

**C** Community Development Committee  
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of August 12,  
2009

Item: 2009-194

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date July 23, 2009  
Prepared:  
Subject: Administrative Plan Revisions, Section 8 Housing  
Choice Voucher Program

**Proposed Action:**

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the revised Administrative Plan for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program as described in the business item.

**Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:**

HRA Assistant Manager Terri Smith presented background information related to the proposed revisions to the Administrative Plan. Council Member Wulff asked if the purpose of proposed revisions was to help current residents remain in their homes. Ms. Smith answered affirmatively. Council Member Bowles asked if applicants would be able to be on both the main Section 8 wait list as well as project based site based lists. Ms. Smith answered affirmatively. Chair Steffen confirmed that Section 8 wait list is currently closed.

Council Member Sanda moved, seconded by Council Member Wulff, that the revised Administrative Plan for the Section Housing Choice Voucher Program be adopted. The motion passed unanimously.

# C Community Development Committee

Meeting date: July 20, 2009

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	July 9, 2009
Subject:	Administrative Plan Revisions, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	24 CFR, Part 982 Housing and Urban Development
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Terri Smith, Assistant Manager, (651) 602-1187
Division/Department:	Community Development Division/Housing and Redevelopment Authority

### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council adopt the revised Administrative Plan for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program as described in the business item.

### Background

The Council's Housing and Redevelopment Authority is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to adopt an Administrative Plan to establish policies for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Project Based Voucher (PBV) programs. HCV's transfers from unit-to-unit with the household participating in the program, while PBV's stay with the unit. The Council approved the current Administrative Plan in September 2008.

The proposed revisions include changes to the organization of the waiting list section and the PBV program awards sections. Both changes will assist with accomplishing the goals of the Family Affordable Housing Program (FAHP) conversion from Public Housing to Section 8 and will ease administration of the PBV program.

HUD regulations allow housing authorities to adopt waiting list organization policies and selection criteria for its programs. There is currently one waiting list for all Metro HRA Section 8 programs. The proposed revision includes adopting separate waiting lists for PBV developments administered by Metro HRA, including the FAHP program once the conversion occurs.

The proposed revisions include a change to the PBV selection criteria specific to the preservation of existing affordable housing units rather than the creation of new affordable housing units. The Council was awarded 150 replacement vouchers to complete the FAHP conversion. This revision will assist in attaching these replacement vouchers to the FAHP units so they remain affordable.

### Rationale

The changes will allow for administrative relief in the organization of the Metro HRA PBV program and will help accomplish the Conversion of the FAHP units.

**Funding**

The Section 8 HCV and PBV programs are funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These proposed changes will not impact program costs.

**Known Support / Opposition**

There is no known support or opposition to these revisions.