

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2014**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-34

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on September 10, 1998 published in the Federal Register the Final Rule establishing the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP), as set forth in 24 CFR 985, to objectively measure public housing authority performance in key Section 8 tenant-based rental assistance program areas; and

WHEREAS, HUD, on August 17, 2000 issued Notice PIH 2000-34 (HA), requiring electronic submission of SEMAP Certification; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) has completed the required review to determine the HANO scoring for the 14 SEMAP indicators for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014; and


WHEREAS, HANO has determined that the scoring for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 is 105 points, or 72% of the 145 point maximum, thereby establishing HANO as a Standard Performer; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires that the SEMAP Certification be approved by the Board of Commissioners and be signed by the Executive Director prior to electronic submission to HUD.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of New Orleans that the SEMAP Certification is hereby approved, and the Executive Director is authorized to sign and submit it to HUD.

Executed this 28th day of October, 2014

APPROVAL:



**DWAYNE G. BERNAL
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



October 28, 2014

MEMORANDUM

**To: Dwayne. G. Bernal
Chairman, Board of Commissioners**

**Through: Gregg Fortner
Executive Director**

**From: Arthur Waller
Director, Housing Choice Voucher Program**

**RE: Resolution Approving Submission of Section 8 Management Assessment
Program (SEMAP) Certification for Fiscal Year 2014**

On September 10, 1998, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published in the Federal Register the Final Rule establishing the Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP). On August 17, 2000, HUD issued Notice PIH 2000-34 requiring the electronic submission of the SEMAP certification. 24 CFR 985.101(a) requires submission of the SEMAP certification form within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year.

SEMAP consists of 14 primary indicators with points assigned to each indicator for a total maximum of 145 points, as identified below:

1. Selection from the Waiting List – 15 points
2. Reasonable Rent – 20 points
3. Determination of Adjusted Income – 20 points
4. Utility Allowance Schedule – 5 points
5. Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Quality Control Inspections – 5 points
6. HQS Enforcement – 10 points
7. Expanding Housing Opportunities – 5 points
8. Payment Standards – 5 points
9. Annual Reexaminations – 10 points
10. Correct Tenant Rent Calculations – 5 points
11. Pre-Contract HQS Inspection – 5 points
12. Annual HQS Inspections – 10 points
13. Lease-up – 20 points
14. Family Self-Sufficiency Enrollment – 10 points

In addition, there is a Deconcentration Bonus indicator worth 5 points.

HUD has established the following SEMAP rating system:

- High Performer - 90% + (130.5 – 145 points)
- Standard Performer – 60% - 89% (87 – 129.5 points)

- Troubled Performer - < 60% (< 86 points)

The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) has completed the appropriate tests and reviews and based on this has determined that HANO's score for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 is 105 points (72%), establishing HANO as a Standard Performer. Attached hereto is HANO's score for each indicator and a copy of the SEMAP Certification.

After submission, HUD will review the accuracy of the agency's performance rating under each indicator and will prepare a SEMAP profile which shows the rating for each indicator and an overall SEMAP score.

We recommend that the Board approve the SEMAP Certification for Fiscal Year 2014 and authorize the Executive Director to sign the Certification for Submission to HUD.