



# *St Charles Parish Housing Authority*

## Summary Review of Activities of the St Charles Parish Housing Authority to the St Charles Parish Council

Benjamin R. Bell,  
Executive Director, St. Charles Parish Housing Authority (SCPHA)  
January 12, 2015

# SCPHA Mission



Promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity, and a suitable living environment without discrimination.

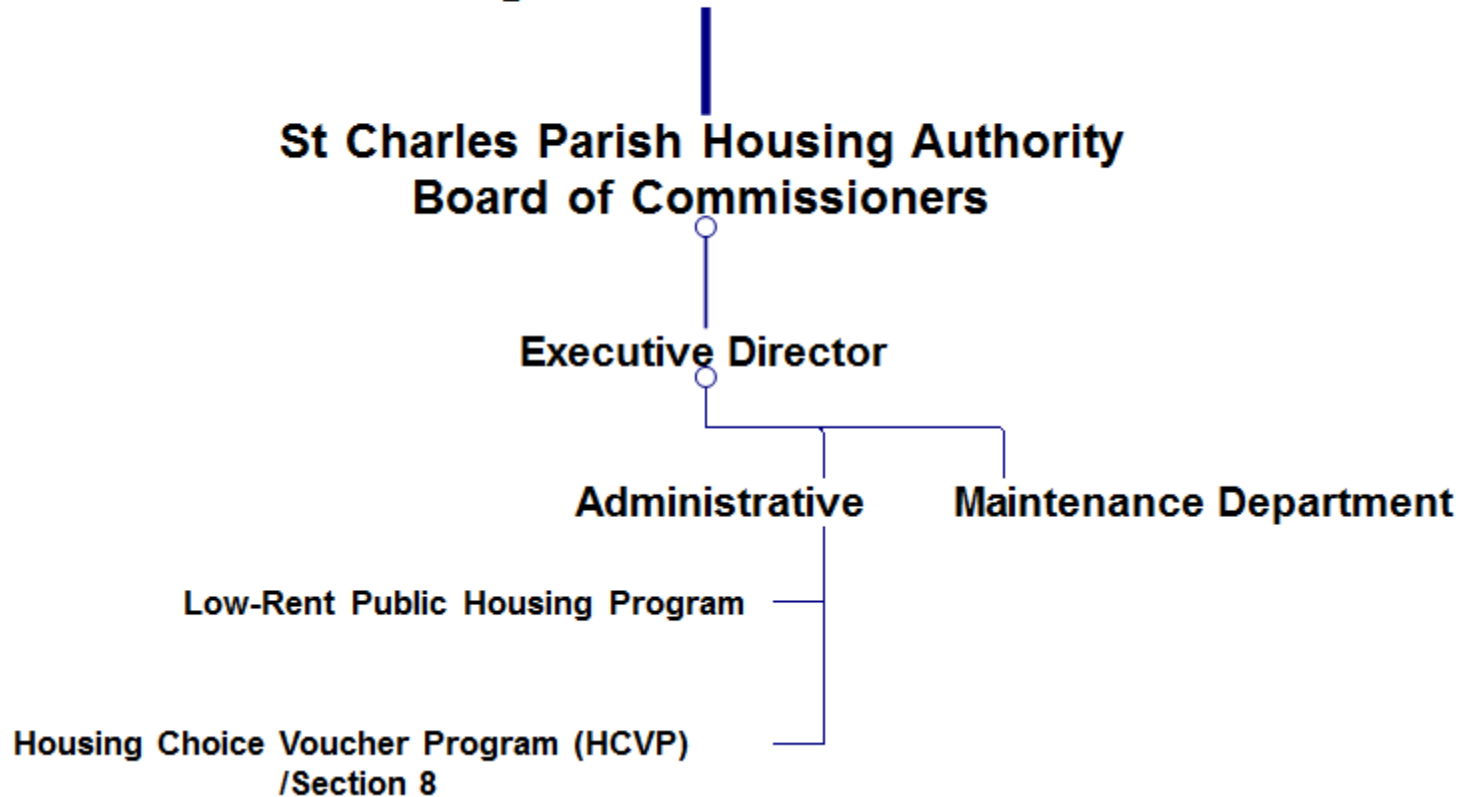
# SCPHA Goals



- Strategic goals:
  - Increase the availability of decent, safe and affordable housing in our communities;
  - Ensure equal opportunity in housing for all;
  - Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of families and individuals, and
  - Improve community quality of life and economic vitality.

# SCPHA Organization's Structure

## Housing Authority St. Charles Parish Organization Chart



# St. Charles Parish Housing Authority (SCPCHA) – Quick View – Public Housing

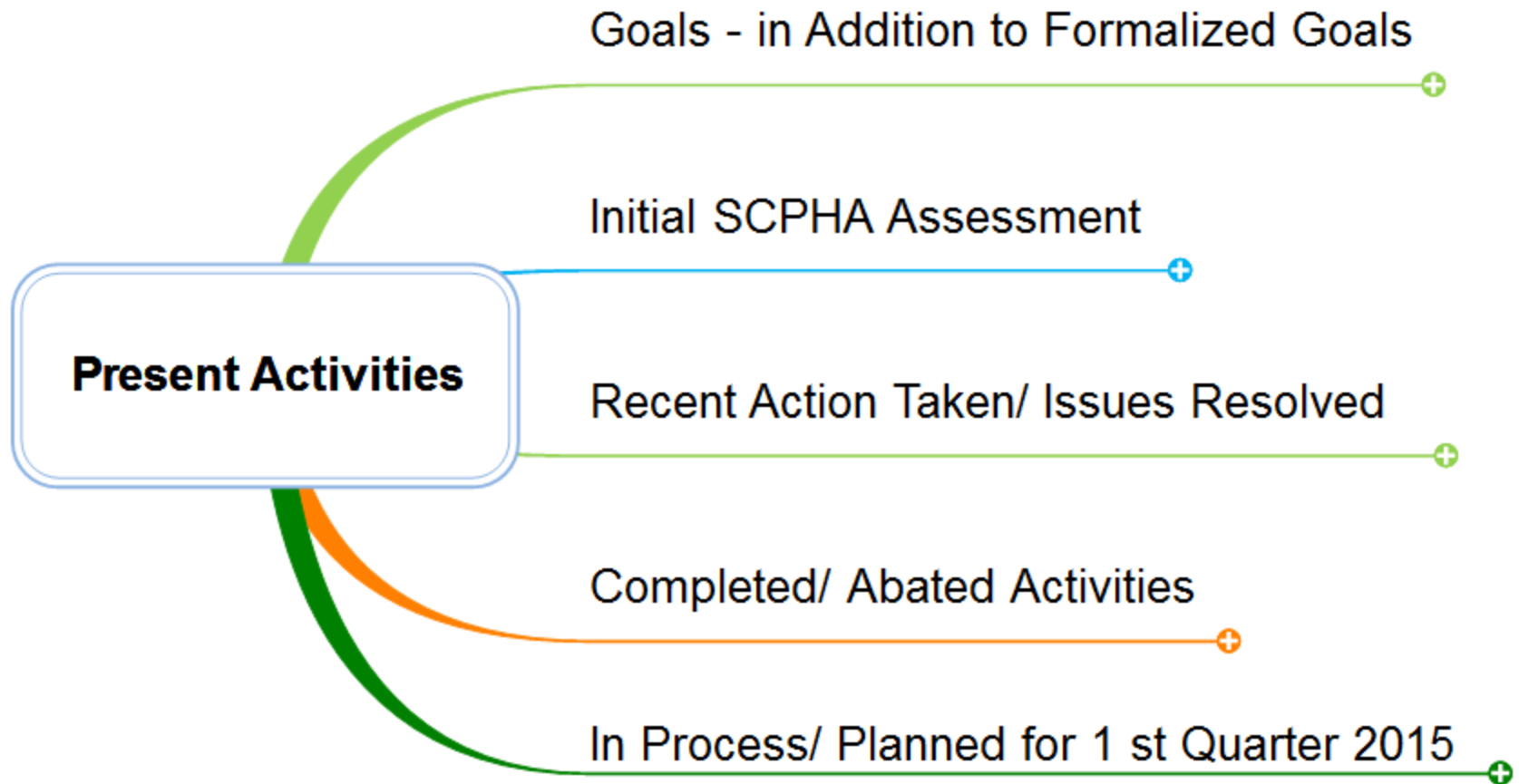
- LA 094 – Established 1969
- Total SCPCHA Public Housing Units – 129
  - Boutte Estates – Chadborne – 66; Vac. (1 ATO)
  - Hahnville - Richard Smith Complex – 51 (2 ATO)
  - Des Allemands – 12
- Population
  - SCPCHA Population – 334
  - Employed – 60
  - Unemployed – 29
  - Near Elderly (55+) – 30
  - Handicap/Disabled – 24

# St. Charles Parish Housing Authority (SCPCHA) – Quick View – HCVP



- Section 8/ Housing Choice Voucher Program
  - Total Participants – 187
  - Total Vouchers Including Portability Vouchers - 223
  - Total Vouchers Applicants Seeking Housing – 7
  - Vouchers for Release During Jan 2015 – 20-30  
(Including Possible Portability Participants)
  - Waiting List Closed (2007)

# SCPHA Immediate Actions



# SCPHA Immediate Goals



## Non-Formalized Goals

Gain Non-Troubled HUD Status

Improved Quality of life for residents

Improve Community Relationships

Highly Trained and Competent Staff

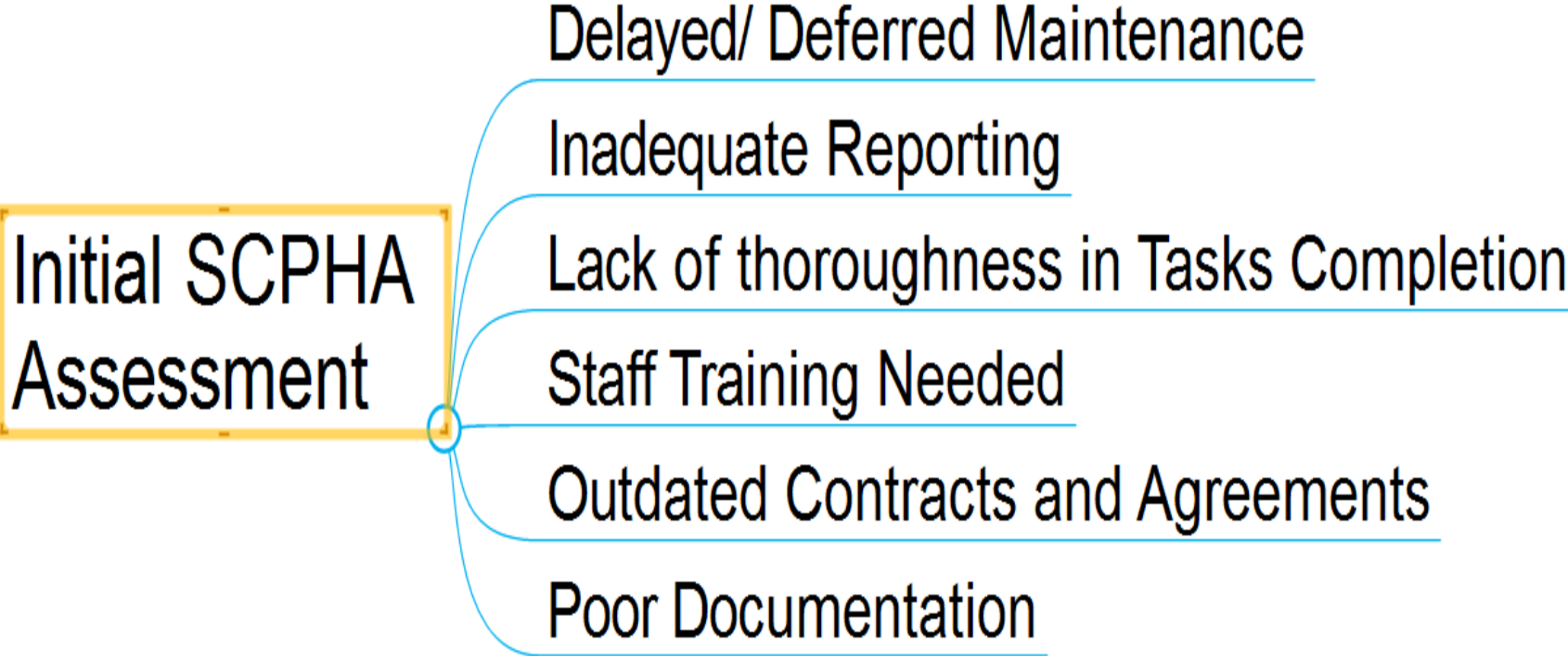
More Landlord Participants on Sec. 8 Program



# SCPCHA Initial Exec. Dir. Assessment



## Initial SCPCHA Assessment



Delayed/ Deferred Maintenance

Inadequate Reporting

Lack of thoroughness in Tasks Completion

Staff Training Needed

Outdated Contracts and Agreements

Poor Documentation

# SCPHA Activity

Recent Action Taken/  
Issues Resolved/

REAC Inspection completed; increase by 20 points

HCVP Record Reviewed by certified specialists

Vacancies reduced

98% Occupancy

Reduced Turnaround time

Routinized Activities

Proper Solicitation for Services

Quotes/RFPs

Reduced Work Order Backlog

Formalized Procedures

Street repair through Parish assistance

Responsibility & accountability

Training in Process or Scheduled

# SCPHA Activity



Completed/  
Abated Activities

Emergency Violations Resulting  
from REAC Inspection

Selected Siding Problems

Cover Plates Throughout Site - Chadborne

# SCPHA Activity

In Process/ Planned  
for 1st Quarter 2015

RFPs

Brick Restoration

Landscaping

Action Plans to HUD

Revision of Plans/ Studies +

Routine HUD Meetings

Video Examination of underground System

Curb Appel Improvements

Major Repairs +

Capital Fund Program

Revision of SOS Procedures

# SCPHA Activity



On behalf of the St Charles Parish Residents, the St. Charles Parish Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and myself, I thank the Parish and its officials for there continued support, open door policy and fast responses to our concerns. We look forward to a more productive relationship in 2015 that will not only make all of us proud, but offer even more service to our residents.