

Sonoma County Public Housing Authority Administrative Plan Public Comment

I Collin Thoma am making public comments on the PHA Administrative Plan on Behalf of Disability Services and Legal Center(DSLC)

Chapter 2

Equal Access Rule: Consider adding not asking about a person(s) Disability(s), private owners make housing available with regard or perceived notion of a person(s) Disability(s).

Spilt Households Prior to Voucher Issuance: When working with families, this requirement of having documentation the PHA should make sure that the family understands the requirement. This is because if someone in the family that has a disability may forget or not fully understand the requirement

Mandatory Social Security Numbers: Consider having the 120 day allowance for people with disabilities to verify their social security. Like the elderly people with disabilities may take longer to complete a task(s) due to their disability.

Chapter 3:

Overview of the Application Takin Process: Consider having a reasonable accommodation for a paper application if someone with a disability if their disability prevents them from using computer.

Chapter 8:

For \$1,000 allowance to buy household items: Consider providing resources (aside from Goodwill) where the items can be purchased for low price(s), if the \$1,000 is not applicable to EHV holder or items needed exceed \$1,000

Grounds for Denial/Termination, if a family commit fraud, bribery, corruption Can the EHV be not applicable during the initial eligibility determination, if so then it should.

Chapter 21

PBV HAP Contract Extension: A reminder should be sent out 6 months from expiration date if the family has not replied to 12 month notice, also consider 3 month notice

Thank You,

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