

AGE-WELL NCE Inc.

Financial statements

March 31, 2023



Independent auditor's report

To the Members of
AGE-WELL NCE Inc.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **AGE-WELL NCE Inc.** [the "Network"], which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2023, and the statement of operations and changes in unrestricted net assets and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Network as at March 31, 2023, and its results of operations, its changes in net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Network in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Network's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Network or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Network's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Network's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Network's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Network to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Ernst & Young LLP

Toronto, Canada
September 22, 2023

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants



AGE-WELL NCE Inc.

Statement of financial position

As at March 31

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	506,467	435,373
Due from University Health Network <i>[note 7]</i>	3,940,186	8,998,484
Unspent research grants held at participating institutions	2,586,549	3,210,906
Accounts receivable <i>[note 3]</i>	216,620	57,425
Prepaid expenses	5,000	3,109
	7,254,822	12,705,297
Liabilities and net assets		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities <i>[note 4]</i>	148,197	132,327
Total current liabilities	148,197	132,327
Deferred contributions <i>[note 5]</i>	6,590,027	12,132,831
Total liabilities	6,738,224	12,265,158
Commitments <i>[note 8]</i>		
Net assets		
Unrestricted	516,598	440,139
	7,254,822	12,705,297

See accompanying notes

On behalf of the Board:


Director


Director

AGE-WELL NCE Inc.

Statement of operations and changes in unrestricted net assets

Year ended March 31

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Networks of Centres of Excellence grant <i>[note 5]</i>	6,580,008	5,706,947
Grant from other partners/organizations <i>[note 5]</i>	17,291	58,163
Other sources of funds	65,769	51,268
	6,663,068	5,816,378
Expenses		
Research and training <i>[note 7]</i>	4,873,209	4,645,682
Networking meetings and events	534,435	76,348
Communications	354,251	223,201
Professional fees	57,467	46,801
Travel	5,919	6,091
Administration	761,328	772,403
	6,586,609	5,770,526
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	76,459	45,852
Unrestricted net assets, beginning of year	440,139	394,287
Unrestricted net assets, end of year	516,598	440,139

See accompanying notes

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Statement of cash flows

Year ended March 31

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Operating activities		
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	76,459	45,852
Changes in non-cash working capital balances related to operations		
Decrease (increase) in due from University Health Network	5,058,298	(2,846,374)
Decrease in unspent research grants held at participating institutions	624,357	262
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	(159,195)	29,704
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	(1,891)	329
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	15,870	(128,524)
Increase (decrease) in deferred contributions	(5,542,804)	2,981,890
Cash provided by operating activities	71,094	83,139
Net increase in cash during the year	71,094	83,139
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	435,373	352,234
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	506,467	435,373

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1. Nature of operations

The Networks of Centres of Excellence [the “NCE”] program was created by the Government of Canada to mobilize Canadian research talent in the academic, private and public sectors and apply it to the task of developing the Canadian economy and improving the quality of life of Canadians. The NCE is a program of the Government of Canada administered jointly by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council [“NSERC”], the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council [“SSHRC”] and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research [“CIHR”], in partnership with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada and Health Canada.

In addition to the above federal funding, AGE-WELL NCE Inc. [the “Network”] is expected to receive partner funding, mostly from various industry players who collaborate with the Network in various programs and projects.

The Network is a not-for-profit organization incorporated as a corporation on November 18, 2014 without share capital under the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act* and is exempt from income taxes.

The Network has been established to achieve the following objectives:

- Establish a network of national and international research centres, industry and institutions that can develop and implement new technologies for healthy aging;
- Conduct world-class research in the field of technologies for healthy aging;
- Develop a transdisciplinary understanding of the technological and methodological aspects of technology for healthy aging, including an in-depth understanding of the needs of the population and the social, ethical and policy implications;
- Accelerate innovation through the training and mentorship of highly qualified personnel in unique, applied environments and through a core focus on commercialization, clinical application and knowledge mobilization;
- Foster strong networking and partnerships among academic, public, private and community sector stakeholders that will support the outcome of the Network and its partners; and
- Create capacity for Canada to establish its position as a global leader in the development of technologies for healthy aging.

The Network is operating under the Network Host Agreement effective March 10, 2015 with University Health Network [“UHN”], under which UHN serves as the host institution for the Network, providing facilities and services for the Network’s administrative centre.

In addition, the Network entered into the Networks of Centres of Excellence Network Agreement [the “Agreement”] with UHN and a number of universities and research centres within Canada [the “Network Members”]. The Agreement outlines how the Network’s funding of certain research activities carried out at Network Members is to be used and the obligations that the Network Members have with respect to such funding.

The NCE program has ended and all unspent funds will be spent in fiscal 2024. The Network has however applied for additional federal funding for five years, which, if successful, would commence April 1, 2024. In addition, the Network is a co-lead on a federally funded initiative, which will commence by the end of calendar year 2023 for five years and provide support for the continued operations of the Network.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Part III of the *CPA Canada Handbook – Accounting*, which sets out generally accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit organizations in Canada and includes the significant accounting policies summarized below.

Revenue recognition

The Network follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions, which include government and other grants. Externally restricted contributions are deferred when initially recorded in the accounts and recognized as revenue in the year in which the related eligible expenses are recognized. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when initially recorded in the accounts. Restricted and unrestricted contributions are recognized in the accounts when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Membership fees are initially recorded as deferred revenue and subsequently recognized as other revenue over the period of the membership.

Research programs expenses

Research programs expenses are recorded as expenses when they become payable. Committed research grants that will become payable in the future are summarized and disclosed as commitments in the notes to the financial statements [note 8].

Financial instruments

Financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, due from UHN, accounts receivable, unspent research grants held at participating institutions, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities, are initially recorded at fair value and are subsequently recorded at cost or amortized cost, net of any provisions for impairment.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Network is not subject to any significant financial risks related to these financial instruments.

Contributed materials and services

Contributed materials and services are not recognized in the financial statements.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of balances with banks and investments with a maturity of approximately three months or less at the date of purchase.

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3. Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable consist of the following:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Research funding	30,000	25,000
Other	186,620	32,425
	216,620	57,425

4. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities consist of the following:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Trade accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	95,697	71,297
Research funding payable to other institutions	52,500	61,030
	148,197	132,327

5. Deferred contributions

Deferred contributions represent unspent resources externally restricted for program expenses in future years. Changes in the deferred contributions balance are as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	12,132,831	9,150,941
Amounts received during the year – NCE <i>[note 6]</i>	1,026,995	8,672,000
Amounts received during the year – non-NCE	27,500	75,000
Amounts recognized as revenue during the year – NCE	(6,580,008)	(5,706,947)
Amounts recognized as revenue during the year – non-NCE	(17,291)	(58,163)
Balance, end of year	6,590,027	12,132,831

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6. Contributions

The Network currently generates substantially all of its revenue from the NCE funding agreement. The ability of the Network to continue operations is dependent upon this funding agreement remaining in effect.

The NCE contributed funding of \$36,605,194 for operations over a period of five years, from 2015 to 2019. On February 13, 2020, the NCE agreed to extend additional funding of \$21,948,995 to the Network for an additional period from 2020 to 2023 and on September 14, 2020 issued an amendment to extend the period to 2024. The funding is to be received according to the following schedule:

	NSERC \$	CIHR \$	SSHRC \$	Total \$
2020	4,375,000	1,000,000	200,000	5,575,000
2021	3,725,000	2,500,000	450,000	6,675,000
2022	5,672,000	2,500,000	500,000	8,672,000
2023	489,495	434,500	103,000	1,026,995
	14,261,495	6,434,500	1,253,000	21,948,995

The annual contributions noted above are released subject to:

- Parliamentary appropriation of the funds in each fiscal period;
- Satisfactory progress, as determined by the NCE Secretariat, towards predetermined milestones for the Network;
- Continuing eligibility of UHN as the host institution and the Network; and
- Compliance with the terms of the funding agreement.

In fiscal 2023, funding of \$1,026,995 [2022 – \$8,672,000] was received [note 5].

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NCE issued an amendment to the funding agreement to extend the period to spend the funds by an additional year to 2024.

7. Related party transactions

- [a] The Network is related to UHN by virtue of the fact that UHN is the host institution under the NCE program. Under the NCE Network Host Agreement, UHN provides office space and certain administrative and information technology support services to the Network at no cost.
- [b] All UHN employees engaged in the Network's programs or administration have the same benefits and terms as set out in employment terms and usual practice and rules followed by UHN as a host and ending with the Network's fulfillment of project terms or tenure.

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[c] Based on the funding agreement between the Network and the NCE, the NCE funds are to be administered by UHN. The amount due from UHN on the statement of financial position represents the funds held by UHN for the Network's NCE program.

[d] The Network, through its normal course of operations, has undertaken transactions with its Scientific Directors and Associate Scientific Directors. Grants provided to these directors for conducting research and training activities related to the Network's programs amounted to a combined total of \$385,000 [2022 – \$382,000].

Related party transactions are recorded at the exchange amount, being the amount of cash consideration paid or payable in respect of the transaction.

8. Commitments

Subsequent to year-end, the Network has committed to provide funding to institutional partners for fiscal 2024 of \$2,960,401. Included in these commitments are amounts committed with respect to Scientific Directors that are related parties in the amount of \$210,000.