Summary of proposed changes to the Sonoma County Housing Authority Administrative Plan April 7, 2020

Chapter 12 – Recertifications

Changes proposed to align the Housing Authority's recertification procedures with Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (HOTMA) of 2016. Changes provide maximum flexibility for Housing Authorities to conduct streamlined recertifications every three years for household with fixed income.

Chapter 21 – Project Based Voucher (PBV) Program

Changes proposed to align the Housing Authority's PBV program with Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act (HOTMA) of 2016. Changes outline the procedures by which the Sonoma County Housing Authority will select units to receive rental assistance through its Project Based Assistance Program for new construction projects, rehabilitated projects, and existing housing.

- 1. Updates the maximum PBV assistance allowed in a PBV project to allow that the maximum PBVs in a project may not exceed the greater of 25 units or 25% of the units in any PBV project.
- 2. Adds exceptions to the PBV project limit for certain household types
- 3. Clarifies that the Housing Authority may add units to a PBV HAP contract at any time during the term of the PBV HAP contract without engaging in a competitive process
- 4. Clarifies PBV tenant selection and waitlist organization for PBV projects
- 5. Provides that for certain PBV projects, the Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry System will be used for vacancy referrals.
- 6. Provides definitions for the PBV project cap exception categories
- 7. Provides that the Housing Authority may provide vacancy payments under HAP contract