

PROPOSED CHANGE TO CUYAHOGA METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY'S HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

Background:

The Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP) wishes to clarify wording in its current Administrative Plan concerning how families are referred to the HCVP waiting list via the Supportive Service Referral Process (SSRP). The SSRP permits families to be referred to the waiting list by the Gateway Advisory Board (GAB) which is a consortium of local social service providers serving special needs families. Contingent upon funding availability, the CMHA HCVP makes up to 1,308 vouchers available for tenant based assistance to referrals made via the GAB. Although the HCVP waiting list normally remains closed to the general public, except when a lottery is conducted every few years, GAB referrals are accepted throughout the year, as vouchers are available.

The CMHA HCVP wishes to clarify how GAB referrals access the closed waiting list. The proposed change would appear on page 3-2, under the heading "Closing the Waiting List". The proposed additional wording appears in bold italics: "The PHA will announce the closing of the waiting list by public notice. ***However, the waiting list will remain open for families referred in accordance with the supportive service referral process described in chapter four.***"

How to make a comment:

CMHA welcomes comments from the public on this proposed change. Submit written comments via mail to: Administrative Plan Comments, c/o Roberta Witt, Administrative Manager, 3400 Hamilton Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44114 or by email to rwitt@cmha.net. Comments should be submitted no later than February 23, 2011.