

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 26, 2014**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-15**

**WHEREAS**, the 1998 Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) was passed by Congress and implemented by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under, which requires the development of a Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plan with Annual and 5-Year components; and,

**WHEREAS**, HUD issued final rules under 24 CFR Part 903 and developed a standardized template(s) for preparation of the PHA Plan; and the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) prepared its PHA Annual Plan for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014 in accordance with HUD requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of New Orleans issued public notice and made a draft of the Annual Plan available for 45-day comment on April 25, 2014; held a consultation meeting with the Resident Advisory Board on April 29, 2014; provided the draft Plan to the City Administration for review and certification on April 30, 2014; and conducted a PHA Plan public hearing on June 18, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Authority of New Orleans considered comments from the Resident Advisory Board, HANO residents at-large, and the general public before finalizing the Annual Plan document; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Notice PIH 2008-41, HANO compiled specified portions of the Annual Plan in the prescribed "condensed" template format for submission to HUD;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the HANO Annual Plan for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 and authorizes its submission to HUD.

**Executed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.**

**APPROVAL:**



**WILLIE C. H. GARRETT  
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



**June 26, 2014**

**MEMORANDUM**

**To: Willie C. H. Garrett  
Chairman, Board of Commissioners**

**Through: Marilyn O'Sullivan  
Administrative Receiver**

**From: Shelley Smith  
Director, Strategic Planning**

**RE: Authorization to Submit HANO's PHA Annual Plan to HUD for FY Beginning  
October 1, 2014**

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Under the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) of 1998 and accompanying HUD regulations, housing authorities are required to develop 5-Year and Annual Public Housing Agency (PHA) Plans. The *5-Year Plan*, which is prepared every fifth fiscal year, delineates the PHA's mission, goals, and objectives. The *Annual Plan* describes the Agency's immediate operations, policies, services, and programs. HANO's current 5-Year Plan was prepared and adopted in a previous planning cycle and is in effect for the period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2015. Thus, for purposes of this fiscal year which begins October 1, 2014, HANO's submission encompasses only the Annual Plan.

The Capital Fund Final Rule, which became effective on November 25, 2013, has decoupled the Capital Fund Annual Submission from the PHA Plan. Therefore, the PHA Plan contains limited capital needs information and HANO will engage in a separate capital planning process in the coming months. It is also important to note that HANO is continuing to address the flat rent requirements stipulated by the 2014 Appropriations Act. After new flat rent schedules were established by the HANO Board of Commissioners at its May 2014 meeting, additional implementation guidance was issued by HUD via Notice 2014-12. As a result, HANO will be making further provisions to ensure compliance with all recently issued flat rent guidelines. The respective provisions, including updates to HANO's Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP), will be addressed through an upcoming PHA Plan amendment process.

The draft Plan was reviewed by the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) at a consultation meeting on April 29, 2014 and a report containing HANO's responses to the RAB's recommendations was prepared and incorporated into the Plan. On April 30, 2014, the PHA Plan was transmitted to the City Administration for review and certification of consistency with the Consolidated Plan. Members of the City Council and Housing Advocacy leaders were also notified about the PHA Plan and provided with electronic website links to the Plan document. The originally scheduled public hearing was postponed due to a power outage, however the hearing was later held on June 18, 2014. All comments were carefully considered before finalizing the Plan document.

It is requested that the HANO Board of Commissioner's adopt the HANO PHA Annual Plan for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 and provide authorization to submit the Plan and related certifications to HUD in the condensed format required under Notice PIH 2008-41.