



WEST WARWICK HOUSING AUTHORITY
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HOUSING AUTHORITY COMPLETES 64% OF STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

At the January meeting of the West Warwick Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners, Stephen J. O'Rourke, the housing authority's Executive Director, reported that the organization had recently completed 64% of the objectives in their Strategic Plan.

The Strategic Plan describes in detail the goals and objectives the Housing Authority intends to achieve over the next three years. The Authority identified seven key strategic issues facing the organization: (1) organizational management, (2) board governance, (3) resident services, (4) portfolio infrastructure, (5) communications and image, (6) risk control/emergency operations planning, (7) preservation of affordable housing.

The quarterly *Performance Management and Accountability Report* indicated that the Authority had improved its completion rate by 30%. In October, the Authority reported that 49% (68) of its objectives had been achieved.

Vice Chairwoman Debra Tocco stated "The staff is to be congratulated on their effort in meeting these objectives. It's nice to see so much accomplished in so short a period of time."

The Strategic and Goals Management Plans were completed in September.

O'Rourke stated, "We are behind schedule on several objectives that are not high priorities. We concentrated on getting the most important goals and objectives completed first. In the coming months we will be working on our marketing plan, risk management plan and the emergency operations plan. We have a full plate to work on."

The WWAHA was founded in 1962 and manages 250 units of public housing and over 160 units of Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. WWAHA is home to approximately 275 elderly and disabled residents.

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