Housing Agencies Potentially Impacted by Federal Policy Changes

I. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
   a. Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH)
      i. New Orleans submitted its AFH last October which has been approved for implementation.
      ii. Representative Lee’s Local Zoning and Property Rights Protection Act (ending AFH)
   b. ‘A Better Way Plan’ (reshaping HUD and USDA Rural Development programs)

II. Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC)
   a. Low Income Housing Tax Credits
      i. Deals have been stalled until mid-year due to delays with the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP)
      ii. Tax credits are also valued less now
   b. Changes in leadership have pitted rural communities versus participating urban jurisdictions

III. Local Housing Authorities
    a. St. John the Baptist, New Orleans, St. Tammany, Westwego, Slidell, Jefferson Parish and Kenner Housing Authorities
    b. There is continuing concern about reduction of funding for these agencies
       i. HUD is being conservative with subsidies, which increases the challenge for smaller authorities to secure funding

IV. New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA)
    a. Funded by city and state funds (including CDBG)
       i. Any cuts to federal funding will impact New Orleans, making it harder for NORA to continue its work

V. Other Concerns
    a. Repealing of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
       i. Smaller organizations are unable to obtain affordable healthcare policies for employees
       ii. Instead reimburse employees for enrollment in the ACA
    b. Tax Reforms for Charitable Giving
       i. Effectively eliminating the charitable tax deduction claim for 95% of Americans
       ii. This will greatly impact non-profits who are increasingly dependent on individual donors
VI. Follow-up Advocacy Efforts
   a. GNOHA will create a handout for its 501c3 members explaining how non-profit organizations can assist with GNOHA’s advocacy efforts without jeopardizing their tax status
   b. GNOHA members need to begin educating and organizing their clients into an effective coalition of voters