

HACSA MEMORANDUM

TO: HACSA Board of Commissioners

FROM: Dorothy Cummings, Administrative Services Director

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER/RESOLUTION/In the Matter of Amending the Section 8 and Public Housing Admissions Policies to Assist Families Affected by Hurricane Katrina

AGENDA DATE: September 27, 2005

I. MOTION

IT IS MOVED THAT THE ORDER/RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED AMENDING THE SECTION 8 AND PUBLIC HOUSING ADMISSIONS POLICIES TO ASSIST FAMILIES AFFECTED BY HURRICANE KATRINA.

II. ISSUE

The admissions policies (preferences) for Section 8 and Public Housing must be amended to allow the Agency to assist families affected by Hurricane Katrina.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background/Analysis

HUD has issued guidance to housing authorities clarifying the process and program changes needed to assist families affected by Hurricane Katrina. HUD is allowing housing authorities to relax or eliminate a number of program requirements in order to speed up the process of helping families that have been displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina.

HUD has stated that the Board need not consider this a 'significant' amendment to the Agency Plan; therefore, we do not need to go through the public notice process. We do, however, need Board approval to amend the admissions policies.

The change will allow the Agency to move affected families to the top of the waiting list. The Agency currently has two families interested in relocating to this area. While we do not expect that we will see a significant number of affected families move to our area, we still need to amend our policies in order to help those who do come to us for help.

B. Alternatives/Options

Adopt the amendments to the Section 8 Administrative Plan and the Public Housing Statement of Policy as described, modify, or return to the Agency for further analysis.

D. Recommendation

Approval of the proposed motion is recommended.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW-UP

Upon approval by the Board, the Section 8 Administrative Plan and the Public Housing Statement of Policy will be amended.

V. ATTACHMENT

None.

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY
OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER

)In the Matter of Amending the
)Section 8 and Public Housing
)Admissions Policies to Assist
)Families Affected by
Hurricane)Katrina

WHEREAS, the Agency's Section 8 Administrative Plan and the Public Housing Statement of Policy were approved by the Board (as part of the Agency Plan) on July 13, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Agency wishes to amend the Admissions Policies in both the Section 8 Administrative Plan and the Public Housing Statement of Policy to allow families affected by Hurricane Katrina to be moved to the top of the waiting list; NOW IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED, that the Section 8 Administrative Plan and the Public Housing Statement of Policy be amended to reflect the changes to the admissions policies.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2005

Chair, HACSA Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 9/19/05 Lane county
Jesus [Signature]
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

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