The Land Development Division Director should ensure that a report is generated by the ePermits system when modifications are made to user access. The report should identify the status (active or inactive), level of access, assigned role(s), and agency for all users in the security table highlighting the records modified and identifying the date of the modification and the user id used to make the modification.	Status - March 2012 Complete. Our review showed that management has implemented a system. Status - September 2011 In process. Our testing shows that the Land Development Division Director is provided

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	information on certain types of changes, but not others. Final implementation is expected December 2011.
10-23 Fire Rescue	
Bureau of Safety Services	
Report Issued 09/15/2010	
First follow-up October 2011	
#1 The Bureau of Safety Service Deputy Chief should establish internal control procedures to ensure that false alarm activations are billed in accordance with the Code.	Status - March 2012 Follow-up Pending Implementation scheduled for May, 2012; follow-up scheduled for June, 2012.
	Status – September 2011 In process. New software system has been purchased and, according to Department official, should be implemented by December 2011.
#2 The Bureau of Safety Service Deputy Chief should establish and implement internal controls to ensure that fire inspections are billed in accordance with the Code.	Status - March 2012 Follow-up Pending Implementation scheduled for May, 2012; follow-up scheduled for June, 2012.
	Status – September 2011 In process. New software system has been purchased and, according to Department official, should be implemented by December 2011.
11-03 Administration	
Global Spectrum	
Report Issued 12/08/2010 First follow up October 2011 Second follow up future	
#1 The Deputy County Administrator should modify the requirement to submit the Operations Manual for review and approval annually.	Status - March 2012 Follow-up Pending Implementation scheduled for April, 2012; follow-up scheduled for May, 2012.

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#2 The Deputy County Administrator should amend the requirements of the annual audit removing the requirement for a letter from the accounting firm expressing its opinion as to the effectiveness of internal controls.	Status – September 2011 In process. Deputy County Administrator decided not to amend contract which was in its final year. She expects to include new provisions in RFP when issued next year. Status - March 2012 Follow-up Pending Implementation scheduled for April, 2012; follow-up scheduled for May, 2012. Status - September 2011 In process. Deputy County Administrator decided not to amend contract which was in its final year. She expects to include new provisions in RFP when issued next year.
11-05 Administration	
Report Issued 12/08/2010 First follow-up October 2011 Second follow-up May 2012 #1 The Assistant County Administrator should ensure that follow-up is made of all PPMs that are still shown as under review/revision by departments, particularly those where efforts have been ongoing for more than one year.	Status - March 2012 In process. Our review showed management has taken action to monitor and follow-up on PPMs due for updating. However, at the time of our review 22 PPMs that were pending following
	our previous follow-up are still pending. We will follow-up again in December 2012. Status – September 2011 In process. Audit follow up showed that 80 percent of Countywide PPMs have been updated as required at August 2011. However,

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#2 The Assistant County Administrator should ensure that instructions are provided to all departments regarding the need to include target dates for review/revision of PPMs and follow-up periodically to see that the time frames are met or reasons provided for any extension.	there were still 48 or 20 percent of PPMs still not updated. Management did not meet the target date. New target date set by the Assistant County Administrator is December 31, 2011. Status - March 2012 In process. Our review showed management has taken action to monitor and follow-up on PPMs due for updating. However, at the time of our review 22 PPMs that were pending following our previous follow-up are still pending. We will follow-up again in December 2012. Status - September 2011 In process. Audit follow up showed that instructions were provided to departments for review/revision. However, 20 percent of PPMs were still non-compliant with County policy at August 2011. New target date set by Assistant County Administrator is December 31, 2011.
11-09 Housing & Community Development	
Commission on Affordable Housing	
Report Issued 12/08/2010	
First follow-up May 2012	
#1 The HCD Department Director should ensure that reports are submitted as required by the PBC Affordable Housing Ordinance and Resolution R94-158.	Complete. Follow up in May 2012 showed that management submitted reports were submitted as required, however due to lack of a quorum, the reports had not yet been

Exhibit 6 – Recommendation Status at March 31, 2012 - Page 7 of 22

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#2 The HCD Department Director should ensure that the required Homebuyer Education Certificates are obtained for the two NSP-1 loans approved without this evidence.	submitted to the BCC. We believe sufficient action has been taken to close this audit recommendation. Complete. Follow up in May 2012 showed that management submitted the certificates as required.
#3 The HCD Department Director should ensure that reviews are made of the two NSP-1 loans approved when (a) household size was not adequately verified, and (b) the loan amount was in excess of NSP-1 guidelines. If either of the two reviews shows that the recipients were ineligible or that the amount loaned was excessive, the HCD Department Director should act to remedy the errors.	Complete. Follow up in May 2012 showed that management had reviewed the loans in questions and resolved any issues.
#4 The HCD Department Director should ensure that a review is made of eligibility for an expanded sample of SHIP, HOME, and NSP-1 loans. We will review the results of this expanded sample when performing our follow-up on prior audit recommendations.	Complete. Follow up in May 2012 showed that management had performed a complete review of eligibility in conjunction with adoption of the Calyx Point loan servicing system.
#5 The HCD Department Director should ensure that follow-up actions on the remaining 130 SHIP program recipients are completed in a timely manner, and that any recipient found to be ineligible be referred to the County Attorney's Office for evaluation as to whether action is appropriate.	In Process. Follow up in May 2012 showed that management had not yet completed action on the 130 SHIP program recipients. Management believed final action will be taken by September 30, 2012.
#6 The HCD Department Director should ensure that timely action is taken to refer the three SHIP program recipients found to no longer be eligible for the loans to the County Attorney's Office. #7 The HCD Department Director should ensure that monitoring	Complete. Follow up in May 2012 showed that management sent the files to the County Attorney's Office for action. However, no action was taken as the County Attorney concluded that foreclosure action would have been cost prohibitive on two loans. The third case found that the recipient was residing in the home. Complete. Follow up in

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is performed for the entire SHIP and HOME program portfolios. This would involve follow-up on portfolios encompassing more than 2,000 loans valued at more than \$50 million.	May 2012 showed that management uploaded all 2,624 loans into a new Calyx Point system database and are now monitoring the entire universe of loans.
#8 The HCD Department Director should ensure that SHIP and HOME loan portfolios are monitored and the results of these actions are tracked and recorded using automated systems such as a fully functional database. The present use of spreadsheets is not sufficient to track results timely and accurately.	Complete. Follow up in May 2012 showed that the use of spreadsheets has been discontinued as management now tracks using the Calyx Point system.
#9 The HCD Department Director should ensure that foreclosure information tracked for the SHIP and HOME programs is complete, accurate and up-to-date. He should eliminate the backlog of lis pendens and foreclosures needing to be added to the spreadsheet, and coordinate with the County Attorney's Office to ensure that all notices are received.	Complete. Follow up in May 2012 showed that management now tracks all foreclosure information as part of the Calyx Point system and is currently upto-date.
11-10 County Library	
Main Library Follow-up on Previous Recommendations	
Report Issued 12/08/2010 First follow up September 2011 Second follow-up January 2012	
#4 The Library Department Director should ensure that an accounts receivable account is established in the County's financial system for fines and comply with requirements of PPM CW-F-048 regarding reports to the County's Debt Collection Coordinator.	Status – March 2012 Complete. The County Administrator approved an exception to the PPM requirements for the Library in January 2012. Internal Audit supports the position reflected in the exception.
	Status – September 2011 In process. Library Department Director to request exemption from PPM requirement by December 2011.
11-14 Information Systems Services	
Voice Services	
Report Issued 03/16/2011 containing 4 recommendations.	

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#1 The ISS Department Director should require the individual receiving the loaner device to sign for and date the loaner log at the time of issue and when the loaner device is returned, as evidence of the change in custody and timeframe of the loan.	Follow-up Pending Department implementation scheduled for April 2012. Follow-up scheduled for May 2012.
#2 The ISS Department Director should modify the PPM to allow the monitoring of loaner device usage by ISS and charge the borrowing department for device usage only when notable abuse is found.	Follow-up Pending Department implementation scheduled for April 2012. Follow-up scheduled for May 2012.
#3 The ISS Department Director should ensure that changes in ownership/status of cellular communication devices is communicated to the Sierra Gold Call Management systems administrator to ensure accurate reporting to the departments.	Follow-up Pending Department implementation scheduled for April 2012. Follow-up scheduled for May 2012.
#4 The ISS Department Director should ensure that a copy of the Statement of Use form is submitted as required.	Follow-up Pending Department implementation scheduled for April 2012. Follow-up scheduled for May 2012.
11-15 Planning, Zoning and Building	
Public Service Tax - Electricity & Franchise Fees	
Report Issued 03/16/2011 containing 2 recommendations for PZB action. First follow-up May 2012	
#1 The Planning, Zoning and Building Department Director should ensure that Lake Worth Utilities is provided a current listing of addresses for levying the Public Service Tax.	Complete. Management provided a current address listing to Lake Worth Utilities.
#2 The Planning, Zoning and Building Department Director should ensure that address listing are made available to electricity providers quarterly as required by Florida Statute. Address listings may be made available to providers through notification that the current address listing is available on the County or other website.	Complete. Management informed FPL and Lake Worth Utilities of the availability of updated address listings on the PZB website and is posting quarterly updates to the web site.
11-16 Public Safety	
Justice Services Division	
Report Issued 03/16/2011 First follow-up May 2012	
#1 The Justice Services Division Director should evaluate the statistical reporting information distributed by the Pre-Trial and	Complete. Management has added statement to clarify

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SOR Manager to determine if the report recipients should receive either "revisions" or quarterly reports which update variances to the original monthly reports.	information 'as of' date.
#2 The Justice Services Division Director should ensure that the job description for the Volunteer Coordinator reflects actual job responsibilities and duties. This would include the addition of case management duties if the Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for this function.	Complete. Management stated that position was eliminated as part of FY2012 budget reductions.
11-20 Palm Tran IT Systems	
Report Issued 03/16/2011	
 #1 The Palm Tran Executive Director should ensure compliance with County Security Policy Manual System Access Control and Access Privileges Policies (CWO-59- 17.0) and COBIT standards. These should include: Complete, accurate and timely tracking of the in/out off all backup media inventory. Backup media inventory is protected from physical and environmental hazards during transit and storage. A periodic onsite inspection of the offsite storage facility and of backup media inventory at the facility. 	Status - March 2012 In process. Management stated that they were still working on changes that would comply with the criteria contained in the audit recommendation. Revised date of implementation is July 31, 2012.
#2 The Palm Tran Executive Director should implement the use of an asset management system for all software assets (licenses) owned and used by Palm Tran. This should include the three components of the COBIT standard: Asset Register; Asset Labeling; and Asset Status Reporting.	Status - March 2012 In process. Management stated that until recently, their search for an adequate system did not yield results. However, they believe that a system has been identified to accomplish goals. Date of implementation is July 31, 2012.
11-21 Palm Tran	
Transportation Disadvantaged Bus Pass Program	
Report Issued 03/16/2011 First follow-up October 2011 Second follow-up May 2012	
#6 The PTC Director should consult with Palm Tran's Information Technology Department and/or Palm Beach County's Information System Services Department to develop and	Status - March 2012 In process. Follow up in May 2012 disclosed that

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implement a computer-assisted or web-based data base to be used by PTC and all participating agencies.	management is working with ISS to develop a system. We will follow-up in September 2012.
	Status – September 2011 In process. Audit follow up showed that Palm Tran and the ISS department have been reviewing a database developed by another notfor-profit agency. However, it will take additional time for the review to be completed. According to Palm Tran, further information should be available by January 2012.
11-22 Administration	
Countywide Audit of Take Home Vehicles	
Report Issued 06/15/2011	
#1 The County Administrator should ensure that all employees assigned 24-hour vehicles meet the criteria specified in Countywide PPM CW-O-021, i.e., the assignment is of benefit to the County and not made as a benefit of employment or convenience to the individual. Actions to achieve this objective could include:	Follow-up Pending Implementation scheduled for June 30, 2012. Follow-up scheduled for July 31, 2012.
 Reviewing/Updating PPM CW-O-021 to comply with PPM CW-O-001 entitled "Policies and Procedures Memoranda" dated February 2010 requiring review/update every five years; Designating a senior County official overall responsibility for program administration and compliance. Requiring an analysis of the costs related to the commute portion of 24-hour vehicles, including, among others, fuel, maintenance, vehicle devaluation, and risk (accident cost). Analysis could lead to consideration of alternatives to 24-hour vehicle assignment, such as limiting use of vehicles to nontake home use only, or eliminating vehicles used primarily for personal commuting purposes. 	Follow up Donding
#2 The County Administrator should ensure that assignments of 24-hour vehicles to employees are maintained centrally, and that all departments having such assignments be required to periodically report to this central management official.	Follow-up Pending Implementation scheduled for June 30, 2012. Follow-up scheduled for
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Complete. Our review showed training had been provided and continues to be provided to staff, and that reconciliations are being conducted as recommended. Complete. Our review showed that Liability Waivers are being collected and that reconciliations are being conducted as recommended.
Status – March 2012 Complete. Follow up in May 2012 showed that management had presented a business plan to the BCC on August 20, 2011.

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connection fees and other services to be provided.	Status – September 2011 In process. The ISS Department Director stated that a business plan would be presented to the BCC by the end of November 2011.
#2 The ISS Department Director should perform a comprehensive review of all current agreements and prepare, for BCC review and approval, amendments necessary due to (a) changes that may have been made subsequent to BCC approval as in the case of the School Board, and (b) inclusion of erroneous and misleading payment provisions.	Status – March 2012 In process. Follow up in May 2012 showed that the comprehensive review had not yet been submitted to the BCC. Target date is September 30, 2012.
	Status – September 2011 In process. The ISS Department Director stated that the review would be part of what is presented to the BCC by the end of November 2011.
#3 The ISS Department Director should ensure that the standardized rate structure is supported by methodology as to the manner in which such rate(s) were established. In this regard, the ISS Department Director should consider the use of an outside rate consultant to define 'competiveness' of the proposed rates.	Status – March 2012 Complete. Our review showed that the rate structure and methodology had been approved by the BCC on January 25, 2012
	Status – September 2011 In Process. The ISS Department Director stated that the rate structure methodology would be part of the presentation to the BCC by the end of November 2011.
11-26 Housing & Community Development	
ARRA Internal Controls & Reporting	
Report Issued 06/15/2011	
First follow-up April 2012	Complete E-11
#1 The HCD Department Director should ensure that efforts are made to correct the error made on the federal CDBG-R report for	Complete . Follow up in May 2012 showed that
the quarter ended September 30, 2010.	management made several

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#2 The HCD Director should ensure that senior management review all data to be included in reports to the federal government prior to final submission of the report. #3 The HCD Department Director should ensure that a written agreement between the Department and EDO is prepared to address EDO's administrative requirements. The agreement should include provisions relating to the statement of work, records and reports, and program income. #4 The HCD Department Director should ensure that additional PPMs are expeditiously developed for the ARRA grants to guide staff in program implementation and compliance with the grant agreements.	efforts to correct the error made on the Federal report; however, the report remained in error. We consider management actions sufficient to consider the recommendation as closed. Complete. Follow up in May 2012 showed that management had taken alternative action to have Section Managers review all information. We consider this action as responsive to the audit recommendation. Complete. Follow up in May 2012 showed that an agreement had been implemented in response to the audit recommendation. Complete. Follow up in May 2012 showed that an additional PPMs, sufficient to provide guidance on the ARRA grants, had been issued.
11-28 Risk Management Prescriptions	
Report Issued 09/21/2011 First follow-up May 2012 #1 The Risk Management Department Director should design and implement an outreach or educational program such as that implemented in Orange and Hillsborough counties, informing Palm Beach County employees of the participating company programs for generic drug prescriptions. Information to be provided could consist of handouts, information of participating company internet sites, and charts showing popular use prescriptions and the savings that could accrue to employees as well as to the County.	Complete. Management implemented an outreach/education program to Palm Beach County employees and their dependents during the Open Enrollment Plan Year 2012. This included Open Enrollment in-person meetings attended by 694 employees. In addition, new employees receive handouts during their orientation training. We concur with

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#2 The Risk Management Department Director should design and implement a formal follow-up program to determine the effectiveness of its outreach or educational program. This could consist of trend analyses of the County/employee cost of filling generic drug prescriptions, as well as employee surveys obtaining information on whether employees are using the alternative programs and the reasons for employee participation or lack of participation.	management actions. Follow-up Pending Scheduled implementation date is January 31, 2013. Scheduled follow-up date is February 28, 2013.
11-31 Office of Financial Management & Budget	
Interdepartmental Billings	
Report Issued 09/21/2011	
First follow-up May 2012	C 14 M
#1 The OFMB Department Director should ensure that departmental interdepartmental billing procedures submitted to OFMB as required by PPM CW-F-044 are reviewed and approved.	Complete. Management submitted the results of its review of interdepartmental billing procedures for each department.
#2 The OFMB Department Director should ensure that departmental interdepartmental billing rate calculations submitted to OFMB as required by PPM CW-F-044 are reviewed and approved.	Complete. Management reviewed but did not formally approve billing rate calculations as they believed such review would have required more audit-type work. We concur with management's actions.
#3 The OFMB Director should reconsider the changes proposed to PPM CW-F-041 and continue its responsibilities for review and approval of both procedures and annual billing rates.	Complete. Management stated that it had revised PPM CW-F-044 in August 2011 retaining its responsibilities except for approving the billing calculations. We concur with management's actions.
11-31 County Attorney	
Interdepartmental Billings	
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auditee). First follow-up May 2012	
#4 The County Attorney should either seek an exception to the	Complete. Management
PPM requirement for use of full cost in developing	told us that the County

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interdepartmental billing rates or ensure compliance with PPM CW-F-044 by submitting actual billing rates to OFMB for review and approval annually.	Attorney's Office has issued a PPM on the subject. However, it stated that the County Attorney's Office is not subject to County-wide PPMs. We concur with management actions.
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11-32 Water Utilities Inventory Warehouse	
Report Issued 09/21/2011	
First follow-up April 2012	
#1 The WUD Director should take steps to ensure that that records of inventory are periodically compared to on hand quantities and that adjustments are made as necessary to the records.	In process. Management issued a PPM to address performing cycle counts. The procedures have not yet been implemented in both warehouses. Management expects full implementation by October 1, 2012.
#2 The WUD Director should ensure that discrepancies found during the periodic counts are investigated, documented and that appropriate management action is taken.	In process. Management issued a PPM to address performing cycle counts. The procedures have not yet been implemented in both warehouses. Management expects full implementation by October 1, 2012.
#3 The WUD Director should ensure that inventories are periodically examined for obsolete items and that those items are properly segregated, disposed of and that records are appropriately updated.	Complete. Our review showed obsolete items were being identified and reviewed by management for disposition.
#4 The WUD Director should establish a Department policy addressing obsolete, damaged or surplus items. The policy should address the requirements of Countywide PPM CW-F-059 and establish how that policy will be implemented in WUD.	Complete. Management issued a PPM as recommended. Our review showed the new procedures were implemented.
#5 The WUD Director should ensure that changes to stock requisitions which occur after initial supervisory approval are also approved before stock issuance. The WUD Director should take actions to ensure that stock shortages or stock outs are minimized and that inventory ordering procedures incorporate consideration of stock utilization levels and order fulfillment lead times.	In process. Management issued a PPM to address inventory management. Our review showed monitoring reports for stock-outs and backorders are still being developed. Management

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	expects full implementation by October 1, 2012.
#6 The WUD Director should ensure that all tools and equipment assigned to the tool rooms are controlled and accounted for.	In process. Management issued PPMs to address tool room inventories. Our review showed several items still in process relating to a fully reconciled master tool inventory and controls over tagging tool assets. Management expects full implementation by October 1, 2012.
#7 The WUD Director should review and update as necessary PPM L-008 and ensure that Warehouse staff comply with the requirements of that PPM.	In process. Management issued PPMs to address tool room inventories. Our review showed several items still in process relating to a fully reconciled master tool inventory and controls over tagging tool assets. Management expects full implementation by October 1, 2012.
#8 The WUD Director should research its history of past issuance of tools and ensure that all tools issued have been returned. Further research should be performed in cases where tools remain unaccounted for.	Complete. Management has implemented controls over tool inventories to account for tool issuances and returns.
11-33 Administration Consultants Overhead Rates	
Report Issued 09/21/2011 First follow-up April 2012	
 #1 The County Administrator should consider revising PPM CW-O-066 to: Require departments providing consultant services under federal or state grants to comply with the requirements set forth in their agreements. Departments should implement a PPM that meets the requirements of the grantor(s). Require departments providing consultant services using funds from other than federal/state sources, i.e., County (ad-valorem or other) funds, to implement a PPM to help ensure compliance with Florida Statute 287.055 requiring that consultant contracts be fair, competitive, and 	Complete. Management issued a revised PPM-CW-O-066 on January 20, 2012 which substantially met the intent of the audit recommendation.

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reasonable. Department PPMs should specifically identify how the Statute requirement for making a detailed cost analysis is to be met.	
11-34 Office of Financial Management & Budget Public Service Tax - Ferrellgas	
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#2 The OFMB Director should consider modifying the County Ordinance 89-13 to specifically identify the acceptable databases to be used by companies supplying gas subject to the County's Public Service Tax. Databases that could be acceptable include PAPA, PZB and the State of Florida.	Complete. Management amended County Ordinance 89-13 on November 15, 2011 to include acceptable databases for use by sellers of electricity.
12-01 County Administration	
Cell Phone Stipend Audit	
Report Issued 12/21/2011	
#1. County department directors should ensure an annual review of the business need for stipends authorized within their department is performed to determine if stipends should be added, changed or discontinued as required by Countywide PPM CW-O-085. The review of the business need should include a comparison of the voice service level and any additional services approved on the Cell phone Stipend Authorization form to the employee's monthly cell phone bills.	Follow-up Pending Implementation scheduled for April, 2012. Follow-up scheduled for May, 2012.
#2. County department directors should review the individual cases of those employees cited in this report as being outside of the business cell phone usage (either over or under) that warranted by the stipend level, and take appropriate corrective action.	Follow-up Pending Implementation scheduled for April, 2012. Follow-up scheduled for May, 2012.
#3 The Facilities Development and Operations Department Director should ensure that: (a) the employee utilizing a cell phone service provider that does not provide the details needed to substantiate business usage either change cell phone providers or terminate the stipend, and (b) change is made to the one employee's stipend which includes a data plan to remove the allowance until a data plan is purchased, and review the stipend received by the employee since January 2009 and recoup any excess funds received.	Follow-up Pending Implementation scheduled for April, 2012. Follow-up scheduled for May, 2012.
#4. The OFMB Department Director should ensure that submissions of lists of employees who have been approved to receive cell phone stipends are made part of the formal budget	Follow-up Pending Implementation scheduled for April, 2012.

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process.	Follow-up scheduled for May, 2012.
#5. The OFMB Department Director should require department	Follow-up Pending
directors to provide a listing of stipend recipients generated by the	Implementation scheduled
Payroll Department with the required documentation submitted to	for April, 2012.
OFMB as part of the annual operating budget process to ensure	Follow-up scheduled for
the lists agree.	May, 2012.
#6. The Facilities Development and Operation Department	Follow-up Pending
Director should submit a discontinuance of the employee's	Implementation scheduled
stipend and review the stipend received by the employee who	for April, 2012.
transferred from the department in February 2011 and recoup any	Follow-up scheduled for
excess funds received.	May, 2012.
#7. County department directors should ensure that County	Follow-up Pending
employees requesting cell phone stipends have not been issued	Implementation scheduled
County owned cell phones.	for April, 2012.
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#8. The Deputy County Administrator should review the stipend	Follow-up Pending
received by the TDC employee and recoup any funds received	Implementation scheduled
from February 2010 through the date that the cell phone was	for April, 2012.
transferred to his personal account.	Follow-up scheduled for
	May, 2012.
12-02 Parks and Recreation	
Cash Collections Audit	
Report issued 12/21/2011	
# 1. The Recreation Services Division Director should ensure that	Follow-up Pending
the Okeeheelee Nature Center Manager prepares the appropriate	Implementation scheduled
deposit form and submits the funds to the Department's Revenue	for January 2012.
Section in a timely manner.	Follow-up scheduled for
·	June 2012.
#2. The Parks Maintenance Division Director should ensure that	Follow-up Pending
the need for change funds at the South Bay Campground is	Implementation scheduled
reviewed and the number is reduced to that only necessary for	for January 2012.
providing change for cash transactions.	Follow-up scheduled for
	June 2012.
#3. The Recreation Services Division Director and the Parks	Follow-up Pending
Maintenance Division Director should review policies concerning	Implementation scheduled
the holding of customer deposits and cancellation refunds and	for January 2012.
adopt a uniform policy for such if conditions at facilities are	Follow-up scheduled for
judged similar.	June 2012.
#4. The Aquatics Division Director should ensure that policies	Follow-up Pending
regarding complimentary passes at County pools are reviewed	Implementation scheduled
and modified as necessary to ensure consistent handling at each	for January 2012.

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facility.	Follow-up scheduled for June 2012.
#5. The Parks Maintenance Division Director should ensure that periodic checks are made of campground utilization and that occupied sites are reconciled to the accounting records.	Follow-up Pending Implementation scheduled for January 2012. Follow-up scheduled for June 2012.
12-03 Water Utilities Cash Collections	
Report Issued 12/20/2011 First follow-up May 2012	
#1 The WUD Director of Finance and Administration should ensure that GUA again requests the Pahokee City Manager to allow the drop box to be repositioned to the main Pahokee City Hall.	Complete. Follow up in May 2012 showed that management had opted to install its own lockbox at the Pahokee City Hall. We consider this appropriate given that the Pahokee City Manager did not respond to requests.
#2 The WUD Director of Finance and Administration should ensure that GUA cashiers at the Pahokee collection site are required to check the drop box only one time per business day.	Complete. Follow up in May 2012 showed that the drop box is checked only one time per business day.
#4 The WUD Director of Finance and Administration should ensure that GUA requires cashiers to forward copies of all customer receipts to GUA Headquarters as part of the daily work packets. The receipts should be kept in the order in which they were issued in order to facilitate verification by the Senior Customer Service Specialist. #5 The WUD Director of Finance and Administration should ensure that GUA corrects, in coordination with the bank, the four deposit errors in March 2011 identified by the audit.	Complete. Follow up in April 2012 showed that the recommendation had been implemented with few minor exceptions found in our audit tests. We consider the recommendation closed. In process. Follow up in April 2012 showed that the recommendation had been partially implemented. Management established a new implementation date of August 31, 2012.
#6 The WUD Director of Finance and Administration should ensure that GUA bank reconciliations are performed as required.	Complete. Follow up in April showed that bank reconciliations were up-to-date.
#7 The WUD Director of Finance and Administration should ensure that GUA adds requirements for the use of manual receipts and the treatment of post-dated checks to its written policies and	Complete. Follow up in April 2012 showed that new PPMs were issued covering

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