

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF NEW ORLEANS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
February 23, 2023**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03

WHEREAS, Housing Authority of New Orleans "Substantial Deviation" Policy requires HANO to amend its Annual PHA Plan when there are changes to rent, admission policies, or organization of the waiting list(s) in the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) that will impact more than 10% of applicants and/or households assisted under the Program; and,

WHEREAS, HANO is proposing to modify occupancy standards which may affect more than 10% of its households and applicants.

WHEREAS, HANO is simplifying the occupancy standards and allocating additional space for family members. The new standards will not require people of opposite genders to share a room or parents to share a room with children regardless of age and will allocate separate bedrooms for people of the same gender who are at least ten years apart in age.

WHEREAS, HANO's current, adopted PHA Annual is in effect for the period October 1, 2022 and this submission is an amendment to the approved Annual Plan for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the PHA Annual Plan was compiled according to the template format prescribed by HUD regulations and further outlined in Notice PIH 2015-18; and

WHEREAS, HANO issued public notice and made the PHA Annual Plan; and the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan available for 45-day comment on December 16, 2022; and held a Plan consultation meeting with the Resident Advisory Board on January 30, 2023; and

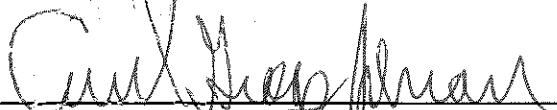
WHEREAS, the required "Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan" was submitted to be executed by the City of New Orleans Office of Community Development; and

WHEREAS, HANO conducted a Public Hearing on January 30, 2023; and the PHA Annual Plan and related policies were discussed at the Assets and Operations Committee of the HANO Board of Commissioners on February 13, 2023; and all comments were considered before finalizing the draft amendment to the PHA Annual Plan and proposed policies;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts HANO's amendment to the PHA Annual Plan for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and authorizes its submission along with the associated policy documents and requisite certifications to HUD.

Executed this 23rd day of February 2023.

APPROVAL:



**CAROL GEORGE JOHNSON
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



February 23, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
President Carol Johnson, Vice President Paul Richard, Commissioner Avery Foret, Commissioner Percy Manson, Commissioner Monika K. McKay, Commissioner Kim Piper, and Commissioner Jeffrey Vappie

Through: Evette Hester
Executive Director

From: Jessica D. Knox *JDK*
Senior Planning & Operations Analyst

RE: Authorization to Submit HANO's Amendment to Public Housing Agency (PHA) Annual Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022 to HUD

The Housing Authority of New Orleans "Substantial Deviation" Policy requires HANO to amend its Annual PHA Plan when there are changes to rent, admission policies, or organization of the waiting list(s) in the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) that will impact more than 10% of applicants and/or households assisted under the Program.

HANO is proposing to modify occupancy standards which may affect more than 10% of its households and applicants. Therefore, HANO would like to request from HUD that it be allowed to amend its PHA Annual Plan for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022 to reflect changes in the HCVP occupancy standard which will be included in the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan.

The amendment to the PHA Annual Plan was compiled in the template format prescribed by HUD and posted for 45-day public comment beginning on Dec 16, 2022. There was a Plan review and consultation meeting with the HANO Resident Advisory Board (RAB) on January 9, 2023, and a report containing RAB comments and HANO responses has been appended to the draft Plan document and posted to hano.org. Additionally, the required "Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan" has been submitted to the City's Office of Housing Policy and Community Development for execution.

A January 30th Public Hearing was conducted at the end of the 45-day comment period, and on February 13th the PHA Annual Plan was presented to the Assets and Operations Committee of the HANO Board of Commissioners. All comments were carefully considered before finalizing the draft Plan.