

As Chief Housing Reinvention Officer for the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA), John Kownack leads an inter-disciplinary team that is coordinating efforts to revitalize 3,356 assisted housing units in Norfolk, Virginia. Before his current assignment, Kownack was the Director of Program Services for NRHA, responsible for budgeting, compliance and plan development for Norfolk's 20 active redevelopment and conservation neighborhoods. Mr. Kownack has been employed at NRHA since April 2001.

Prior to NRHA, Kownack's employment included 19 years of service with the City of Norfolk, including positions such as: Manager, Fiscal Division, responsible for grants and capital project budgeting and management; and Assistant Director of Human Services, responsible for administrative services, operations and financial management. Kownack has also served as the Chief Financial Officer for a private corporation specializing in the provision of therapeutic care for at-risk children.

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