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The St. Charles Parish Council, Parish President Jewell and Parish Officials

**SCPHA Board of Commissioners:** 

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## **Our Mission:**

To provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for low to moderate income families throughout St. Charles Parish.

## **Agency Facts and Figures:**

SCPHA currently serves 47 families at the Boutte property, and 263 voucher holders that reside around the Parish through its Housing Choice Voucher program.

## **Funding Sources:**

FY24 Public House Operating Budget: \$815,800 (subsidy and rent collection)

FY24 Capital Project Funding: \$357,998 (HUD grant)

FY24 Housing Choice Voucher Admin Budget: \$245,800 (administrative subsidy)

FY24 Housing Choice Voucher Funding: \$3,000,000 (subsidy)



## **Public Housing Accomplishments**

## **HUD Assessment Score Improvements:**

- Increased from 18 (in 2023) to 77 in 2024.
- An accomplishment to be lauded as rarely do scores increase that much over a one year period.

### **New Inspection Process:**

- Implemented quarterly inspections to address maintenance issues proactively.
- Planning housekeeping seminars to clarify resident and agency responsibilities.

## **Timely HUD Submissions:**

- Audited & Un-audited Financial Data Schedules submitted
- FY25 Annual Plan & 5-Year Plan 2025-2029 Capital Fund Program Plans submitted

## **Improved Operating and Capital Fund Vouchering:**

More consistent drawdown of available HUD funding.

## **PIC System Score:**

Maintained a 100% score for timely resident reexaminations and inspections.



## **HCV Accomplishments**

### **Emerged from Shortfall Status:**

Intentionally adding new voucher recipients monthly while maintaining fiscal stability.

### **Program Growth:**

- HUD has increased allocated funding.
- Added an average of 3 new landlords per month.
- Planned Tenant and Landlord Webinar

#### **Performance Metrics:**

- Maintained "Standard Performer" SEMAP status, with steps to improve.
- PIC score increased from 99.5 to 99.8.



## **Agency-wide Strengths**

#### **New Fee Accountant:**

Successfully transitioned to 76Strategies, improving budgeting, reporting, and fiscal accountability.

### **Strengthening Internal Controls:**

Look forward to hiring a Finance Director within the next month.

## **System Upgrades:**

Anticipate moving to a new property management system in November with an integrated financial module.

## **Board & Staff Development:**

- Board members have received governance training.
- Providing staff training for new technology and systems.

### **5-Year Strategic Goals:**

- Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program: Promote goal making with financial incentives.
- Resident Opportunity for Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program: Connect residents with community resources.
- Homeownership Program: Convert rental subsidies to mortgage assistance.



## **Opportunities for Improvement**

#### Goal:

- Improve communication at every level of the organization.
- Improve community engagement.

#### **Initiatives:**

- Quarterly tenant and landlord webinars.
- Developed the first actionable Emergency Preparedness Plan with St. Charles Parish EOC.
- Utilizing the parish's mass text system.
- Upgrading the website and adding mass email capabilities.

#### **Public Invitation:**

Monthly Board of Commissioners meetings are open to the public (4th Tuesday, 6 PM, Council Chambers).



## **SCPHA Conversion Update**

#### The Setback:

 The nationwide termination of the Streamline Voluntary Conversion program halted our initial redevelopment plans.

### The Impact:

 This was a blow to the agency, residents, and stakeholders, as the process was key to redeveloping shuttered properties.

#### The Solution:

The Authority is now undertaking a RAD/Section 18 blend conversion program.

#### The Outcome:

- This will achieve the same results as the previous plan.
- Reposition and renovate the Boutte property and the Hahnville property
- Demolish and rebuild the Des Allemands property to bring them back online.

### **How it Works:**

Converts 90% of units to project-based vouchers and 10% to tax credit/HUD subsidy-based units.



## **SCPHA Conversion Update (cont.)**

### **Collaboration** is Key:

 We have been working with our local HUD field office and a HUD consultant since the beginning of the year.

### **Application in Progress:**

 Following a recent plan approval, we will begin working with our developer partner, Standard Enterprises, to upload the required application documents to the RAD Resource Desk.

#### **The Goal Remains:**

To accomplish our redevelopment and provide decent, safe, and quality affordable housing.

### **Funding Strategy:**

- Utilize current public housing capital funds and reserves.
- Reach out to local, state, and federal partners for resources to ensure project feasibility and completion.



## **Conclusion and Thank You!**

- Despite setbacks and challenges, the St. Charles Parish Housing Authority is in a strong position for future success.
- We have improved in almost every metric where improvement was mandated.
- We are moving forward with the redevelopment of our housing stock to ensure safe and decent affordable housing for St. Charles Parish families.
- Thank you for your time this evening.
- Your feedback and awareness of what we do are important.

**Questions?**