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New Report Equals Same Results for CPHA

The Church Point Housing Authority continues to rank with the nation's best after earning a total score of 94 out of 100 percent, with perfect scores in both Financial and Capital Fund, on the latest U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Score Report for Interim Rule released May 19, 2015.

HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) effectively and fairly measures the performance of a public housing agency (PHA) using the PHAS. Sophisticated software designed by the REAC team, analyzes the data, develops objective performance scores and delivers assessment results to HUD program staff. HUD produces a composite PHAS score, then communicates the results that accurately represent a PHA's management performance.

The scoring system reviews four areas, called PHAS Indicators, including an agency's physical condition, financial condition, management operations, and capital fund utilization. Upon completion of the housing authority's independent audit, HUD calculates a score for each PHAS Indicator. Each area is assigned a specific point value, totaling an available score of 100 points.

Housing authorities are categorized at different performance levels. A public housing agency is designated as a "High Performer" if it achieves an overall PHAS score of greater than 90 percent. Besides regulatory relief and additional funding allocation, a PHA designated as a "High Performer" by HUD will be eligible to apply for certain grants and afforded incentives in several program areas. A complete listing of high-performing agencies can be found on HUD's website.

Charles Labbe, Executive Director of the Church Point Housing Authority, says "**TEAM** (**T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore): Earning high scores on our HUD Physical Inspection, thanks to the high level of service and effort of Cary Lejeune and John Citizen in our Maintenance Department, achieving high scores from HUD on Financial and Management, thanks to the expertise and strong work ethic of our Deputy Director Christine Richard, the dedication and wholehearted support of our Board of Commissioners, thanks to our members Mary Ann Citizen Alfred, JoAnn Duplechin, Christine Benoit, Linda Richard, and Wanda Matte who serve without pay, are collectively the reasons why our agency is able to once again achieve "High Performer" status. I am extremely proud of the synergy of this achievement; we will remain committed to our combined efforts maintaining this high standard for our residents and agency."

The Church Point Housing Authority has been designated a "High Performer" by HUD since 2012.