



**RAB Comments and HPHA Response
Proposed 2016 – 2017 PHA Annual Plan Revisions
(FY 2016 - 2017)**

1. **Proposed Revision: Public Housing Administration** – Continue to renovate or modernize public housing units with priority to health, safety, accessibility, end of useful life and energy conservation.

RAB comment: The RAB commented that grab bars should be installed in tubs for all elderly units upon request, rather than going through the reasonable accommodation process.

HPHA Response: The HPHA agrees with the RAB and already implements this policy. The HPHA will remind tenants that this modification is available through its monthly rent insert and/or flyers at the elderly properties.

2. **Proposed Revision: Public Housing Administration** – Adopt rules to provide greater security for tenants and staff, including no trespassing 24 hours a day at some or all of the HPHA properties.

RAB comment: The RAB supports the proposed revision, and suggest that roving security may be a less expensive option.

HPHA Response: The HPHA appreciates the support of the RAB. The HPHA will explore all security and crime prevention options, including roving security, based on the financial resources available to the HPHA.

3. **Proposed Revision: Housing Choice Voucher Administration** – Adopt rules allowing families that exceed the largest public housing unit size to receive Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, rather than splitting the household to fit into existing unit sizes.

RAB comment: The RAB supports the proposed revision.

HPHA Response: The HPHA appreciates the support of the RAB and will continue to consult with the RAB on future policy changes regarding the use of vouchers to assist large families in public housing.



4. **Proposed Revision:** Provide an Improved Living Environment – Adopt rules to efficiently remove abandoned property from HPHA units provide quicker turnaround units.

RAB comment: The RAB supports the proposed revision.

HPHA Response: The HPHA appreciates the support of the RAB and will continue to consult with the RAB on future policy changes.

5. **Proposed Revision:** Public Housing Administration – Pursue grant opportunities to fund self-sufficiency coordinator positions through HUD grants or other available and appropriate sources.

RAB comment: The RAB supports the proposed revision.

HPHA Response: The HPHA appreciates the support of the RAB and will continue to consult with the RAB on future policy changes.

6. **Proposed Revision:** Public Housing Administration – Adopt rules for tenants that enter public housing by way of citizen sponsorship into the State of Hawaii, to include the income of the sponsor when calculating the rent for the tenants.

RAB comment: The RAB supports the proposed revision.

HPHA Response: The HPHA appreciates the support of the RAB and will continue to consult with the RAB on future policy changes.

7. **Proposed Revision:** Public Housing Administration – Adopt rules to allow homeless families with children to be provided a preference to attain public housing.

RAB comment: The RAB supports the proposed revision, and suggests that the family be required to show verification of homelessness from a homeless shelter.

HPHA Response: The HPHA appreciates the support of the RAB and if implemented, would require homelessness verification by a homeless shelter, as suggested by RAB. The HPHA will continue to consult with the RAB on future policy changes.