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To: Board of Commissioners
Thru: Gary Allsup, CEO
From: Marisa Smithwick, Executive Vice President of HCVP
Date: September 22, 2020
Re: Action Item Number: 20-HCV-09-924
Approval of Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Revision (Chapter #4) Foster to Youth Independence (FYI) Targeted Preference

Staff is requesting your approval to update the Administrative Plan (Chapter 4) in three areas.

- I. The addition of a new-targeted preference for the Foster to Youth Independence (FYI) initiative. This HUD initiative will provide Tenant Protection Vouchers (TPVs) for youth eligible under the Family Unification Program (FUP), subject to availability with a maximum of 25 voucher per fiscal year.

Through this targeted allocation, HUD is investing in local, cross-system collaborative efforts to prevent and end homelessness among youth with a current or prior history of child welfare involvement. The success of this effort requires that community partners coordinate effectively to identify, target, and connect eligible youth at-risk of or experiencing homelessness to housing and related supports. This notice calls for public housing agencies (PHAs), public child welfare agencies (PCWAs), and continuums of care (CoCs)² to work together to determine the most appropriate intervention for each young person.

If approved, the CCHA will sign a letter of intent with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, which will then will be sent to HUD for final approval.

“Foster for Youth Independence (FYI) – The Foster for Youth Independence initiative provides Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance with case management provided by the Texas Department of Child and Protective Services. CPS will verify the youth met the following requirement prior to submitting a referral to the CCHA:

1. Has attained at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age;
2. Left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act at age 16 or older; and
3. Is homeless or is at risk of becoming homeless.”

- II. Removal of the Mainstream Preference points (35 points). Mainstream is a targeted preference and applicants will be pulled when vouchers become available in order to comply with HUD requirements. The Mainstream Preference will be added under the Targeted Funding section with no preference points.

“Mainstream for Persons with Disabilities - Mainstream program vouchers enable income-eligible disabled families to lease affordable private housing. Applicants must have a household member who is a non-elderly person with disabilities and who is –

- 1. Transitioning out of institutional or other segregated setting,*
- 2. At serious risk of institutionalization,*
- 3. Homeless,*
- 4. At risk of becoming homeless”*

- III. Reinstatement of Involuntary Displacement Preference. During our July 1, 2020 Administrative Plan revision this preference was mistakenly removed and reinstatement is required.

“Involuntary Displacement – (30 Points) This preference is offered to families that are displaced due to Natural Disaster or Government Action. Verified in writing by local, state, or federal authorities within the last 6 months.”

****These revisions shall be posted on the agency website for public comment September 23, 2020. Absent any comment, the revisions will become effective 30-days from Board approval or on October 22, 2020.***