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The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino empowers all individuals and families in need to achieve an enriched quality of life by providing housing opportunities and resources throughout San Bernardino County.

# **OUR VISION**

The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is committed to creating a world in which all people have a stable and enriched quality of life.

# **CORE VALUES**

# Respect

We believe that all people should have a stable and enriched quality of life and should be afforded the opportunity to not only survive, but to thrive in environments that are sensitive to and encourage respect and empathy for individual circumstances.

# Safety

We believe that all residents deserve a safe and secure living environment that is crime- and distraction-free and where families can feel good about raising their children and seniors can enjoy a high quality of life.

# **Integrity**

We believe that there is a strong, mutually reinforcing connection between the integrity of our staff/programs and the success of our clients. Integrity-building within our organization is key to fulfilling our mission statement.

# Service

We believe that in order to be successful, we must serve the public by being effective stewards of its financial resources and by developing a customer service business model based on benchmarks and measurements.



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# I. Introduction

#### Who We Are

As the largest provider of affordable housing in San Bernardino County, the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) proudly assists approximately 25,000 people, most of whom are seniors, individuals with disabilities, veterans, and children. Since 1941, we have helped low-income families attain safe and stable housing through a variety of rental assistance programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These programs provide a critical safety net for families in San Bernardino County.

Our service to the community is built upon our Vision, Mission, and Core Values. These principles direct our efforts and guide our interactions with every customer.

#### **Our Vision**

HACSB is committed to creating a world in which all people have a stable and enriched quality of life.

#### **Our Mission**

HACSB empowers all individuals and families in need to achieve an enriched quality of life by providing housing opportunities and resources throughout San Bernardino County.

#### **Our Core Values**

Respect Safety Integrity Service

# The Moving to Work Designation

Moving to Work (MTW) is a national demonstration program for housing authorities to design and test affordable housing strategies and related policies. MTW-designated agencies are required to develop local policies and programs targeting at least one of the three MTW Statutory Objectives:

- 1. Reduce program costs and increase cost efficiency
- 2. Encourage assisted families to pursue economic self-sufficiency
- 3. Increase housing choice for low-income families

Fewer than 2% of housing authorities across the country are designated as MTW agencies. The lessons learned by MTW agencies can influence national housing policy to improve housing programs and services for all families.

As a testament to our high performance, HACSB was designated by Congress in 2008 as a Moving to Work (MTW) agency. The MTW designation allows HACSB to waive some HUD program requirements to develop local policies adapted to the diverse communities that make up San Bernardino County. Since receiving the MTW designation, HACSB has developed and received approval for 28 MTW activities.

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# Contents of This Report

This Annual Moving to Work Report provides detailed information on the planned use of MTW flexibilities during HACSB's fiscal year. Information is organized into the following sections following the format required by HUD as outlined in the Form HUD-50900:

- Section I: Introduction provides information about HACSB's short term and long-term goals and accomplishments.
- Section II: General Housing Authority Operating Information provides an overview of the agency's housing portfolio, leasing rates, and wait list information.
- Section III: Proposed MTW Activities includes no new information as no MTW activities are proposed through the MTW Report format.
- Section IV: Approved MTW Activities provides information on previously approved uses of MTW authority.
- Section V: Sources and Uses of MTW Funds describes the agency's use of the MTW single-fund flexibility and includes information about HACSB's local asset management program.
- Section VI: Administrative provides required administrative information, including information about reviews and audits of the Agency and third-party evaluation of HACSB's MTW activities.

MTW Plan	Approved by HUD
FY 2009	September 25, 2008
Amendment 1	June 29, 2009
FY 2010	September 30, 2009
Amendment 1	November 18, 2009
Amendment 2	February 22, 2010
Amendment 3	September 15, 2010
FY 2011	October 18, 2010
FY 2012	October 5, 2011
Amendment 1	November 4, 2011
FY 2013	September 27, 2012
FY 2014	May 14, 2014
FY 2015	February 13, 2015
Amendment 1A	May 11, 2015
Amendment 1B	N/A. Proposed changes moved to 2017 MTW Plan.
Amendment 2	N/A. Proposed changes moved to 2017 MTW Plan.
FY 2016	November 4, 2015

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MTW Plan	Approved by HUD
FY 2017	February 2, 2017
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Amendment 1	April 3, 2017
Amendment 2	September 27, 2017
FY 2018	October 25, 2017
FY 2019	October 1, 2018
Amendment 1	May 7, 2019
Amendment 2	September 18, 2019
FY 2020	October 16, 2019
Amendment 1	March 18, 2020
Amendment 2	April 3, 2020
Amendment 3	August 10, 2020
FY 2021	April 14, 2021
Amendment 1	August 4, 2021
FY 2022	December 2, 2021

MTW Report	Accepted by HUD
FY 2009	April 22, 2010
FY 2010	March 21, 2011
FY 2011	March 20, 2012
FY 2012	July 19, 2013
FY 2013	December 31, 2013
FY 2014	December 31, 2014
FY 2015	December 22, 2015
FY 2016	August 16, 2018
FY 2017	October 9, 2018
FY 2018	October 10, 2019
FY 2019	February 28, 2020
FY 2020	June 8, 2021
FY 2021	This report

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# **Long-Term Goals**

In early 2020 HACSB began the process of updating its long-term goals through a strategic planning process and identified five primary goals that align with the statutory objectives of the MTW designation and guide our work:

#### Goal 1.

Partners are providing the resources that our families need to prosper through financial contributions and/or inkind services.

#### Goal 2

Our families are proud of the safe, dignified, and desirable developments in which they reside.

#### Goal 3

Research and technology that drive the creation of innovative programming and processes that are moving our families forward.

#### Goal 4

Our customers are receiving quality, kind, and compassionate service.

#### Goal 5

We have a healthy organization marked by financial stability and a culture of respect, stewardship, empowerment, and passion for the mission.

HACSB's short-term goals are being redeveloped to support our progress toward achieving our updated long-term goals. As those new goals are developed, the previously established short-term goals remain relevant and continue to guide our efforts. The flexibilities provided through our MTW designation will continue to support our efforts to achieve our long-term goals.

#### **Short-Term Goals**

**Goal 1** - *Operational efficiency through innovation* – *Maximizing HACSB's economic viability and sustainability through the following strategies:* 

- Ensure excellent and efficient stewardship of resources and programs
- Maintain a workplace environment that attracts and retains capable employees who feel they are making a difference
- Have an increasingly diverse number of funding sources to provide the programs and services described in the strategic plan
- Develop a communication program that effectively disseminates information inside and outside the Agency
- Provide world class customer service

In addition to implementing non-MTW activities to address this goal, we have implemented twelve MTW activities that address this goal.

**Goal 2 – Develop economically independent clients** – Facilitating opportunities for families and individuals to become self-sufficient and financially independent to transition from dependency on housing subsidy through the following strategies:

- Develop and maintain policies programs, and services that foster accountability, responsibility, and economic independence
- Transform client mindset from entitlement to empowerment
- Partner with external organizations to support clients in acquiring life skills, education, and training

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• Assist families in strengthening personal accountability and in transitioning to Home Ownership/Market rentals

In addition to implementing non-MTW activities to address this goal, we have implemented nine MTW activities that address this goal.

**Goal 3 – Ensure freedom of housing choice** – Providing quality affordable housing opportunities in mixed-income communities with access to excellent quality of life through the following strategies:

- Improve and expand HACSB's real estate assets
- Partner with external organizations to leverage funding and development opportunities
- Develop innovative programs to expand housing opportunities for under-served populations such as homeless veterans and homeless families with children

In addition to implementing the above non-MTW activities to address this goal, we have developed or implemented six MTW activities that address this goal.

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# II. General Operating Information

This section provides an overview of the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino's (HACSB) housing portfolio, leasing, and waiting list information.

#### **Agency Overview**

HACSB provides affordable housing assistance to more than 10,600 families throughout the County of San Bernardino through the Public Housing program, the Housing Choice Voucher Programs, and special programs such as the Continuum of Care (formerly known as Shelter Plus Care), Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers, Mainstream, and our authority-owned multi-family portfolio. We provide families a stepping stone through difficult economic times and, in conjunction with community partners, assist them on their path to economic independence.

In September 2016, the Housing Authority of the City of Upland (UHA) and HACSB applied to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the voluntary transfer of UHA's Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing programs to HACSB effective July 1, 2017. The application was approved by HUD for the Housing Choice Voucher program on June 16, 2017, and for the Public Housing program on June 29, 2017. The process resulted in the transfer of 98 Public Housing units and 624 Housing Choice Vouchers from UHA to HACSB on July 1, 2017. Thereafter, HACSB assumed responsibility for both programs and began providing all services to the families served through those programs. Information about the transferred units and families and how HACSB's moving to Work initiatives apply to those units and families is included in this Plan. HACSB intends to convert the Public Housing site, Los Olivos, to project-based voucher assistance through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. However, no other changes are made relative to the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher units and families through this 2022 Annual MTW Plan.

Additionally, in May 2021 HACSB was allocated 455 new vouchers under the new Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program. This new rental assistance program, which was created through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, helps families locate rental housing and provides financial assistance to make their rent affordable. 70,000 Emergency Housing Vouchers will be administered by Housing Authorities across the country. ARPA authorizes the EHV program and related funding through September 30, 2030. Housing authorities are not permitted to re-issue Emergency Housing Vouchers after September 30, 2023.

The EHV program will provide assistance to low-income families who meet at least one of the following eligibility categories:

- 1. Homeless;
- 2. At risk of being homeless;
- 3. Fleeing or attempting to flee:
  - a. Domestic Violence;
  - b. Dating Violence;
  - c. Sexual Assault;

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- d. Stalking; and/or
- e. Human Trafficking
- 4. Recently homeless, and for whom rental assistance will prevent a return to homelessness or high risk of housing instability.

EHV is a referral-based program, and eligible families must be referred to HACSB either through the San Bernardino County Coordinated Entry System (CES) or by a victim services provider (VSP) who is not a member of the County's Continuum of Care (COC).

HACSB launched the EHV program in San Bernardino County on October 4, 2021, and has received 460 EHV referrals as of December 21, 2021. More information about EHV is available on HACSB's website at <a href="https://hacsb.com/emergency-housing-vouchers/">https://hacsb.com/emergency-housing-vouchers/</a>.

HACSB has been granted waiver authority to apply certain MTW activities to the EHV program. More information about the applicability of HACSB MTW activities to the EHV program is included in Section IV – Approved Activities.

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# A. Housing Stock Information

# i. Actual New Project Based Vouchers

PROPERTY NAME	NUMBER OF VOUCHERS NEWLY PROJECT-BASED		STATUS AT END OF PLAN YEAR	RAD?	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT
	PLANNED	ACTUAL			
Arrowhead Grove – Phase III	46	0		No	Original PH Development, New Construction
Los Olivos, Upland	98	0		Yes	RAD Conversion, Existing Public Housing Community
TOTAL	144	0			

# ii. Actual Existing Project Based Vouchers

PROPERTY NAME	NUMBER OF PROJECT- BASED VOUCHERS		STATUS AT END OF PLAN YEAR	RAD?	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT
	PLANNED	ACTUAL			
Barstow (AMP 7)	217	217	Leased/Issued	Yes	RAD Conversion, Existing Public Housing Community
Colton/Chino (AMP 6)	174	174	Leased/Issued	Yes	RAD Conversion, Existing Public Housing Community
Maplewood Homes	296	296	Leased/Issued	Yes	RAD Conversion, Existing Public Housing Community
Redlands/Highland (AMP 5)	87	87	Leased/Issued	Yes	RAD Conversion, Existing Public Housing Community
Scattered Sites (AMP 2)	97	97	Leased/Issued	Yes	RAD Conversion, Existing Public Housing Community
Scattered Sites (AMP 3)	34	34	Leased/Issued	Yes	RAD Conversion, Existing Public Housing Community
Waterman Gardens Phase 1 - Valencia Vista	75	75	Leased/Issued	Yes	Family Community, New Development
Waterman Gardens Phase 2 - Olive Meadow	61	61	Leased/Issued	Yes	Family Community, New Development
Waterman Gardens Phase 3 – Crestview Terrace	116	116	Leased/Issued	Yes	Family Community, Existing Development
Andalusia	17	17	Leased/Issued	No	Family Community, Existing Development
Arrowhead Woods	51	17	Leased/Issued	No	Senior Community, Existing Development

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Bloomington (Related Phase I)	11	11	Leased/Issued No	Family & Senior Community, New Development
Bloomington (Related Phase II)	20	20	Leased/Issued No	Family Community, New Development
Bloomington (Related Phase III)	20	20	Committed No	Family Community, New Development
Dante Street, Victorville	12	31	Committed No	Family Community, Existing Development
Day Creek Villas, Rancho Cucamonga	8	8	Leased/Issued No	Senior Community, New Development
Desert Haven (Queens Motel), Victorville	31	31	Leased/Issued No	Chronically Homeless, Existing Development
Desert Village	46	46	Leased/Issued No	Senior Community, Existing Development
Golden Apartments, San Bernardino	38	38	Leased/Issued No	Chronically Homeless, Existing Development
Grandview Towers	40	40	Leased/Issued No	Senior Community, Existing Development
Horizons at Yucaipa	50	50	Leased/Issued No	Senior Community, New Development
Horizons at Yucaipa – Phase II	27	27	Committed No	Senior Community, New Development
Ivy at College Park, Chino	8	8	Leased/Issued No	Family Community, New Development
Las Terrazas Apartments, Colton	9	9	Committed No	Family Community, Existing Development
Meadowbrook	47	47	Leased/Issued No	Senior Community, Existing Development
Mentone Clusters	34	34	Leased/Issued No	Family Community, Existing Development
NCLU- Scattered Sites (HACSB)	26	26	Leased/Issued No	Project-Based Voucher Program
NCLU- Scattered Sites (HPI)	10	10	Leased/Issued No	Project-Based Voucher Program
NCLU- Scattered Sites (Summit Place)	4	4	Leased/Issued No	Project-Based Voucher Program
Redwood Terrace	68	68	Leased/Issued No	Senior Community, Existing Development
Rialto Metrolink, Rialto	8	8	Leased/Issued No	Family Community, New Development
Robert O Townsend	47	47	Leased/Issued No	Senior Community, Existing Development
Rosina Fountains, Fontana	8	8	Leased/Issued No	Family Community, New Development
Scattered Site Units	229	229	Leased/Issued No	Family Community, Existing Development (HPI)
Scattered Site Units	79	79	Leased/Issued No	Family Community, Existing Development (HPI)
Sunrise Vista	108	108	Leased/Issued No	Family Community, Existing Development

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TOTAL	2,743	2,728		
Yucaipa Terrace	50	50	Leased/Issued No	Senior Community, Existing Development
Yucaipa Crest	45	45	Leased/Issued No	Senior Community, Existing Development
Vista del Sol	53	53	Leased/Issued No	Senior Community, Existing Development
Veterans' Housing, Various Sites	40	40	Committed No	Veterans' Housing, Scattered Sites
Veterans' Housing, Loma Linda	36	36	Leased/Issued No	Veterans' Housing, New Development
Valencia Grove, Redlands (Phase II)	104	104	Committed No	Family Community, New Development
Valencia Grove, Redlands (Phase I)	85	85	Leased/Issued No	Family Community, New Development
Sunset Pointe	117	117	Leased/Issued No	Family Community, Existing Development

#### iii. Actual Other Changes to MTW Housing Stock in the Plan Year

The Public Housing portfolio began FY 2020 with 99 Public Housing Units. This does not include the following:

- Eight (8) offline units that had previously been permanently converted to non-dwelling units for resident services purposes such as Head-Start centers, childcare, and education centers
- Twelve (12) non-ACC units used for administrative purposes and resident amenities such as community rooms, laundry rooms, etc.

During FY 2021, no units were converted through RAD or sold through the Section 32 Homeownership Program. Therefore, HACSB's Public Housing portfolio consists of 99 units as shown in the following table.

MANAGEMENT POINT (AMP)	ACC UNITS
180	1
Upland Public Housing	98
TOTAL PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS	99

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#### iv. General Description of All Actual Capital Expenditures During the Plan Year

The conclusion of our original portfolio RAD conversion strategy (and subsequent physical rehabilitation) for the entirety of HACSB's Affordable (public) Housing portfolio stretched into 2021. Rehabilitation work remains ongoing as the COVID 19 pandemic slowed construction activity at various sites. We received approval from HUD in December 2014 to convert our entire Public Housing portfolio under the RAD program, wherein existing Public Housing subsidies are converted to rental assistance (vouchers). The initial phase closed at the end of April 2016, converting 552 units in 4 different AMPS. Capital fund was utilized to complete work identified under the RAD Physical Needs Assessments and was 100% complete as of January 2018.

The second phase of the RAD portfolio transaction included conversion of 354 remaining units in 3 different AMPS. The RAD Conversion transaction for the second phase closed in September 2018, whereupon rehab work identified under the RAD Physical Needs Assessments commenced with a targeted completion by the end of 2019. Subsequent to the close of the second phase RAD transaction, staff re-analyzed the physical renovations planned for Barstow public housing (AMP 170) and appealed to HUD to allow changes to the project to achieve a higher level of physical rehabilitation along with other measures to ensure long-term viability of the site(s). For example, the 7th Street site is proposed to be converted via a transfer of assistance to a newer apartment complex in Barstow owned by the Housing Authority, with the former public housing units being converted to homeownership units. HUD has been reluctant to approve the transfer of assistance so we have proceeded to request bids for the 7th Street improvements. Staff continues to consult with the HUD RAD team to review funding shortfalls for the 7th Street project to eventually revisit the transfer of assistance proposal. The COVID-19 Pandemic caused physical rehabilitation work funded with Capital Fund at the remainder of Barstow sites to be extended through 2021 and into 2022. Similarly, Physical Needs work at the 98-unit Los Olivos (Upland) site have been delayed but are expected to commence in early 2022, to be completed before year-end.

Construction of the initial on-site phase (62 units) of the Waterman Gardens revitalization project (the second RAD conversion project) broke ground in May 2016 and was completed and occupied as of September 2017. The new community, now called Arrowhead Grove, will eventually include over 400 mixed-income housing units as well as commercial/community facilities intended to provide employment and training opportunities supporting HACSB's MTW initiatives. Housing affordability remains the primary focus for the development as well as revitalization of the broader neighborhood, as evidenced by the initial RAD application which supported the development of the 75-unit Valencia Vista (aka Val9) Apartments on an adjacent site (completed and occupied in 2016). HACSB and its developer partner have planned a mix of RAD and project-based voucher units with substantial funding secured through Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). The existing 252 ACC units have now been replaced on a one-for-one basis (transitioned to RAD project-based vouchers) over the course of this multi-phase development. The second on-site phase (184 units) received allocations of low-income housing tax credits and tax-exempt bonds along with a \$20 million dollar infusion of state of California Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program funds by the end of 2018. The very complex financial transaction enabling construction to commence closed on September 30, 2019. It included the RAD closing, HACSB's issuance of \$55 million in tax exempt bonds, a tax credit closing funding nearly \$15 million in equity, and approximately \$10 million in state and local funding to bring construction sources to approximately \$80 million. This funding enabled construction to start in October-2019 for the final phase of the RAD conversion project at Waterman Gardens. We utilized Capital Fund and the first 5-year increment of Replacement Housing Factor (RHF) leveraged with the state and local funding and LIHTC to support this effort. The

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phased occupancy of units commenced in May 2021 and overall construction was substantially complete as of August. It is expected that 100% occupancy will be achieved before year-end

In 2021 we continued pre-development work (finalizing preparation of construction documents), for the second phase of construction (104 family rental units) at the Redlands-Lugonia site (AMP 150, sites 01, 8, & 9). Capital Fund was also utilized to commence site demolition of the remaining streets and sidewalks as well as to grade and prep the site for eventual construction of the phase 2 project. This work commenced in October, 2021 with expected completion by the end of the year.

#### FY 2022:

The Capital Fund Program 5-Year Plan and Budget is included as Appendix E. Capital Fund available for physical improvements at Public Housing sites has been substantially reduced due to the conversion of subsidy for the entirety of HACSB's original public housing portfolio to vouchers under the RAD program. The majority of HACSB's original Public Housing units converted under RAD at the end of September 2018. The last site remaining for conversion after that was the 98-unit Los Olivos site which was acquired by HACSB through the transfer of the Upland Housing Authority's public housing and voucher programs. We expect that RAD conversion process to be completed during FY 2022. Utilizing Capital Fund, in 2022 HACSB will complete capital improvements identified under the site's RAD physical needs assessments to ensure that the units will continue to meet the needs of residents of Upland over the long term. Such work will include interior kitchen and bathroom renovations, Section 504 unit accessibility, exterior xeriscaping, and miscellaneous dwelling interior and exterior improvements. As mentioned previously, we also continue to finalize RAD Physical Needs work at the Barstow site(s) and expect it to be completed by mid-2022.

HACSB's major Public Housing redevelopment efforts will continue in Redlands (AMP 150, sites 19-01, 8 & 9) where the second phase of new construction will add 104 units of affordable family rental housing to the site to compliment the 85 units completed in 2016. We will be utilizing accumulated Demolition and Disposition Transitional funds (DDTF), or, in other words, the second 5-year increment of RHF in excess of \$3 million to support construction. Likewise, continued development of the remainder property (post RAD conversion) at the Waterman Gardens site in San Bernardino (AMP 120, site 19-02) is proposed to include the construction of a new Community Resource Center which is intended to house HACSB offices as well as introduce health-related services to the site and neighborhood in a unique collaboration between HACSB and multiple local partners. Remaining available Capital Fund is planned to be utilized to support the design and pre-development work for this facility.

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#### B. Leasing Information

#### i. Actual Number of Households Served

HACSB does not have any local non-traditional MTW funded programs.

ACTUAL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS SERVED THROUGH:	NUMBER OF UNIT MONTHS OCCUPIED/LEASED		NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS SERVED		
	PLANNED	ACTUAL	PLANNED	ACTUAL	
MTW Public Housing Units Leased	600	1,176	50	98	
MTW Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Utilized	112,039	108,493	9,337	9,041	
Local, Non-Traditional: Tenant-Based	0	0	0	0	
Local, Non-Traditional: Property-Based	0	0	0	0	
Local, Non-Traditional: Homeownership	0	0	0	0	
ACTUAL TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS SERVED	112,639	109,669	9,664	9,139	

#### Description of Differences between the Planned and Actual Households Served

Leasing projections for the MTW Public Housing Program for FY 2021 were based upon the anticipation that the majority of HACSB's remaining Public Housing units, which are located at the Los Olivos site in Upland, would be converted June 1, 2021. These units were not converted during FY 2021 as originally anticipated and are now expected to convert in FY 2022. As a result, more Public Housing families were served than HACSB originally anticipated. The reported number of families served reflects all families served through Public Housing in FY 2021, including those who were served for only part of the year.

For the voucher program, the reported number of unit months occupied/leased reflects the number of unit months reported through the Voucher Management System (VMS), while the reported number of families served reflects all families served in FY 2021, including those who were served for only a portion of the year. HACSB served less families than anticipated during FY 2021 in part due to decreased program attrition related to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, program attrition was lower than in prior years as a result of families' loss of income, HACSB's implementation of the automatic six-month extension for families in the Term-Limited Lease Assistance program (activity 20) and Transition for Over-Income Public Housing/Housing Choice Voucher Families (activity 24), and extremely tight rental market conditions with overall vacancy rates between 3 and 4 percent and below 2 percent in some areas of the County.

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LOCAL, NON-TRADITIONAL CATEGORY	MTW ACTIVITY NAME/NUMBER	NUMBER OF UNIT MONTHS OCCUPIED/LEASED		NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS SERVED	
		PLANNED	ACTUAL	PLANNED	ACTUAL
Tenant-Based	N/A	0	0	0	0
Property-Based	N/A	0	0	0	0
Homeownership	N/A	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		0	0	0	0

HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING LOCAL, NON-TRADITIONAL SERVICES ONLY	AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS PER MONTH	TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS IN THE PLAN YEAR
N/A		

# ii. Discussion of Any Actual Issues/Solutions Related to Leasing

Housing Program	DESCRIPTION OF ACTUAL LEASING ISSUES AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS
MTW Public Housing	None.
MTW Housing Choice Voucher	In FYE 2021, HACSB pulled over 2,000 applicants from the tenant-based waiting list but did not meet its leasing goal. The lack of available housing inventory and escalating rents have been significant factors affecting leasing. In response to these market challenges, HACSB started a landlord incentive program offering landlords \$1,000 per contract using the CARES Act funds. Another strategy employed by HACSB was to extend voucher search time. Under the COVID-19 waivers, vouchers were placed in suspense between March 2020 and March 2021. However, due to an increase in COVID-19 cases during the summer, all active vouchers were extended in August 2021 through to the end of the calendar year.
Local, Non-Traditional	N/A.

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# C. Waiting List Information

#### i. Actual Waiting List Information

WAITING LIST NAME	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS ON WAITING LIST	WAITING LIST OPEN, PARTIALLY OPEN, OR CLOSED	WAS THE WAITING LIST OPENED DURING THE PLAN YEAR
Public Housing	Centrally managed, site-specific, by bedroom size	1,681	Partially Open	Yes, by bedroom size as needed
Rental Assistance Demonstration Sites – PBV	Centrally managed, site-specific, by bedroom size	34,681	Partially Open	Yes, by bedroom size as needed
Housing Choice Voucher – Project-Based	Centrally managed, site/region-specific, by bedroom size	29,339	Partially Open	Yes, by bedroom size as needed
Housing Choice Voucher – Tenant-Based	Community-wide	15,430	Closed	No, the waitlist was not opened

#### **DESCRIPTION OF DUPLICATION OF APPLICANTS ACROSS WAITING LISTS**

36.89% of applications are duplicates, representing families who have applied to two or more waiting lists. There are 51,197 unduplicated families on HACSB's waiting lists.

#### ii. Actual Changes to Waiting List in the Plan Year

Waiting List Name Description of Actual Changes to Waiting List		
Rental Assistance Demonstration Sites – PBV	Various site-based waiting lists were open and/or closed as needed to ensure a sufficient number of interested applicants to fill anticipated vacancies.	
Housing Choice Voucher – Tenant-Based	Applicants were pulled from the waitlist to fill available Family Unification Program (FUP), Mainstream, and Tenant-Based program slots. During FY 2021, the waitlist was opened only to receive FUP referrals.	

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# D. Information on Statutory Objectives and Requirements

# i. 75 Percent of Families Assisted are Very Low-Income

INCOME LEVEL	NUMBER OF LOCAL, NON-TRADITIONAL HOUSEHOLDS ADMITTED IN THE PLAN YEAR
80% - 50% Area Median Income	0
49% - 30% Area Median Income	0
Below 30% Area Median Income	0
TOTAL LOCAL, NON-TRADITIONAL HOUSEHOLDS ADMITTED	0

# ii. Maintain Comparable Mix

BASELINE MIX OF FAMILY SIZES SERVED (UPON ENTRY TO MTW)						
FAMILY SIZE	OCCUPIED PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS	UTILIZED HCVs	Non-MTW Adjustments	BASELINE MIX NUMBER	BASELINE MIX PERCENTAGE	
1 Person	442	2,801	-	3,243	34.7%	
2 Person	338	1,619	-	1,957	20.9%	
3 Person	279	1,187	-	1,466	15.7%	
4 Person	222	1,003	-	1,225	13.1%	
5 Person	142	567	-	709	7.6%	
6+ Person	183	569	-	752	8.0%	
TOTAL	1,606	7,746	-	9,352	100%	

DESCRIPTION OF "NON-MTW ADJUSTMENTS" GIVEN ABOVE
N/A

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MIX OF FAMILY SIZES SERVED (IN PLAN YEAR)					
FAMILY SIZE	BASELINE MIX PERCENTAGE	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS SERVED IN PLAN YEAR	PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS SERVED IN PLAN YEAR	PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM BASELINE YEAR TO CURRENT PLAN YEAR	
1 Person	34.7%	3,708	40.9%	18.0%	
2 Person	20.9%	1,869	20.6%	-1.2%	
3 Person	15.7%	1,320	14.6%	-7.1%	
4 Person	13.1%	955	10.5%	-19.5%	
5 Person	7.6%	657	7.3%	-4.5%	
6+ Person	8.0%	546	6.0%	-24.6%	
TOTAL	100%	9,055	100%		

#### DESCRIPTION OF JUSTIFICATION FOR ANY VARIANCES OF MORE THAN 5% BETWEEN THE PLAN YEAR AND BASELINE YEAR

Families are admitted to HACSB's MTW voucher program from a wait list which is sorted through a lottery system. The families served during the year reflect the families who were selected from the wait list and, in the voucher program, successfully located a unit to lease. HACSB closely monitors the makeup of its waiting list, admissions, and families served by family size. The distribution of families by size in these three populations remained very similar throughout FY 2021, indicating that the families served are representative of families who apply to HACSB's waiting lists and successfully enter a HACSB program.

#### iii. Number of Households Transitioned to Self-Sufficiency in the Plan Year

HACSB has adopted the definitions of self-sufficiency listed below for the activities that have the statutory objective of self-sufficiency and/or for which we are required to report on Standard Metric SS #8 (Households Transitioned to Self-Sufficiency). While the definitions differ, the overarching definition for the families in these activities is a voluntary termination of housing assistance and other forms of government assistance due to an increase in income, education, savings, and/or employment to enable transition to market-rate housing or homeownership. The criteria generally used to identify these individuals is:

- Voluntary termination of housing assistance;
- Total household income of 80% of AMI or greater at time of termination;
- Total household income from other forms of government assistance (TANF, cash aid, etc.) of \$0 at time of termination.

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In 2020, a total of 188 families transitioned to self-sufficiency through our activities. While some MTW activities contribute to the families' transition away from housing assistance more than others, we believe that the number of self-sufficiency transitions is combined result of all our MTW activities.

MTW ACTIVITY NAME/NUMBER	Number of Households Transitioned to Self- Sufficiency	MTW PHA LOCAL DEFINITION OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY
4 – Biennial and Triennial Recertifications	18	Having a total gross household income at or above 80% of the Area Median Income for the family size at the time of end of participation.
10 – Minimum Rent	0	Having a total gross household income at or above 80% of the Area Median Income for the family size at the time of end of participation.
19 – Local Family Self-Sufficiency Program	0	Graduation from the Local FSS program.
20 – Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program	11	Termination of housing assistance and other forms of government assistance due to an increase in income and/or increased level of employment to transition to market-rate housing or homeownership in the five-year program timeframe.
22 – Streamlined Lease Assistance Program	9	Having a total gross household income at or above 80% of the Area Median Income for the family size at the time of end of participation.
23 – No Child Left Unsheltered	0	Having a total gross household income at or above 80% of the Area Median Income for the family size at the time of end of participation.
24 – Transition for Over-Income Families	9	Having a total gross household income at or above 80% of the Area Median Income for the family size at the time of end of participation.
HOUSEHOLDS DUPLICATED ACROSS MTW ACTIVITIES	9	
TOTAL (UNDUPLICATED) HOUSEHOLDS TRANSITIONED TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY	47	

The Biennial Recertification Activity (No. 4) is not expected to directly result in any transitions to self-sufficiency. The goal of the activity is administrative efficiency, and HACSB believes it is unlikely that the activity will provide enough incentive or income retention to enable families to transition out of housing assistance. In FY 2021, 18 families with biennial recertifications transitioned to self-sufficiency. However, only nine of the 18 families were not duplicated as self-sufficiency exits in other categories listed above, indicating that most exits were likely the result of other activities.

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As anticipated, Activity 10, HACSB's Local Minimum Rent activity, did not result in any transitions to self-sufficiency. Through this activity the minimum rent was raised from the current regulatory maximum of \$50 to \$125. HACSB believes that this change is not enough to provide incentive for families to transition out of housing assistance.

Our local FSS program, Activity 19, was implemented in July 2012. The program includes two groups of participants: a control group, which participates under the same rules as the traditional FSS program, and a local group, which participates under the rules of HACSB's Local FSS program. The Local FSS program requires participating families to voluntarily exit the Housing Choice Voucher or Public Housing program in order to graduate from the Local FSS program and receive the balance of their escrow account. The two groups allow HACSB to compare the results and identify advantages and disadvantages of each program type. In FY 2018 the definition of self-sufficiency for this activity was changed to eliminate the requirement for families to have \$0 of assistance income at the time they leave housing assistance. The definition was revised to "graduation from the Local FSS program". This modification will allow any Local FSS family who graduates and voluntarily exits housing assistance to be included in this count. Very few families choose to participate in the Local FSS program because of the requirement to voluntarily exit housing assistance. No families achieved self-sufficiency through the Local FSS program under the revised definition in FY 2020.

Implemented on January 1, 2012, Activity 20, the Five-Year Lease Assistance Program, included 887 households as of September 30, 2021. HACSB continues to work with Loma Linda University (LLU) to assist in the longitudinal study that examines participating families and their success over time, including a voluntary post-assistance component which allows LLU and HACSB to learn about program impacts up to two years after housing assistance has ended.

Activity 22 – The Streamlined Lease Assistance Program was implemented on February 1, 2015. This activity simplifies the rent calculation and eliminates interim recertifications for changes in income, thereby allowing the family to budget for rent and keep the entire amount of any increases to household income which occur between biennial recertifications.

No Child Left Unsheltered (Activity 23) has not resulted in any transitions to self-sufficiency. This activity targets chronically homeless families with school-age children, helping them to obtain stable housing and supportive services. HACSB's goal is that assisted families will achieve self-sufficiency with the assistance our KEYS non-profit, which provides coaching and case work for these families, and community partners providing resources and mental health services. HACSB also partners with Loma Linda University for a longitudinal study of families participating in this program. The research identified families' need for a safe-haven period after entering the NCLU program, and that two significant impacts of the program are improved family stability and reduced risk of developing a clinically significant behavioral program amongst children in the program. As a result of these findings, related modifications were made to this activity through HACSB's 2019 Annual MTW Plan.

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# III. Proposed Activities

All activities that have been previously granted approval by HUD are reported in Section IV. No new activities are proposed through this Annual MTW Report.

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# IV. Approved Activities

This section provides HUD-required information detailing previously approved uses of MTW authority, including detailed information about ongoing MTW activities with an update on any changes taking place during the fiscal year (FY). In accordance with the requirements of the revised Form HUD 50900, activities are categorized as implemented (ongoing and active activities), not yet implemented, on hold, or closed out.

# A. Implemented Activities

# Activity 1: Single-Fund Budget

The flexibility granted under this activity is included in the statutory authorizations granted to MTW agencies. In accordance with HUD guidance, information related to this activity is included in Section V: Administrative.

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# **Activity 4: Biennial and Triennial Recertifications**

#### i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended

- FY 2009: Initial approval as a pilot program for elderly and disabled households in the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs with no other adult members and no earned income.
- FY 2012: Modified to expand the scope of the activity to apply to all families in both programs. The expanded initiative was implemented in 2012 with approximately half the households assigned to a biennial schedule. The remaining households were assigned to the biennial schedule in 2013.
- FY 2014: The first complete cycle of biennial certifications was completed in 2014.
- FY 2019: Modified to add triennial recertifications for elderly-only fixed-income families. Authorization to apply this activity to participants of the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program was received from HUD in September 2019. That approval, though not granted through the HUD MTW Office, was included in our FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan for informational purposes.
- FY 2020: Modified through FY 2020 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 2, to add Emergency Operations in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic
- FY 2022: Authorization to apply this activity to participants of the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program was received from HUD in July 2021 through a waiver request. That approval, though not granted through the HUD MTW Office, was included in our FY 2022 Annual MTW Plan for informational purposes.

#### ii. Description/Impact/Update

This activity addresses the MTW statutory objective to reduce costs and achieve greater effectiveness in federal expenditures.

Current regulations require annual income recertifications for most participants of the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs. This MTW activity allows HACSB to conduct recertifications of MTW, VASH, and EHV households biennially or triennially. Elderly-only fixed-income families are recertified triennially; all other families are recertified biennially. Triennial recertifications for elderly-only fixed-income families began in September of 2019, with triennial recertifications for VASH families beginning in May 2020. EHV participants can request interim recertifications, should the household experience an income reduction.

#### **Biennial/Triennial Recertification Process**

- HACSB will perform a full recertification to examine family income and composition once every three years for elderly-only fixed-income families, and once every two years for all other families. No PHA-initiated updates will take place during the years between full recertifications.
  - An elderly-only fixed-income family is defined as having no members under the age of 57 AND having at least 90 percent of its income from fixed sources.
- This activity modifies the recertification schedule only. Families will continue to be subject to the interim reporting requirements, calculation of income and rent, and other components of their assigned program type (Term-Limited Lease Assistance, Streamlined Lease Assistance, etc.)

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#### **Emergency Operations**

In the event of a local disaster, emergency, or other situation which affects the health and/or safety of HACSB customers, employees, and/or the public, HACSB may implement temporary change(s) to this activity ("emergency operations") to ensure continuity of operations to the extent possible and practical.

This and other emergency operations modifications were developed and implemented in early spring 2020 in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, which is ongoing at the time of this writing. The pandemic has created a need for social distancing and other precautions to protect against the spread of the disease. In compliance with the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), "stay-at-home" orders issued by California Governor Newsom, and other guidance from local, state, and federal agencies, HACSB has taken steps to reduce contact between individuals, including reducing the number of employees in our offices through telework and alternative work schedules, expanding remote and virtual service options, and screening customers for in-person customer service. The need for social distancing and other precautions is anticipated to continue into 2022. HASCB implemented the following emergency operations change for this activity:

• HACSB will extend the validity of a family's most recently completed biennial or triennial recertification by one year. The due date of the family's next biennial or triennial recertification will be one year from the original due date, and future recertifications will follow the biennial/triennial schedule (taking place two/three years from the date of the extended recertification).

Emergency operations will be ended as soon as it is safe, feasible, and practical to return to normal operations. Emergency operations may be reenacted in the future in response to another local disaster, emergency, or other crisis situation.

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Activity 4: Biennial Recertifications  CE #1: Agency Cost Savings <sup>1</sup>				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Total cost of task in dollars (decrease).	Cost of task prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected cost of task after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual cost of task after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Total Cost of Annual Recertifications (Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Combined).	\$462,964 \$445,954 staff cost + \$17,010 postage cost	\$231,482 per year \$222,977 staff cost + \$8,505 postage cost	\$179,567 \$171,225 staff cost + \$8,342 postage cost	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.
	Staff Cost Calculation: 13,320 hours X \$33.48	Staff Cost Calculation: 6,660 hours X \$33.48 per hour	Staff Cost Calculation: 5,114 hours X \$33.48 per hour	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The baseline and benchmark values for this metric were revised in HACSB's FY 2017 Annual MTW Report using a comparison group of non-MTW recertifications to re-determine the time required to process recertifications.

Activity 4: Biennial Recertifications  CE #2: Staff Time Savings <sup>2</sup>					
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?	
Total time to complete the task in staff hours (decrease).	Total amount of staff time dedicated to the task prior to implementation of the activity (in hours).	Expected amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity (in hours).	Actual amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity (in hours).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.	
Total staff hours to conduct recertifications.	13,320 total hours 9,000 files x 1.48 hours/file.	6,660 total hours	5,114 total hours.  Staff Time Calculation: 4,192 recertifications performed in PH and HCV programs x 1.22 hours per recertification.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.	

Activity 4: Biennial Recertifications CE #5: Increase in Tenant Rent Share						
Unit of Measurement Baseline Benchmark Outcome Benchmark Achieved?						
Rental revenue in dollars (increase).	Rental revenue prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected rental revenue after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual rental revenue after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.		
Average tenant rent share in dollars.	Average tenant rent share for biennial recertification households in FY 2011 prior to full implementation of the activity is \$281.	The average tenant rent share is not expected to change because of this activity.	The actual average tenant rent share is \$485.	The increase is believed to be the result of other MTW activities.		

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The baseline and benchmark values for this metric were revised in HACSB's FY 2017 Annual MTW Report using a comparison group of non-MTW recertifications to re-determine the time required to process recertifications.

Activity 4: Biennial Recertifications SS #1: Increase in Household Income				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Average earned income of households affected by this policy in dollars (increase).	Average earned income of households affected by this policy prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected average earned income of households affected by this policy prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual average earned income of households affected by this policy prior to implementation.	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Average earned income of households.	Average earned income of biennial recertification households in FY 2011 prior to full implementation of the activity is \$4,734.	The expected average earned income of households is not expected to change because of this activity.	The actual average earned income of biennial and triennial recertification households is \$6,830.	The increase is believed to be the result of other MTW activities.

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Activity 4: Biennial Recertifications SS #3: Increase in Positive Outcomes in Employment Status				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline <sup>3</sup>	Benchmark	Outcome <sup>4</sup>	Benchmark Achieved?
Report the following information separately for each category: (1) Employed Full-Time (2) Employed Part-Time (3) Enrolled in an Educational Program (4) Enrolled in Job Training Program (5) Unemployed (6) Other	Head(s) of households in < <category name="">&gt; prior to implementation of the activity (number). This number may be zero.</category>	Expected head(s) of households in < <category name="">&gt; after implementation of the activity (number).</category>	Actual head(s) of households in < <category name="">&gt; after implementation of the activity (number).</category>	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
	Percentage of total workable households in < <category name="">&gt; prior to implementation of activity (percent). This number may be zero.</category>	Expected percentage of total work-able households in < <category name="">&gt; after implementation of the activity (percent).</category>	Actual percentage of total work-able households in <category name="">&gt; after implementation of the activity (percent).</category>	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
(1) Employed Full-Time	Head(s) of work-able households employed full- time in FY 2016 is 175.	The number of heads of work-able households employed full-time is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	Heads of work-able households employed full- time is 872.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric. The outcome is believed to be the result of other MTW activities and/or additional data available in the outcome year compared to the baseline year.
	Percentage of total workable households employed full-time in FY 2016 is 38%.	The percentage of total work-able households employed full-time is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	Percentage of total workable households employed full-time is 32%.	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pre-implementation data for categories 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of this metric is unavailable. Baseline figures represent FY 2016 data. Baseline data from 2016 reflects 10% of all workable biennial reexamination families.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Outcomes for SS #3 are based upon self-reported data collected from families and may not include all active families.

Activity 4: Biennial Recertifications – SS #3: Increase in Positive Outcomes in Employment Status (continued)

(2) Employed Part-Time	Head(s) of work-able households employed part- time in FY 2016 is 86.	The number of heads of work-able households employed part-time is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	Heads of work-able households employed part-time is 489.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric. The outcome is believed to be the result of other MTW activities and/or additional data available in the outcome year compared to the baseline year.
	Percentage of total workable households employed part-time in FY 2016 is 19%.	The percentage of total work-able households employed part-time is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	The percentage of total work-able households employed part-time is 18%.	
(3) Enrolled in an Educational Program	Head(s) of work-able households enrolled in an educational program in FY 2016 is 39.	The number of heads of work-able households enrolled in an educational program is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	Heads of work-able households enrolled in an educational program is 230.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric. The outcome is believed to be the result of other MTW activities and/or additional data available in the outcome year compared to the baseline year.
	Percentage of total workable households enrolled in an educational program in FY 2016 is 8%.	The percentage of total work-able households enrolled in an educational program is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	The percentage of total work-able households enrolled in an educational program is 8%.	

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(4) Enrolled in Job	Head(s) of work-able	The number of heads of	Heads of work-able	Yes, the outcome meets the
Training Program	households enrolled in a job training program in FY 2016 is 9.	work-able households enrolled in a job-training program is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	households enrolled in job training is 50.	benchmark for this metric. The outcome is believed to be the result of other MTW activities and/or additional data available in the outcome year compared to the baseline year.
	Percentage of total workable households enrolled in a job training program in FY 2016 is 2%.	The percentage of total work-able households enrolled in a job-training program is not expected to change because of this activity.	The percentage of total work-able households enrolled in job training is 2%.	
(5) Unemployed	Head(s) of work-able households unemployed prior to implementation of the activity is 200.	The number of heads of household unemployed after implementation of the activity is not expected to change because of this activity.	Heads of work-able households unemployed is 1,404.	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric. The outcome is believed to be related to the COVID-19 pandemic, as all activities including this metric reflect an increase in the number of families unemployed.
	Percentage of total workable households unemployed prior to implementation of the activity is 43%.	The percentage of total work-able households unemployed after implementation of the activity is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	Percentage of total workable households unemployed is 51%.	

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6) Other	Head(s) of work-able	The number of heads of	Heads of work-able	Yes, the outcome meets the
	households engaged in	household engaged in other	households engaged in	benchmark for this metric.
	other activities in FY 2016 is	activities is not expected to	other activities is 181.	The outcome is believed to
	22.	change as a result of this		be the result of other MTW
		activity.		activities and/or additional
	Percentage of total work-	The percentage of total	The percentage of total	data available in the
	able households engaged in	work-able households	work-able households	outcome year compared to
	other activities in FY 2016 is	engaged in other activities is	engaged in other activities is	the baseline year.
	5%.	not expected to change as a	7%.	
		result of this activity.		

Activity 4: Biennial Recertifications  SS# 4: Households Removed from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Number of households receiving TANF assistance (decrease).	Households receiving TANF prior to implementation of the activity (number)	Expected number of households receiving TANF after implementation of the activity (number).	Actual households receiving TANF after implementation of the activity (number).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Number of households receiving TANF assistance.	Number of households receiving TANF in FY 2011 prior to full implementation of the activity is 29.8% of all MTW households.	· ·	Actual households receiving TANF is 1,703 (18%).	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric. The outcome is believed to be the result of other MTW activities.

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Activity 4: Biennial Recertifications SS #8: Households Transitioned to Self-Sufficiency				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency (increase). The PHA may create one or more definitions for "self-sufficiency" to use for this metric. Each time the PHA uses this metric, the "Outcome" number should also be provided in Section (II) Operating Information in the space provided.	Households transitioned to self-sufficiency (< <pha definition="" of="" self-sufficiency="">&gt;) prior to implementation of the activity (number). This number may be zero.</pha>	Expected households transitioned to self-sufficiency (< <pha definition="" of="" self-sufficiency="">&gt;) after implementation of the activity (number).</pha>	Actual households transitioned to self sufficiency (< <pha definition of self- sufficiency&gt;&gt;) after implementation of the activity (number).</pha 	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency.  For purposes of this activity, "self-sufficiency" is defined as having a total gross household income at or above 80% of the Area Median Income for the family size (at the time of end of participation).	The number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency prior to implementation of the activity is 57.  (FY 2015 data used to establish baseline as pre-implementation data is unavailable)	The number of households expected to be transitioned to self-sufficiency because of the activity is 0.	The number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency in FY 2021 is 18.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric. The outcome is believed to be the result of other MTW activities.

# iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

None.

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## iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

Standard metrics CE #5, SS #1, SS #3, SS #4, and SS #8 were added in HACSB's 2015 Annual Plan per HUD's request. The objective of the activity is to achieve agency cost and staff time savings. As a result, HACSB does not anticipate that these metrics will reflect an increase in tenant rent share, household income, positive outcomes in employment status, households removed from TANF, or households transitioned to self-sufficiency as a direct result of this activity.

Pre-implementation baseline data for standard metric SS #8 is unavailable. In accordance with written instruction from HUD, data from FY 2015 was used to establish the baseline for this metric.

Beginning in FY 2019 HACSB applied a revised time study method. The previous time study method was retrospective and required staff to report on time previously spent. This process was changed to a real-time method which tracked the time staff spent on a randomly selected representative sample of files. Staff recorded time spent on the recertification process as they worked on the files, including time spent in specific categories relevant to MTW reporting and internal analysis. This process is believed to provide a more reliable and accurate evaluation of time spent on recertifications and other processes, and HACSB anticipates using this method for all future time studies.

### v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

vi. Challenges in Achieving Benchmarks and Possible Strategies

None.

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## **Activity 5: Simplified Income Determination**

## i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended

- FY 2009: Initial approval as "Local Verification Policies". Implemented on October 1, 2009.
- FY 2019: Modified to rename this activity and merge the functions of the following previously approved activities:
  - Activity 5 Local Verification Policies (the original name of this activity)
  - Activity 6 Elimination of Assets: Originally approved in our FY 2009 Annual MTW Plan and implemented on October 1, 2009. This component
    was closed out as a separate activity in FY 2019.
  - Activity 9 Elimination of Earned Income Disallowance: Originally approved in our FY 2009 Initial Annual MTW Plan and effective on October 1, 2009, for participants in the Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing programs. This component was closed out as a separate activity in FY 2019.
  - Activity 17 Local Income Inclusions: Originally approved in our FY 2011 Annual MTW Plan and implemented on May 1, 2011. The activity
    was modified through HACSB's FY 2015 Annual MTW Plan. This component was closed out as a separate activity in FY 2019.
- Authorization to apply this activity to participants of the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program was received from HUD in September 2019. That approval, though not granted through the HUD MTW Office, was included in our FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan for informational purposes. All components of this activity except the elimination of the Earned Income Disallowance apply to VASH households.
- FY 2022: Authorization to apply this activity to participants of the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program was received from HUD in July 2021, through a waiver request. That approval, though not granted through the HUD MTW Office, is included in our Annual MTW Plan for informational purposes. This activity applies to EHV customers with the exception of the exclusion of Earned Income Disallowance.

### ii. Description/Impact/Update

This activity addresses the MTW statutory objective to reduce costs and achieve greater effectiveness in federal expenditures.

This activity includes four components: local verification policies, elimination of assets, elimination of the Earned Income Disallowance, and local policies for income inclusions and exclusions. The activity applies to all MTW families. All components of the activity except the elimination of the Earned Income Disallowance component also apply to VASH and EHV households.

This activity has simplified the process for our families and the housing staff, reducing staff time spent on verifications, calculation of assets, processing the Earned Income Disallowance, and related agency costs.

#### **Local Verification Policies**

The verification standard used by HACSB was modified in FY 2011 to establish the following local verification hierarchy:

- 1. Upfront Income Verification (UIV) using HUD's Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) is the highest standard of verification.
- 2. Documents provided by the household and observed to be satisfactory to verify income are the second tier of verification.

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- 3. Third-party written verification is requested as the third tier of verification if additional verification is necessary.
- 4. Third-party oral verification is permitted as the lowest ranking type of income verification.

Applicant verifications may not be more than 120 days old (from the date received) at the time of orientation. For participants, verifications remain valid for six months (180 days) from the date received.

#### **Elimination of Assets**

Assets are fully excluded from the calculation of annual income for the purpose of determining the tenant rent portion. Asset information is verified at initial eligibility for the purpose of determining income eligibility for assistance. Thereafter, information related to assets is not collected and income from assets is not considered as part of the income/rent calculation formula.

#### Elimination of Earned Income Disallowance

HACSB has eliminated the HUD Mandatory Earned Income Disallowance (EID) from the calculation of total tenant payment. This component does not apply to VASH program participants.

#### Local Income Inclusions and Exclusions

HACSB has established local policies to include or exclude certain income sources that are currently excluded or included under regulation. The modifications to the rent calculation are:

- Foster care income is fully included.
- Sanctioned Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) income, whether due to non-compliance with self-sufficiency requirements, fraud or any other sanction reasons authorized by CALWORKS, except term limits, is fully included.
- Adoption assistance payment income is fully included (effective at each family's first biennial recertification effective on or after October 1, 2015).
- Earned income of full-time students other than the Head of Household, spouse, and co-head of household is fully excluded (effective at each family's first biennial recertification effective on or after October 1, 2015).

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Activity 5: Simplified Income Determination CE #1: Agency Cost Savings				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Total cost of task in dollars (decrease).	Cost of task prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected cost of task after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual cost of task after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
<ul> <li>Total combined costs:</li> <li>of income verification process</li> <li>to collect and calculate asset income for both PH and HCV</li> <li>of staff time spent to process EID</li> </ul>	\$296,512 in 2009	\$160,117  Agency Cost Calculation: 4,580 hours for verifications X \$34.96 staff cost per hour \$0 for calculation of assets or application of the EID	\$29,611 Staff Cost Calculation: 847 hours X \$34.96 staff cost per hour.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.

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Activity 5: Simplified Income Determination  CE #2: Staff Time Savings				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Total time to complete the task in staff hours (decrease).	Total amount of staff time dedicated to the task prior to implementation of the activity (in hours).	Expected amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity (in hours).	Actual amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity (in hours).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Total hours to conduct verifications	8,483.4 total hours  6,947 hours for verifications (1,133 hours in Public Housing; 5,814 in HCV) 1,478 hours to calculate assets 58.4 hours to process the EID	4,580 total hours  Staff Time Calculation: 705 hours to process verifications in PH; 3,875 in HCV. 0 hours for calculation of assets or application of EID	847 total hours.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.

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Activity 5: Simplified Income Determination CE #3: Decrease in Error Rate of Task Execution				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Average error rate in completing a task as a percentage (decrease).	Average error rate of task prior to implementation of the activity (percentage).	Expected average error rate of task after implementation of the activity (percentage).	Actual average error rate of task after implementation of the activity (percentage).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Total combined average error rate in:  completing verifications calculating assets processing the earned income disallowance	Average error rate of prior to implementation of the activity is 44%.  (FY 2011-2012 used to establish the baseline for this metric)	The average error rate is expected to be less than 44%.	The actual average error rate is 6%.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.

Activity 5: Simplified Income Determination CE #5: Increase in Tenant Rent Share				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Rental revenue in dollars (increase).	Rental revenue prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected rental revenue after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual rental revenue after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Average tenant rent share in dollars for households with the earned income disallowance and/or local income inclusions.	Average tenant rent share prior to implementation of the activity is \$473. (FY 2015 data used to establish baseline as preimplementation data is unavailable)	The average tenant rent share is not more than \$720.	The actual average tenant rent share is \$826.	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric.

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## iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

None.

## iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

The time study method was revised for the FY 2019 MTW Report. A sample of files was selected for the study and tracked in real-time to determine the total time spent completing verifications, calculating asset income, and processing the Earned Income Disallowance for MTW actions. HACSB intends to use this method for all future time studies.

Through our FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan, HACSB received approval to merge four previously approved MTW activities under this activity with the title "Simplified Income Determination". Beginning with the 2019 Annual MTW Report, the outcomes of these activities are reported as combined totals.

Standard metric CE #3 was added in HACSB's 2015 Annual Plan per HUD's request. The objective of the activity is to achieve agency cost and staff time savings. As a result, HACSB does not anticipate that the metric CE #3 will reflect a decrease in the average error rate related to verifications as a direct result of this activity.

### v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

vi. Challenges in Achieving Benchmarks and Possible Strategies

None.

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## Activity 8: Local Policies for Portability

## i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended

- FY 2009: Initial Approval. The initial implementation of this activity began on October 1, 2009.
- FY 2010: Modified to add a work requirement for portability. The work requirement was implemented on August 1, 2010.
- FY 2020: Modified through FY 2020 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 2, to add Emergency Operations in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

## ii. Description/Impact/Update

This activity addresses the MTW statutory objective to reduce costs and achieve greater cost effectiveness in federal expenditures.

Through this activity, HACSB applies the requirements of its ongoing MTW activities to inbound portability participants.

This activity has resulted in significant staff time savings, achieving a reduction in staff hours to process ports-in each year since implementation. All benchmarks for this activity have been fully or partially met since FY 2010.

#### **Emergency Operations**

In the event of a local disaster, emergency, or other situation which affects the health and/or safety of HACSB customers, employees, and/or the public, HACSB may implement temporary change(s) to this activity ("emergency operations") to ensure continuity of operations to the extent possible and practical.

This and other emergency operations modifications were developed and implemented in early spring 2020 in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, which is ongoing at the time of this writing. The pandemic has created a need for social distancing and other precautions to protect against the spread of the disease. In compliance with the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), "stay-at-home" orders issued by California Governor Newsom, and other guidance from local, state, and federal agencies, HACSB has taken steps to reduce contact between individuals, including reducing the number of employees in our offices through telework and alternative work schedules, expanding remote and virtual service options, and screening customers for in-person customer service. The need for social distancing and other precautions is anticipated to continue into 2022. HASCB implemented the following emergency operations change for this activity:

• HACSB temporarily suspended acceptance of Housing Choice Voucher Program ports-in from other housing authorities. HACSB maintained a contact list of the families who expressed interest in porting to San Bernardino County during the temporary suspension and those families were notified when the suspension was lifted effective December 1, 2020.

Emergency operations for this activity were ended December 1, 2020, but remain in effect for other activities. Emergency operations may be reenacted in the future in response to a resurgence of the current pandemic or another local disaster, emergency, or other crisis situation.

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Activity 8: Local Policies for Portability  CE #1: Agency Cost Savings					
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?	
Total cost of task in dollars (decrease).	Cost of task prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected cost of task after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual cost of task after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.	
Total cost of portability in dollars.	\$70,060 in FY 2009  Staff cost calculation: 2,004 hours X \$34.96 average staff cost per hour	\$35,029 in FY 2015 and beyond.	\$11,886.  Staff Cost Calculation: 340 hours X \$34.96 average staff cost per hour	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.	

Activity 8: Local Policies for Portability  CE #2: Staff Time Savings				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Total time to complete the task in staff hours (decrease).	Total amount of staff time dedicated to the task prior to implementation of the activity (in hours).	Expected amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity (in hours).	Actual amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity (in hours).	meets or exceeds the
Total hours of staff time spent annually to process in-bound portability	2,004 hours in FY 2009	1,002 hours in FY 2010 and beyond.	340 hours.  Staff Time Calculation:  1.81 hours per port-in x 175 port-ins.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.

# iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

None.

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iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

None.

v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

vi. Challenges in Achieving Benchmarks and Possible Strategies

None.

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## Activity 10: Minimum Rent

## i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended

- FY 2009: Initial Approval. The activity was implemented on October 1, 2009, for recertifications of currently served families and on January 1, 2010, for all new families.
- FY 2019:
  - o A non-significant modification was made to require families paying the minimum rent to participate in supportive services offered by HACSB.
  - Authorization to apply this activity to participants of the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program was received from HUD in September 2019. That approval, though not granted through the HUD MTW Office, was included in our FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan for informational purposes.
- FY 2022: Authorization to apply this activity to participants of the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program was received from HUD in July 2021, through a waiver request. That approval, though not granted through the HUD MTW Office, is included in our Annual MTW Plan for informational purposes.
  - A non-significant modification was also made which allows HACSB to reduce or postpone the minimum rent for HACSB developments or programs serving extremely vulnerable populations.

## ii. Description/Impact/Update

This activity addresses the MTW statutory objectives to reduce costs and achieve greater effectiveness in federal expenditures, and to give incentives to families with children whose head of household are either working, seeking work, or are participating in job training, educational or other programs that assist in obtaining employment and becoming economically self-sufficient.

This activity allows HACSB to increase the minimum rent to \$125 from the current regulatory maximum of \$50 per month for all households in both the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs. The activity applies to MTW, VASH, and EHV households.

HACSB will reduce the minimum rent to \$0 for its permanent support housing (PSH) communities and the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program.

### **Supportive Services Requirement**

This activity also permits HACSB to require career-able (non-elderly and non-disabled) families paying the minimum rent to participate in services offered through HACSB's Family Empowerment Services (FES) team. The Head of Household will be required to sign an individual training and services plan (ITSP) with the primary objective of increasing the family's earned income. This component was approved in HACSB's FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan. However, implementation of this requirement is on hold due to staffing and structural changes within the FES team.

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Activity 10: Minimum Rent CE #5: Increase in Tenant Rent Share						
Unit of Measurement	Unit of Measurement Baseline Benchmark Outcome Benchmark Achieved?					
Rental revenue in dollars (increase).	Rental revenue prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected rental revenue after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual rental revenue after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.		
Average tenant rent share in dollars for minimum rent households	Average tenant rent share for minimum rent households prior to implementation of the activity is \$33.	The average tenant rent share for minimum rent households will increase by \$40 to \$73.	The actual average tenant rent share for minimum rent households is \$175.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.		

Activity 10: Minimum Rent SS #1: Increase in Household Income				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Average earned income of households affected by this policy in dollars (increase).	Average earned income of households affected by this policy prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected average earned income of households affected by this policy prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual average earned income of households affected by this policy prior to implementation.	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Average earned income of households with TTP at or less than \$125 in dollars.	The average earned income for PH and HCV households with TTP at or less than \$125 prior to implementation of this activity is \$718.	The average earned income for households with TTP at or less than \$125 will increase to \$774.	The average earned income for households with TTP less than or equal to \$125 is \$895.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.

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Activity 10: Minimum Rent  SS #3: Increase in Positive Outcomes in Employment Status				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline <sup>5</sup>	Benchmark	Outcome <sup>6</sup>	Benchmark Achieved?
Report the following information separately for each category: (1) Employed Full-Time (2) Employed Part-Time (3) Enrolled in an Educational Program (4) Enrolled in Job Training Program (5) Unemployed (6) Other	Head(s) of households in <category name="">&gt; prior to implementation of the activity (number). This number may be zero.  Percentage of total workable households in <category name="">&gt; prior</category></category>	Expected head(s) of households in < <category name="">&gt; after implementation of the activity (number).  Expected percentage of total work-able households in &lt;<category name="">&gt; after</category></category>	Actual head(s) of households in < <category name="">&gt; after implementation of the activity (number).  Actual percentage of total work-able households in &lt;<category name="">&gt; after</category></category>	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.  Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
	to implementation of activity (percent). This number may be zero.	implementation of the activity (percent).	implementation of the activity (percent).	
(1) Employed Full-Time	Head(s) of work-able households employed full- time in FY 2016 is 6.	The number of heads of household employed full-time is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	Heads of work-able households employed full- time is 10.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.
	Percentage of total workable households employed full-time in FY 2016 is 9%.	The percentage of work-able households employed full-time is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	Percentage of total workable households employed full-time is 8%.	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Pre-implementation data for categories 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of this metric is unavailable. Baseline figures represent FY 2016 data. Baseline data from 2016 reflects 7% of all minimum rent families and 7% of work-able minimum rent families.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Outcomes for SS #3 are based upon self-reported data collected from families and may not include all active families.

Activity 10: Minimum Rent – SS #3: Increase in Positive Outcomes in Employment Status (continued)

(2) Employed Part-Time	Head(s) of households employed part-time in FY 2016 is 14.	The number of heads of household employed part-time is not expected to change because of this activity.	Heads of work-able households employed part- time is 19.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.
	Percentage of total workable households employed part-time in FY 2016 is 22%.	The percentage of work-able households employed part-time is not expected to change because of this activity.	Percentage of total workable households employed full-time is 15%.	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric.
(3) Enrolled in an Educational Program	Head(s) of households enrolled in an educational program in FY 2016 is 8.	The number of heads of household enrolled in an educational program is not expected to change because of this activity.	Heads of work- able households enrolled in an educational program is 8.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.
	Percentage of total workable households enrolled in an educational program in FY 2016 is 12%.	The percentage of work-able households enrolled in an educational program is not expected to change because of this activity.	Percentage of total workable households enrolled in an educational is 6%.	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric.

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Activity 10: Minimum Rent – SS #3: Increase in Positive Outcomes in Employment Status (continued)

(4) Enrolled in Job Training Program	Head(s) of households enrolled in a job training program in FY 2016 is 2.	The number of heads of household enrolled in a jobtraining program is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	Heads of work-able households enrolled in a job training program is 2.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.
	Percentage of total workable households enrolled in a job training program in FY 2016 is 3%.	The percentage of work-able households enrolled in a jobtraining program is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	Percentage of total workable households enrolled in a job training program is 2%.	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric.
(5) Unemployed	Head(s) of households unemployed prior to implementation of the activity is 45.	The number of unemployed minimum rent heads of household is expected to be no more than 90% of all minimum rent heads of household.	Heads of work-able households unemployed is 98.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.
	Percentage of total workable households unemployed prior to implementation of the activity is 69%	The percentage of work-able unemployed minimum rent households is expected to be no more than 90% of all work-able minimum rent heads of household.	Percentage of total work- able households unemployed is 77%	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric.

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Activity 10: Minimum Rent – SS #3: Increase in Positive Outcomes in Employment Status (continued)

(6) Other	Head(s) of households engaged in other activities in FY 2016 is 8.	The number of heads of household engaged in other activities is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	Heads of work-able households engaged in other activities is 10.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.
	Percentage of total workable households engaged in other activities in FY 2016 is 12%.	The percentage of work-able households engaged in other activities is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	Percentage of total workable households engaged in other activities is 8%.	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric.

Activity 10: Minimum Rent  SS #4: Households Removed from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)					
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?	
Number of households receiving TANF assistance (decrease).	Households receiving TANF prior to implementation of the activity (number).	Expected number of households receiving TANF after implementation of the activity (number).	Actual households receiving TANF after implementation of the activity (number).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.	
Number of minimum rent households receiving TANF assistance.	Number of minimum rent households receiving TANF assistance prior to implementation of the activity is 30 of 286 (10.5% of all minimum rent households).	The number of minimum rent households receiving TANF after implementation of the activity is expected to be no more than 50%.	Number of minimum rent households receiving TANF is 33 (12%).	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric when measured by percentage of minimum rent households.	

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Activity 10: Minimum Rent  SS #8: Households Transitioned to Self-Sufficiency						
Unit of Measurement						
Number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency (increase). The PHA may create one or more definitions for "self-sufficiency" to use for this metric. Each time the PHA uses this metric, the "Outcome" number should also be provided in Section (II) Operating Information in the space provided.	Households transitioned to self-sufficiency (< <pha definition="" of="" self-sufficiency="">&gt;) prior to</pha>	Expected households transitioned to self-sufficiency (< <pha definition="" of="" self-sufficiency="">&gt;) after implementation of the activity (number).</pha>	Actual households transitioned to self sufficiency (< <pha definition of self- sufficiency&gt;&gt;) after implementation of the activity (number).</pha 	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.		
Number of minimum rent households transitioned to self-sufficiency. For purposes of this activity, "self-sufficiency" is defined as having a total gross household income at or above 80% of the Area Median Income for the family size (at the time of end of participation).	The number of minimum rent households transitioned to self-sufficiency prior to implementation of the activity is 0.	The number of minimum rent households expected to transition to self-sufficiency after implementation of the activity is 0.	The number of minimum rent households transitioned to self-sufficiency is 0.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.		

# iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

None.

## iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

In FY 2022 we plan to add a local metric in the MTW Report to report on the families who are paying less than \$125 due to the minimum rent reduce and postpone flexibility.

## v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

## vi. Challenges in Achieving Benchmarks and Possible Strategies

None.

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## Activity 11: Local Project-Based Voucher Program

## i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended

- FY 2009: Initial Approval.
- FY 2010: Clarified components of the activity through FY 2010 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 3. Implemented September 2010.
- FY 2015: Modification proposed through our FY 2015 Plan, Amendment 1B, but not approved by HUD. Per HUD's request, the proposed modification was re-proposed and approved through HACSB's FY 2017 MTW Plan.
- FY 2018: Modification to expand unit types eligible for project-based vouchers and add a work and/or supportive services requirement.
- FY 2019: Authorization to apply this activity to participants of the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program was received from HUD in September 2019. That approval, though not granted through the HUD MTW Office, was included in our FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan for informational purposes. A modification to allow HACSB to apply alternative occupancy standards in special circumstances was included in our FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 1.
- For 2022: Modified to consider all PBV units included under a single contract as one building for purposes of determining the number of HQS inspections to be performed.

## ii. Description/Impact/Update

This activity addresses the MTW statutory objective to increase housing choices for eligible low-income families.

HACSB's Local Project-Based Voucher (PBV) program is intended to increase the availability of quality housing units. The expansion of our housing authority and/or our affiliate nonprofit-owned housing stock will allow us to continue to reinvest net income into the acquisition of additional affordable housing units. The flexibilities included under this activity are:

- Up to 100% percent of units in any development may be project-based;
- Up to 30% of HACSB's MTW baseline number of units may be allocated for PBV (including RAD-PBV units);
- PBV will be allocated to all of the public housing units approved for disposition other than 27 units to be rehabilitated in conjunction with the County Department of Behavioral Health (308 PBV units);
- Households residing in PBV units will not have automatic priority to receive tenant-based vouchers after one year, but instead will have such a
  priority after two years;
- A local PBV HAP contract which modifies the terms and conditions of the HAP contract, including the ability to execute PBV HAP contracts for groupings of non-contiguous scattered-site properties and to contract for a total number of units by bedroom size within a development rather than for specific units;

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- An over-housed household residing in a Public Housing unit that is disposed of and converted to a Project-Based Voucher may remain in its unit and HACSB will subsidize the household based on the size of the unit, not the qualifying voucher size;
- HACSB may require an under-housed household residing in a Public Housing unit that is disposed of and converted to a Project-Based Voucher to move with a voucher for the number of bedrooms for which the household qualifies;
- For a unit other than former Public Housing units, HACSB may designate the unit as a PBV unit and allow an in-place household for which the unit is a wrong-sized unit to remain in occupancy for up to one year, if the owner agrees to accept a PBV contract rent that does not exceed the HACSB subsidy standard for the household for the initial term of the lease.
- Initial contract rent for units owned by HACSB as defined in the PBV regulations may be determined using an HACSB market study that will consider local rental submarkets, in lieu of the requirement to use an independent entity with rents based on an appraisal by a state-certified appraiser.
  - This flexibility is applied to the first two phases of the Waterman Gardens public housing revitalization project, where single-fund flexibility is utilized to increase RAD contract rents to match local market rent levels, thereby allowing us to generate more private debt and equity necessary for new construction.
  - This component does not apply to the third and final phase of the Waterman Gardens RAD conversion and redevelopment (please see Activity 27: Local Project-Based Voucher Subsidy for Tax Credit Developments for more information about the rent and subsidy calculations applicable to phase three.)
- The rents for Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) units will equal the maximum specified under the RAD Notice. This component does not apply to the third and final phase of the Waterman Gardens RAD conversion and redevelopment (please see Activity 27: Local Project-Based Voucher Subsidy for Tax Credit Developments for more information about the rent and subsidy calculations applicable to phase three.)
- HACSB may project-base vouchers for unit types which are not allowable under traditional regulatory PBV. The types of housing which may be assisted through PBV include the following:
  - Shared housing (up to one person per bedroom);
  - Units on the grounds of a penal, reformatory, medical, mental health, or similar public or private institution;
  - Nursing homes or facilities providing continuous psychiatric, medical, nursing services, board and care, or intermediate care;
  - Manufactured homes;
  - Transitional housing;
  - Single-room occupancy;

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- Congregate housing;
- Other housing types as needed.
- Where appropriate, HACSB will partner with universities, state and local government, and other stakeholders to develop housing and service delivery programs which leverage HACSB and partner resources. Where appropriate and feasible, programs will include both housing and related health care, education, job preparedness, and/or other necessary supportive services for individuals assisted through the programs.
  - To ensure that assisted families receiving on-site supportive services through an HACSB partner continue to reside at the location where the services are provided, HACSB may not provide a tenant-based voucher upon completion of the initial two-year term of assistance. Assisted families will be notified at move-in as to whether they will be eligible to receive a tenant-based voucher.
- HACSB will utilize flexibility in applying occupancy standards for existing and/or new project-based voucher developments. The flexibility will be applied at HACSB's discretion based on a determination of need and circumstances related to a specific development, and will include the following components:
  - Alternative Occupancy Standards: Project-based voucher units are subject to HACSB's traditional occupancy standards, which are currently set at a minimum of two persons per bedroom. However, in certain circumstances, HACSB will permit certain project-based units to be occupied using an alternative occupancy standard of up to two persons per bedroom. This flexibility will allow a family to be over-housed by occupying a larger unit than would normally be permitted under the occupancy standards. (Example: a two-person family may lease a two-bedroom unit.)
    - Written Agreement: Prior to exercising this flexibility, HACSB and the PBV owner/manager will enter into a written agreement which specifies the circumstances under which the alternative occupancy standards may be used, including a requirement for the owner/manager to first undertake and demonstrate a reasonable effort, as defined by HACSB, to lease the subject unit to a family using the traditional occupancy standards.
    - Alternative Subsidy Standards: in the event that the alternative occupancy standards are applied, the HAP for the subject project-based unit will be based on the actual unit size.

This modification is used to prevent under-utilization of project-based vouchers in certain circumstances. For example, the flexibility offered by this modification allows the Loma Linda Veterans Village apartment development to provide housing to low-income veteran families. The development is comprised of 87 units, 18 of which are three-bedroom project-based voucher (PBV) units for veteran families. Under the traditional occupancy standards, the three-bedroom units may only be occupied by five- or six-person families. The development began leasing in Fall of 2018, and management had great difficulty in identifying large veteran families to occupy the three-bedroom units under the current traditional occupancy standards. As a result, the units were held vacant while the owner/manager attempted to recruit a five- or six-person family. The flexibility permitted through this component of this activity permitted the three-bedroom units to be leased to smaller low-income veteran families who are in dire need of housing and aligns with HACSB's strategic goal to ensure that no eligible family waits longer than ten days for assistance.

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#### Rent Reasonableness, HAP, and Vacancy Payments (Shared Housing Units)

HACSB will use its Local Payment Standard (LPS) to determine rent reasonableness and maximum HAP. If a shared housing unit is not fully occupied, HACSB will pay the full HAP for the unit for up to sixty days. After sixty days, the HAP will be prorated to reflect the percentage of occupied bedrooms.

#### Housing Quality Standards (HQS) Inspections Standards – Number of Inspections to be Performed

HACSB will allow all project-based voucher (PBV) units included under a single contract to be grouped as a single building for the purpose of determining the number of HQS inspections to be performed. Currently, regulations require that 20% of the units in each building in a project be inspected annually or biennially. For scattered site projects and those that include multiple buildings on one site, the inspection requirement results in HACSB inspecting more than 20% of the total units under PBV contract. For example, a PBV contract that includes ten duplex buildings (20 total PBV units) would currently require one inspection per duplex (ten inspections). Under this modification, HACSB will instead inspect 20% of the 20 total units (4 inspections).

#### **Additional Requirements**

Our approved FY 2018 Annual MTW Plan included the addition of a requirement for the PBV project developer/manager to administer a work requirement and/or supportive services program for some project-based voucher (PBV) contract awards. This component has not yet been implemented but is expected to be utilized in the future.

The requirement will apply only if the number of PBV units exceeds a reasonable number or percentage of the total units in the development. The requirement will <u>not</u> apply to developments where conflicting regulation or law exists. HACSB intends to apply this requirement only to new PBV awards. A work requirement and/or supportive services requirement would not be applied to existing PBV contracts unless agreed upon by the owner.

When a PBV award includes a work requirement, the work requirement will apply only to non-elderly and non-disabled (career-able) families residing in PBV units. Adult family members will be required to participate in work-related activities for a minimum of fifteen hours per week. Work-related activities shall include activities removing barriers to gainful employment, activities leading to gainful employment, and employment. HACSB will require the developer/manager to provide supportive services to these families. Supportive services may include, but are not limited to: job skills/employment coaching and job search services, life skills classes, and other services designed to help families meet the work requirement.

For some PBV awards, HACSB may include a supportive services requirement only. Supportive services may include, but are not limited to: educational and employment services, life skills classes, assistance accessing community resources, and other services.

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Activity 11: Local Project-Based Voucher Program  CE #1: Agency Cost Savings				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Total cost of task in dollars (decrease).	Cost of task prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected cost of task after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual cost of task after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Total cost of awarding PBV contracts.	Total average cost of awarding PBV contracts prior to implementation of the activity is \$3,438.60.  Cost calculation: 60 hours X \$57.31 hour (2015 loaded labor rate)	The expected average cost of awarding PBV contracts after implementation of this activity is \$1,719.30 (50% of baseline).	·	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this activity.

Activity 11: Local Project-Based Voucher Program  CE #2: Staff Time Savings				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Total time to complete the task in staff hours (decrease).	Total amount of staff time dedicated to the task prior to implementation of the activity (in hours).	Expected amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity (in hours).	Actual amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity (in hours).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Total average staff time to award PBV contracts.	Total average amount of staff time dedicated to awarding PBV contracts prior to implementation of the activity is 60 hours per contract.	The expected average amount of staff time to award PBV contracts under this activity will decrease by 50%.	The actual average amount of staff time to award PBV contracts under this activity is 12 hours per contract.  There were no PBV Requests for Proposal in FY 2021.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this activity.

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Activity 11: Local Project-Based Voucher Program  HC #4: Displacement Prevention				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Number of households at or below 80% AMI that would lose assistance or need to move (decrease). If units reach a specific type of household, give that type in this box.	Households losing assistance/moving prior to implementation of the activity (number).	Expected households losing assistance/moving after implementation of the activity (number).	Actual households losing assistance/moving after implementation of the activity (number).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Number of households at or below 80% AMI that would lose assistance or need to move.	Households losing assistance/moving prior to implementation of the activity is 0. (FY 2015 data used to establish baseline as preimplementation data is unavailable)	Expected households losing assistance/moving after implementation of the activity is 0.	Displacement was prevented for 1,137 households with income at or below 80% of AMI residing in HACSB PBV units at the end of FY 2021.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.

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Activity 11: Local Project-Based Voucher Program  Local Metric: Units of Project-Based Voucher Assistance Added to the HACSB Portfolio							
Unit of Measurement	Unit of Measurement Baseline Benchmark Outcome Benchmark Achieved?						
Number of units added to the HACSB portfolio	349 units.	1,856 units.	2,887 current and committed PBV units.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark.			
because of this activity.	the HACSB portfolio	affiliates, will increase to no	HACSB has increased its PBV units to 29.4% of its MTW portfolio (2,887 current and committed units/9,836 MTW baseline units)				

## iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

Through its FY 2022 Annual MTW Plan, HACSB was granted authorization to allow all project-based voucher (PBV) units included under a single contract to be grouped as a single building for the purpose of determining the number of Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspections to be performed. Currently, regulations require that 20% of the units in each building in a project be inspected annually or biennially. For scattered site projects and those that include multiple buildings on one site, the inspection requirement results in HACSB inspecting more than 20% of the total units under PBV contract. For example, a PBV contract that includes ten duplex buildings (20 total PBV units) would currently require one inspection per duplex (ten inspections). Under this modification, HACSB would instead inspect 20% of the 20 total units (4 inspections).

## iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

The benchmark for the local metric was revised through the FY 2019 MTW Report to align with the 30% PBV unit cap established through this activity.

The previously reported standard metric (HC #1: Additional Units of Housing Made Available) was removed per HUD's request during the approval process for HACSB's 2015 Annual MTW Plan. The data previously reported using HC #1 will now be reported using the local metric listed above.

Pre-implementation baseline data for standard metric HC #4 is unavailable. In accordance with written instruction from HUD, data from the first fiscal year for which this metric was reported (FY 2015) was used to establish the baseline.

### v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

## vi. Challenges in Achieving Benchmarks and Possible Strategies

None.

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# Activity 12: Local Payment Standards and Alternative Flat Rents

## i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended

- FY 2009: Initial approval.
- FY 2011: Implemented on July 1, 2011, for all new lease ups and recertifications.
- FY 2012: Modified to use the maximum subsidy as determined through HACSB's annual market rent study as the guideline in determining the contract rent for youcher units.
- FY 2015: Modification proposed but not approved via Amendment 1B to our FY 2015 Plan. Per HUD's request, the proposed modification was reproposed and approved through HACSB's FY 2017 Annual MTW Plan.
- FY 2017: Modified to apply Local Payment Standards as the maximum flat rent for Public Housing units.
- FY 2019: Authorization to apply this activity to participants of the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program was received from HUD in September 2019. That approval, though not granted through the HUD MTW Office, was included in our FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan for informational purposes.
- FY 2020: Modified through FY 2020 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 2, to add Emergency Operations in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.
- FY 2022: Authorization to apply this activity to participants of the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program was received from HUD in July 2021, through a waiver request. That approval, though not granted through the HUD MTW Office, is included in our FY 2022 Annual MTW Plan for informational purposes.

### ii. Description/Impact/Update

This activity addresses the MTW statutory objective to increase housing choices for eligible low-income families.

The activity applies to MTW, VASH, and EHV households.

This MTW activity allows HACSB to conduct a market assessment to identify submarket areas and develop Local Payment Standards for those submarket areas in lieu of the HUD-prescribed Fair Market Rents. The resulting Local Payment Standards accurately reflect the diverse rental submarkets that exist across the geographically vast and diverse San Bernardino County.

Our FY 2017 Annual MTW Plan expanded the use of Local Payment Standards to replace the HUD-published Fair Market Rents as the indicator for establishing flat rents in the HACSB public housing portfolio. The annually established Local Payment Standards by submarket and bedroom size are used to determine the maximum flat rent that can be charged to Public Housing residents. The actual flat rent may fall below the Local Payment Standard based on a comparison of like units in the same area consistent with standard industry rent comparable practices. If an annual review of the Local Payment Standards indicates an increase or decrease of more than 10% from the current rate, the public housing flat rent will be re-

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assessed. The new flat rents will be applied in accordance with the rent increase process as detailed in our Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy and related Codes of Federal regulation that govern our Public Housing program.

Since implementation, this activity has shown a significant improvement in the number of families able to move to areas of opportunity. We have met or exceeded the benchmarks for our local metric, which measures the number of households residing in the two submarkets with the highest poverty and minority concentration. This change reflects an increase in the number of families that have relocated out of these submarkets into other areas of greater opportunity. HACSB anticipates that the number of families relocating to areas of greater opportunity will continue as a result of this activity.

#### **Emergency Operations**

In the event of a local disaster, emergency, or other situation which affects the health and/or safety of HACSB customers, employees, and/or the general public, HACSB may implement temporary change(s) to this activity ("emergency operations") to ensure continuity of operations to the extent possible and practical.

This and other emergency operations modifications were developed and implemented in early spring 2020 in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, which is ongoing at the time of this writing. The pandemic has created a need for social distancing and other precautions to protect against the spread of the disease. In compliance with the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), "stay-at-home" orders issued by California Governor Newsom, and other guidance from local, state, and federal agencies, HACSB has taken steps to reduce contact between individuals, including reducing the number of employees in our offices through telework and alternative work schedules, expanding remote and virtual service options, and screening customers for in-person customer service. The need for social distancing and other precautions is anticipated to continue into 2022. HASCB implemented the following emergency operations change for this activity:

• The annual review and update to the Local Payment Standards was delayed due to the limited availability of a third-party consultant to perform the market assessment. Additionally, the availability of market data for vacant units was limited by the extremely low vacancy rates, which ranged from two to four percent in different areas of the County. The Local Payment Standards were updated effective March 1, 2021.

Emergency operations may be reenacted in the future in response to a resurgence of the current pandemic or another local disaster, emergency, or other crisis situation.

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Activity 12: Local Payment Standards  CE #1: Agency Cost Savings				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Total cost of task in dollars (decrease).	Cost of task prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected cost of task after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual cost of task after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Total cost to calculate and apply payment standards.	Total cost to calculate and apply payment standards prior to implementation of the local payment standards activity is \$15,754.70. Cost calculation: 470.43 hours X \$33.49 (2015 loaded labor rate) (FY 2015 data used to establish baseline)	The cost to calculate and apply payment standards in future years is not expected to change. (The baseline value is based on FY 2015, and the activity is fully implemented)	\$12,023.  Cost calculation: 359 hours X \$33.49	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this activity.

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Activity 12: Local Payment Standards CE #2: Staff Time Savings				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Total time to complete the task in staff hours (decrease).	Total amount of staff time dedicated to the task prior to implementation of the activity (in hours).	Expected amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity (in hours).	Actual amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity (in hours).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Total staff time to calculate and apply payment standards.	470.43 hours spent in FY 2015. (FY 2015 data used to establish baseline as preimplementation data is unavailable)	No change is anticipated in future years.  (The baseline value is based on FY 2015, and the activity is fully implemented)	359 Hours.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this activity.
	Staff Time Calculation: 2.7 minutes per file to identify/apply payment standard X 10,454 total actions (recertifications, moves, interims, and port- ins)			

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Activity 12: Local Payment Standards HC #5: Increase in Resident Mobility				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Number of households at or below 80% AMI that would lose assistance or need to move (decrease). If units reach a specific type of household, give that type in this box.	Households losing assistance/moving prior to implementation of the activity (number).	Expected households losing assistance/moving after implementation of the activity (number).	Actual households losing assistance/moving after implementation of the activity (number).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Number of households at or below 80% AMI that would lose assistance or need to move.	Households losing assistance/moving prior to implementation of the activity is 308. (FY 2015 data used to establish baseline)	The expected number of households losing assistance/moving after implementation of the activity is not expected to change.	The number of households that would have lost assistance or had to move without this activity is 1,765.	Yes, the outcome meets th benchmark for this activity

Activity 12: Local Payment Standards  Local Metric: Average HAP Cost					
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?	
Average HAP cost for MTW units.	The average HAP cost of MTW units prior to implementation of this activity is \$535.87. (FY 2015 data used to establish baseline as preimplementation data is unavailable)	The average HAP cost for MTW units is not anticipated to change in future years as a direct result of this activity. The baseline value is based on FY 2015, and the activity is fully implemented at this time.	The average HAP of MTW units is \$815.	No. However, the change is believed to be the result of increasing market rents and annual updates to payment standards, which are unrelated to the flexibility authorized through this activity.	

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Activity 12: Local Payment Standards  Local Metric: Households Able to Move from Areas of Poverty and/or Minority Concentration					
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?	
Percentage of households	The percentage of	The percentage of	The percentage of	Yes, the outcome meets	
residing in submarkets 2	households residing in	households residing in	households residing in	and exceeds the benchmark	
and 6	submarkets 2 and 6 prior to	submarkets 2 and 6 will	submarkets 2 and 6 reflect	for this activity.	
	implementation are:	decrease by a total of 8% in	a 15% total decrease:		
	Submarket 2: 25%	three years (2014).	Submarket 2: 19% (6%		
	Submarket 6: 21%	Submarket 2: 21%	decrease)		
		Submarket 6: 17%	Submarket 6: 12% (9%		
			decrease)		

## iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

None.

## iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

The time study method was revised for the FY 2019 MTW Report. A sample of files was selected for the study and tracked to determine the total time spent identifying and applying the correct Local Payment Standard. HACSB intends to use this method for all future time studies.

Standard metrics CE #1 and CE #2 were added in HACSB's 2015 Annual Plan per HUD's request. The objective of the activity is to increase housing choices for low-income families and has resulted in some additional staff time spent to establish and apply the local payment standards. As a result, HACSB does not anticipate that these metrics will reflect a decrease in agency cost savings or staff time savings as a direct result of this activity.

The previously reported metric *HC #5: Increase in Resident Mobility* was corrected per HUD's comments during the approval process for HACSB's 2015 Annual MTW Plan. The data previously reported using HC #5 is reported using the local metric *Households Able to Move from Areas of Poverty and/or Minority Concentration*. HC #5 reflects the number of households whose contract rent exceeds 110% of the HUD-Published Fair Market Rent (FMR) and therefore would not be able to lease the selected unit without the HACSB Local Payment Standard Activity. The baseline for this metric was corrected in FY 2018.

Pre-implementation baseline data for standard metrics CE #1, CE #2, and the first local metric is unavailable. In accordance with written instruction from HUD, data from the first fiscal year for which these metrics were reported (FY 2015) was used to establish the baseline.

The local metric Average HAP Cost was added through our FY 2015 Annual MTW Report to identify potential HAP savings related to this activity.

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v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

vi. Challenges in Achieving Benchmarks and Possible Strategies

None.

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## **Activity 13: Local Inspection Policies**

## i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended

- FY 2010: Initial approval. Implemented on May 1, 2011.
- FY 2015: Modified to expand biennial inspections to all MTW units
- FY 2016 and FY 2017: Expanded biennial inspections implemented across all MTW units.
- FY 2020: Modified through FY 2020 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 2, to add Emergency Operations in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.
- FY 2022: Authorization to apply this activity to participants of the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program was received from HUD in July 2021, through a waiver request. That approval, though not granted through the HUD MTW Office, is included in our Annual MTW Plan for informational purposes.

### ii. Description/Impact/Update

This activity addresses the MTW statutory objective to reduce costs and achieve greater effectiveness in federal expenditures.

This activity allowed HACSB to develop and implement local inspection standards for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program that have increased operational efficiencies and ensured better housing options for low-income families. All MTW and EHV units are inspected biennially through this activity.

In FY 2013, HACSB completely outsourced our HCV inspections. This change resulted in additional staff time and cost savings. We continue to perform quality checks of our portfolio for accuracy, inspection standards, and customer satisfaction. We anticipate that the cost and time savings will continue in future years.

A modification to this activity was approved via our FY 2015 Annual MTW Plan. The percentage of units that met our quality standards to qualify for biennial inspections was well above the expected outcome. As a result, the property rating system used to determine the frequency of inspections for each unit was eliminated. Assisted units that were previously inspected annually were moved to a biennial inspection schedule, with 50% of those units inspected in FY 2016 and the remaining 50% inspected in FY 2017. No change was made to HACSB's enhanced local inspection standards.

### **Emergency Operations**

In the event of a local disaster, emergency, or other situation which affects the health and/or safety of HACSB customers, employees, and/or the public, HACSB may implement temporary change(s) to this activity ("emergency operations") to ensure continuity of operations to the extent possible and practical.

This and other emergency operations modifications were developed and implemented in early spring 2020 in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, which is ongoing at the time of this writing. The pandemic has created a need for social distancing and other precautions to protect against

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the spread of the disease. In compliance with the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), "stay-at-home" orders issued by California Governor Newsom, and other guidance from local, state, and federal agencies, HACSB has taken steps to reduce contact between individuals, including reducing the number of employees in our offices through telework and alternative work schedules, expanding remote and virtual service options, and screening customers for in-person customer service. The need for social distancing and other precautions is anticipated to continue into 2022. HASCB implemented the following emergency operations changes for this activity:

- HACSB extended the validity of a family's most recently completed biennial HQS inspection by one year. The due date of the family's next biennial HQS inspection was reset to one year from the original due date.
- HACSB deferred in-person initial HQS inspections. While this modification was in place, HACSB accepted self-certification by the family and property owner/manager that the unit met all HQS requirements to allow the family to move in without delay. In some circumstances, HACSB required photographs to accompany the self-certification for some HQS components.
   Inspections were resumed effective March 15, 2021, and HACSB will conduct an in-person HQS inspection to confirm that units meet HQS requirements. Deferred initial HQS inspections are prioritized for processing. If the unit does not pass the in-person HQS inspection, HACSB will follow the same policies and procedures applicable to failed biennial inspections.

Emergency operations may be reenacted in the future in response to a resurgence of the current pandemic or another local disaster, emergency, or other crisis situation.

Activity 13: Local Inspection Policies							
CE #1: Agency Cost Savings							
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?			
Total cost of task in dollars (decrease).	Cost of task prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected cost of task after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual cost of task after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.			
Total annual cost to conduct inspections	Total expenses for inspections is \$707,551	Total expenses for inspections is \$579,392 in two years	\$443,930.  Calculation of Cost: \$1,004 Staff cost, \$433,926 Contract cost	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.			

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Activity 13: Local Inspection Policies  CE #2: Staff Time Savings							
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?			
Total time to complete the task in staff hours (decrease).	Total amount of staff time dedicated to the task prior to implementation of the activity (in hours).	Expected amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity (in hours).	Actual amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity (in hours).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.			
Total time to complete HQS inspections in staff hours.	Total amount of staff time to complete HQS inspections prior to implementation of the activity was 15,571 hours.  Staff Time Calculation:	Expected amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity is 12,282 hours.	19 hours.  Staff Time Calculation: 0.64 hours per inspection X 30 inspections performed.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.			
	1.3 hours per inspection X 11,978 inspections performed.		See note below.				

Note: In FYE 2021, in-person inspections were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Inspections for occupied units resumed on March 22, 2021. Prior to March 22, 2021, only inspections for vacant units were conducted.

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Activity 13: Local Inspection Policies CE #3: Decrease in Error Rate of Task Execution							
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?			
Average error rate in completing a task as a percentage (decrease).	Average error rate of task prior to implementation of the activity (percentage).	Expected average error rate of task after implementation of the activity (percentage).	Actual average error rate of task after implementation of the activity (percentage).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.			
Average error rate in inspections.	Average error rate of inspections prior to implementation of the activity is 19% (4 errors in 21 files). (FY 2015 data used to establish baseline as pre-implementation data is unavailable)	The average error rate of inspections is not expected to change in future years. (Baseline data is postimplementation)	Actual error rate is 6.7% (2 errors in 30 files).	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.			

## iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

None.

## iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

The time study method was revised for the FY 2019 MTW Report. A sample of files were selected for the study and were tracked in real-time to determine the total time to conduct and process the inspection. HACSB intends to use this method for all future time studies. However, a time study could not be performed for FYE 2020 or FY 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the postponement of most in-person inspections. HACSB did not use an in-person time study for inspections this year. Instead, HACSB utilized data from FY 2019, adding a time inflation factor based on the change in recertification time from FY 2020 to FY 2021, as determined through the time study conducted for recertifications. Standard Metric CE #3 reflects only HACSB staff time. Prior to the FY 2020 Annual MTW Report, the total staff time also included time spent by contracted inspectors.

Standard metrics CE #2 and CE #3 were added in HACSB's 2015 Annual Plan per HUD's request. The objective of the activity is to achieve agency cost savings. As a result, HACSB does not anticipate that these metrics will reflect a decrease in error rates related to this task or an increase in staff time savings as a direct result of this activity.

Pre-implementation baseline data for standard metric CE #3 is unavailable. In accordance with written instruction from HUD, data from the first fiscal year for which this metric was reported (FY 2015) was used to establish the baseline

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The previously reported standard metric *HC #1: Additional Units of Housing Made Available* was removed per HUD's comments during the approval process for HACSB's 2015 Annual MTW Plan.

v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

vi. Challenges in Achieving Benchmarks and Possible Strategies

None.

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## Activity 14: Local Asset Management Program

- i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended
- FY 2010: Initial approval.
- ii. Description/Impact/Update

This activity addresses the MTW statutory objective to reduce costs and achieve greater effectiveness in federal expenditures.

The First Amendment to the Standard MTW agreement executed on May 21, 2009, allowed HACSB to design and implement a local asset management program. As per our FY 2012 MTW Annual Plan and in accordance with the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-87, we elected to establish a cost allocation methodology to allocate direct and indirect costs and establish an indirect cost rate. Detailed information is provided in Appendix A.

### iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

None.

iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

None.

v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

vi. Challenges in Achieving Benchmarks and Possible Strategies

None.

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## **Activity 18: Property Management Innovation**

### i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended

- FY 2011: Initial approval. Implemented on January 1, 2012.
- FY 2020: Modified through FY 2020 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 2, to add Emergency Operations in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

### ii. Description/Impact/Update

This activity addresses the MTW statutory objective to reduce costs and achieve greater effectiveness in federal expenditures.

- a. 3-Day Notice to Pay or Quit (previous policy was 14 days). This component was eliminated due to the RAD conversion of our Public Housing portfolio.
- b. NSF fees of \$25.00 for first and \$35 for additional items (previous policy was \$25.00).
- c. Late fees increased from \$20 to \$50.
- d. Security deposits equal to one month's market rent (current security deposit charged is \$500.00)
- e. Implement a holding deposit of \$200.00
- f. Agency will choose lower of flat rent, or 30% income rent for residents.
- g. Grievance Process Previous two step process was replaced with a single on-site settlement conference with staff for timely and effective resolutions to issues. This component was eliminated due to the RAD conversion of our Public Housing portfolio.

#### **Emergency Operations**

In the event of a local disaster, emergency, or other situation which affects the health and/or safety of HACSB customers, employees, and/or the public, HACSB may implement the following temporary change to this activity ("emergency operations") to ensure continuity of operations to the extent possible and practical.

This and other emergency operations modifications were developed and implemented in early spring 2020 in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, which is ongoing at the time of this writing. The pandemic has created a need for social distancing and other precautions to protect against the spread of the disease. In compliance with the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), "stay-at-home" orders issued by California Governor Newsom, and other guidance from local, state, and federal agencies, HACSB has taken steps to reduce contact between individuals, including reducing the number of employees in our offices through telework and alternative work schedules, expanding remote and virtual service options, and screening customers for in-person customer service. The need for social distancing and other precautions is anticipated to continue into 2022. HASCB implemented the following emergency operations change for this activity:

• HACSB will use remote meeting options whenever possible for actions within this activity which require a meeting between HACSB employees and assisted families, such as the modified grievance process (settlement conference).

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Emergency operations will be ended as soon as it is safe, feasible, and practical to return to normal operations. Emergency operations may be reenacted in the future in response to another local disaster, emergency, or other crisis situation.

	Activity 18: Property Management Innovation CE #1: Agency Cost Savings				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?	
Total cost of task in dollars (decrease).	Cost of task prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected cost of task after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual cost of task after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.	
Total cost for arbitration services (decrease)	Cost of task prior to implementation of the activity is \$6,550.	Expected costs for arbitration services after implementation of the activity is \$0.	Actual arbitration services cost is \$0.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.	
Average per unit contract vacancy turnaround expenses (decrease)	Cost of task prior to implementation of the activity is \$14 per unit month. (9/30/2011)	Expected average per unit contract vacancy turnaround expenses after implementation of the activity is \$45 per unit month.	Actual average per unit contract vacancy turnaround expenses is \$16.70 per unit month.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.	

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Activity 18: Property Management Innovation CE #2: Staff Time Savings				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Total time to complete the task in staff hours (decrease).	Total amount of staff time dedicated to the task prior to implementation of the activity (in hours).	Expected amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity (in hours).	Actual amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity (in hours).	meets or exceeds the
Total staff hours to complete settlement conferences (formerly Grievance Processes).	Staff time spent on informal hearings in CY 2011 is 5.4 hours per hearing (76 hours total / 14 hearings).	Expected amount of staff time spent on informal hearings will decrease by 2.7 hours per hearing (50%).	2 Hours in FY 2021.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.

## iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

None.

iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

None.

v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

### vi. Challenges in Achieving Benchmarks and Possible Strategies

As a result of the conversion of HACSB's Public Housing sites through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program, families residing at the formerly Public Housing sites may choose to exercise mobility with a tenant-based voucher. This change has resulted in increased vacancies at the sites, which has increased total unit turnaround expenses. HACSB anticipated that the RAD conversions would result in increased unit turnover and requested from HUD authorization to apply its MTW Activity #7, Controlled Program Moves, to mitigate the impact of the conversions by permitting families to exercise mobility after two years of residence. This request was not granted. Through its FY 2021 Annual MTW Plan, HACSB revised the benchmark for the average per unit vacancy turnaround expenses component of metric CE #1 from \$11 per unit month to \$45 per unit month. HACSB will continue to monitor turnaround expenses resulting from the increased unit turnover and determine if strategy revisions are needed.

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## Activity 19: Local Family Self-Sufficiency Program

### i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended

• FY 2011: Initial approval. Implemented on July 1, 2012.

### ii. Description/Impact/Update

This activity addresses the MTW statutory objective to give incentives to families with children whose head of household are either working, seeking work, or are participating in job training, educational or other programs that assist in obtaining employment and becoming economically self-sufficient.

HACSB has developed a pilot local FSS (Family Self-sufficiency) program to help families in their self-sufficiency efforts. Through our Local FSS program, program participants are eligible to receive the balance of their escrow savings account at the end of their FSS contract if they voluntarily terminate their assistance from the Housing Choice Voucher or Public Housing program due to self-sufficiency efforts. Families may also withdraw a portion of their FSS escrow savings balance during participation in the Local FSS program for certain self-sufficiency-related activities.

Activity 19: Local FSS Program  SS #1: Increase in Household Income				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Average earned income of households affected by this policy in dollars (increase).	Average earned income of households affected by this policy prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected average earned income of households affected by this policy prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual average earned income of households affected by this policy prior to implementation.	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Average earned income of households participating in HACSB's FSS program.	The average earned income of households participating in HACSB's Local FSS program prior to implementation of this activity is \$0. (No families were participating in the Local FSS program prior to implementation)	The expected average earned income of households participating in HACSB's local FSS program is \$8,000 within two years of implementation.	The actual average earned income of households participating in HACSB's Local FSS program is \$10,048*.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.

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• Total program size changed from 2 families in FY 2020 to 5 families in FY 2021. The increase of families caused the average income to decrease due to not all 5 families having income. Large fluctuations in this value are anticipated due to the very small sample size.

	Activity 19: Local FSS Program  SS #2: Increase in Household Savings						
Unit of Measurement							
Average amount of savings/escrow of households affected by this policy in dollars (increase).	Average savings/escrow amount of households affected by this policy prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars). This number may be zero.	Expected average savings/escrow amount of households affected by this policy after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual average savings/escrow amount of households affected by this policy after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.			
Average amount of FSS escrow of households participating in the Local FSS Program.	Average amount of FSS escrow of households participating in the Local FSS Program prior to implementation of this activity is \$0. (No families were participating in the Local FSS program prior to implementation)	Expected average escrow amount of households participating in the Local FSS Program after implementation of the activity is \$702.	Actual average amount of FSS escrow of households participating in the Local FSS Program is \$1,921.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.			

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#### **Activity 19: Local FSS Program** SS #3: Increase in Positive Outcomes in Employment Status **Unit of Measurement Baseline** Benchmark Outcome<sup>7</sup> **Benchmark Achieved?** Report the following Head(s) of households in Expected head(s) of Actual head(s) of Whether the outcome meets information separately for <<category name>> prior to households in <<category households in <<category or exceeds the benchmark. implementation of the name>> after name>> after each implementation of the implementation of the category: activity (number). This (1) Employed Full-Time number may be zero. activity (number). activity (number). (2) Employed Part-Time Percentage of total work-Expected percentage of Actual percentage of total Whether the outcome meets (3) Enrolled in an total work-able households able households in work-able households in or exceeds the benchmark. **Educational Program** <<category name>> prior to in <<category name>> after <<category name>> after (4) Enrolled in Job Training implementation of activity implementation of the implementation of the **Program** (percent). This number may activity (percent). activity (percent). (5) Unemployed be zero. (6) Other Head(s) of work-able (1) Employed Full-Time Expected head(s) of Actual head(s) of work-No, the outcome does not households with full-time households with full-time able households with fullmeet the benchmark for this employment prior to employment after time employment is 1. metric. However, the implementation of the implementation of the number of heads of household enrolled in our activity is 0. activity is 20. local FSS program has increased. Five families are in the local FSS program at FYE 2021. Percentage of total work-Expected percentage of Actual percentage of total Yes, the outcome meets and able households with fulltotal work-able households work-able households exceeds the benchmark for time employment prior to with full-time employment with full-time this metric. Five families are implementation of activity after implementation of the employment is 20%. in the Local FSS program at is 0%. activity is 10%. FYE 2021.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Outcomes for SS #3 are based upon self-reported data collected from families and may not include all active families.

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(2) Employed Part-Time	Head(s) of work-able households with part-time employment prior to implementation of the activity is 0.	Expected head(s) of households with part-time employment after implementation of the activity is 22.	Actual head(s) of households with part-time employment is 0.	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric. However, the number of heads of household enrolled in our
	Percentage of total workable households with part-time employment prior to implementation of activity is 0%.	Expected percentage of total work-able households with part-time employment after implementation of the activity is 11%.	i '	local FSS program has increased. Five families are in the Local FSS program at FYE 2021.
(3) Enrolled in an Educational Program	Head(s) of work-able households enrolled in an educational program prior to implementation of the activity is 0.	Expected head(s) of households enrolled in an educational program after implementation of the activity is 9.	Actual head(s) of work-able households enrolled in an educational program is 0.	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric. However, the number of heads of household enrolled in our
able educ to in	Percentage of total workable enrolled in an educational program prior to implementation of activity is 0%.	Expected percentage of total work-able households enrolled in an educational program after implementation of the activity is 5%.	Actual percentage of total work-able households enrolled in an educational program is 0%.	local FSS program has increased. Five families are in the Local FSS program at FYE 2021.

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Activity 19: Local FSS Program – SS #3: Increase in Positive Outcomes in Employment Status (continued)

(4) Enrolled in Job Training Program	Head(s) of work-able households enrolled in job training program prior to implementation of the activity is 0.	Expected head(s) of households enrolled in job training program after implementation of the activity is 3.	Actual head(s) of work-able households enrolled in job training program is 0.	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric. However, the number of heads of household enrolled in our local FSS program has increased. Five families are in the Local FSS program at FYE 2021.
	Percentage of total workable enrolled in job training program prior to implementation of activity is 0%.	Expected percentage of total work-able households enrolled in job training program after implementation of the activity is 4%.	Actual percentage of total work-able households enrolled in job training program is 0%.	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric. However, the number of heads of household enrolled in our local FSS program has increased. Five families are in the Local FSS program at FYE 2021.

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(5) Unemployed	Head(s) of work-able households unemployed prior to implementation of the activity is 0.	Expected head(s) of households unemployed after implementation of the activity is 27.	Actual head(s) of work-able households unemployed is 1.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric. However, the number of heads of household enrolled in our local FSS program has increased. Five families are in the Local FSS program at FYE 2021.
	Percentage of total workable unemployed prior to implementation of activity is 0%.	Expected percentage of total work-able households unemployed after implementation of the activity is 14% (percent).	Actual percentage of total work-able households unemployed is 50%.	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric. However, the number of heads of household enrolled in our local FSS program has increased. Five families are in the Local FSS program at FYE 2021.

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Activity 19: Local FSS Program – SS #3: Increase in Positive Outcomes in Employment Status (continued)

(6) Other	Head(s) of work-able households participating in other activities, leading to positive outcomes in employment status prior to	Expected head(s) of households participating in other activities, leading to positive outcomes in employment status after	Actual head(s) of work-able households participating in other activities, leading to positive outcomes in employment status is 2.	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric. However, the number of heads of household enrolled in our
	implementation of the activity is 0.	implementation of the activity is 17.		local FSS program has increased. Five families are in the Local FSS program at FYE 2021.
	Percentage of total workable participating in other activities, leading to positive outcomes in employment status prior to implementation of activity is 0.	Expected percentage of total work-able households participating in other activities, leading to positive outcomes in employment status after implementation of the activity is 9%.	Actual percentage of total work-able participating in other activities, leading to positive outcomes in employment status is 40%.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric. However, the number of heads of household enrolled in our local FSS program has increased. Five families are in the Local FSS program at FYE 2021.

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Activity 19: Local FSS Program  SS #4: Households Removed from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)					
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?	
Number of households	Households receiving TANF	Expected number of	Actual households receiving	Whether the outcome	
receiving TANF assistance	prior to implementation of	households receiving TANF	TANF after implementation	meets or exceeds the	
(decrease).	the activity (number)	after implementation of the	of the activity (number).	benchmark.	
		activity (number).			
Percentage of households	The number of households	The percentage of	The actual number of	Yes, the outcome meets the	
participating in HACSB's	participating in HACSB's	households participating in	households participating in	benchmark for this metric.	
Local FSS program receiving	Local FSS program receiving	HACSB's Local FSS program	HACSB's Local FSS program		
TANF assistance.	TANF assistance prior to	and receiving TANF	receiving TANF is 0 (0%).		
	implementation of the	assistance is expected to be			
	activity is 0.	less than 50%.			

Activity 19: Local FSS Program  SS #5: Households Assisted by Services that Increase Self Sufficiency					
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?	
Number of households receiving services aimed to increase self-sufficiency (increase).	Households receiving self- sufficiency services prior to implementation of the activity (number).	Expected number of households receiving self-sufficiency services after implementation of the activity (number).	Actual number of households receiving self-sufficiency services after implementation of the activity (number).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.	
Number of households receiving services aimed to increase self-sufficiency	The number of households receiving self-sufficiency services via HACSB's Local FSS program prior to implementation of the activity is 0.	The number of households receiving self-sufficiency services through HACSB's Local FSS program after implementation of the activity is expected to be 125 by 2017.	The actual number of households receiving self-sufficiency services through HACSB's Local FSS program is 5.	No, the benchmark has not yet been achieved. Although HACSB continues to recruit new FSS families, fewer families than previously anticipated have selected the Local FSS program.	

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Activity 19: Local FSS Program  SS #6: Reducing Per Unit Subsidy Costs for Participating Households				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Average amount of Section 8 and/or 9 subsidy per household affected by this policy in dollars (decrease).	Average subsidy per household affected by this policy prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected average subsidy per household affected by this policy after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual average subsidy per household affected by this policy after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Average amount of HAP per household for households participating in HACSB's Local FSS program	The average HAP per HCV household participating in HACSB's Local FSS program prior to implementation of the local FSS program is \$0.	Expected average HAP per household participating in HACSB's Local FSS program after implementation of the activity is \$579.	The actual average HAP per household for households participating in HACSB's Local FSS program is \$1,260.	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric. The rising HAP cost appears to be the result of increased market rents, as tenant rent portions are also increasing.

Activity 19: Local FSS Program							
	SS	S #7: Increase in Tenant Rent Sha	ıre				
Unit of Measurement	Unit of Measurement Baseline Benchmark Outcome Benchmark Achieved?						
PHA rental revenue in	PHA rental revenue prior to	Expected PHA rental revenue	Actual PHA rental revenue	Whether the outcome			
dollars (increase).	implementation of the	after implementation of the	after implementation of the	meets or exceeds the			
	activity (in dollars).	activity (in dollars).	activity (in dollars).	benchmark.			
Average tenant rent share	Average tenant rent share	Expected tenant rent share per	The actual average tenant	No, the outcome does not			
in dollars for households	for households served by	household for households	rent share in dollars for	meet benchmark for this			
participating in HACSB's	HACSB's Local FSS program	participating in HACSB's Local	households participating in	metric.			
Local FSS program.	prior to implementation of	FSS program after	HACSB's Local FSS program				
	the activity was \$0.	implementation is \$443.	is \$409.				

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Activity 19: Local FSS Program				
	SS #8: Households	Transitioned to Self-Suffic	riency	
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency (increase). The PHA may create one or more definitions for "self-sufficiency" to use for this metric. Each time the PHA uses this metric, the "Outcome" number should also be provided in Section (II) Operating Information in the space provided.	Households transitioned to self-sufficiency (< <pha definition="" of="" self-sufficiency="">&gt;) prior to implementation of the activity (number). This number may be zero.</pha>	Expected households transitioned to self-sufficiency (< <pha definition="" of="" self-sufficiency="">&gt;) after implementation of the activity (number).</pha>	Actual households transitioned to self sufficiency (< <pha definition of self- sufficiency&gt;&gt;) after implementation of the activity (number).</pha 	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency. For this activity, HACSB defines self-sufficiency as graduation from the Local FSS program, which consists of "Termination of housing assistance through the Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher program due to self-sufficiency efforts."	O households transitioned to self- sufficiency prior to implementation of the activity.	Expected households transitioned to self-sufficiency under this activity is 1 per year in FY 2014 and beyond.	The number of actual households transitioned to self-sufficiency in FY 2021 is 0. The cumulative total is 6. 0 in FY 2014, 0 in FY 2015, 2 in FY 2016, 1 in FY 2017, 2 in FY 2018, 1 in FY 2019, 0 in FY 2020, 0 in FY 2021	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric.

# iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

None.

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### iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

Standard metrics SS #2, SS #4, SS #5, SS #6, and SS #7 were added in HACSB's 2015 Annual Plan per HUD's request. The baselines for all metrics are zero because no families were participating in HACSB's Local FSS Program prior to implementation.

### v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

### vi. Challenges in Achieving Benchmarks and Possible Strategies

HACSB experienced significant staffing challenges within the Family Empowerment Services (FES) team, previously titled the Career Development Initiatives (CDI) team, beginning in mid-FY 2019 and continuing through FY 2021. As a result of those challenges HACSB has experienced limited capacity to market and recruit families for this MTW activity. Additionally, fewer families have chosen to participate in this activity than previously anticipated. This is reflected in metric SS #5. HACSB is in the process of strengthening protocol and ensuring that the FES team is adequately staffed. We anticipate that future reports will again report positive outcomes in these areas.

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## Activity 20: Term-Limited Lease Assistance

### i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended

- FY 2011: Initial approval. Implemented on January 1, 2012. Note: This activity was originally proposed as activity 21 under the title "Term Limits". It was renumbered as activity 20 with our FY 2012 Plan.
- FY 2013: Renamed from "Term Limits" to "Five-Year Lease Assistance."
- FY 2015: Modified to include potential termination from the program for noncompliance with the household's Supportive Services Agreement.
- FY 2016: Modified to include an intake hardship exemption for extremely low-income and Triage Step 3 households and to expand the end-of-term hardship exemption. This modification was not implemented.
- FY 2017: Modified to include income-based subsidy calculation for new families joining the program, requirement for families to lease a unit with no more than one bedroom more or less than their voucher size, a post-assistance tracking survey process, approval to implement incentives for families to move to areas of opportunity and expanded applicability to include career-able ports-in, project-based families exercising mobility, and non-legacy RAD families exercising mobility.
- FY 2018: Modified to include right-size unit restriction, limitation on the approvable amount of rent increases, and a limitation on the amount of subsidy paid on behalf of over-housed families. Title changed to Term-Limited Lease Assistance.
- FY 2020: Modified through FY 2020 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 2, to add Emergency Operations in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

### ii. Description/Impact/Update

This activity addresses the MTW statutory objective to give incentives to families with children whose head of household are either working, seeking work, or are participating in job training, educational or other programs that assist in obtaining employment and becoming economically self-sufficient.

The goal of this activity is to enable the families we serve to focus on self-sufficiency efforts while we assist them with their housing needs for a limited term. Families served through this activity are provided with up to five years of housing assistance and supportive services, with the possibility for extension through a hardship exception that may provide up to two years of additional assistance.

This activity applies to new non-elderly and non-disabled households admitted to the Housing Choice Voucher program from HACSB's waiting list, porting in from another jurisdiction, or exercising mobility from HACSB project-based voucher sites. Currently assisted families who are selected from the wait list during their term of participation in the program may continue their current term of participation but will not be provided a new or extended term of assistance. In such circumstances, the application will be removed from the wait list.

Since implementation, HACSB has partnered with Loma Linda University to conduct a longitudinal study to monitor the families served through this activity, tracking their goals and accomplishments. The study has included more than 2,300 families to date and reports positive outcomes, including:

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- Earned income for families in the program increases by an average of 84.4% during their five-year term of assistance, and the number of families with earned income nearly doubles from 48% at the start of the five-year term to 86% by the fifth year;
- Full-time employment increased by 25%;
- Families' assistance income tends to decrease in the second year of the program, but is quickly replaced by increased earned income.

#### **Subsidy Calculation:**

**Families participating in the activity before November 1, 2017:** the housing subsidy is set at 50% of the applicable payment standard for the unit selected by the family.

Families joining the activity on or after November 1, 2017: the subsidy calculation mirrors the Streamlined Fixed Assistance Program for New Non-Elderly/Non-Disabled Households. Under that calculation, the family's rent share is the greatest of 30% of their gross income, the minimum rent, or baseline rent, for the duration of assistance.

#### **Subsidy Limitation:**

This component has not been implemented as of May 2021. HACSB is authorized to apply a subsidy limitation to families participating in the TLA activity. To encourage families to select units that are appropriately sized and most likely to be affordable to the family when coupled with the rental subsidy, HACSB will apply a subsidy limitation to over-housed families. Over-housed families are those who have voluntarily selected and leased a unit that is larger than their voucher size. For example, a family with a two-bedroom voucher who has chosen to lease a three-bedroom unit. In these instances, the rental subsidy is capped by the applicable HACSB Local Payment Standard. However, in many cases the contract rent for the larger unit exceeds the contract rent for a unit that is the same size as the voucher issued to the family, which results in a greater family rent share than if the family had selected a smaller unit. Additionally, this scenario increases the HAP subsidy, often to the maximum allowable amount. Through this activity, HACSB will limit the maximum subsidy for over-housed families to the average subsidy rate for families that are not over-housed with the same size youcher.

HACSB intends to implement this component only if internal analysis demonstrates that it is necessary to ensure financial viability of the program without terminating assistance or serving fewer families.

#### **Supportive Services:**

During the term of assistance, HACSB also provides supportive services to the family through its Family Empowerment Services (FES) department (formerly known as Career Development Initiatives). Families are required to meet with their FES caseworker at least annually to review their action plan and progress. Services provided to families through the FES team include:

- Needs assessment at intake to identify barriers and areas of need, such as education, job training, childcare, transportation, and other areas;
- Development of an individualized action plan to overcome barriers and needs as identified;
- Access to a Family Stabilization Specialist and Employment Services Specialist through HACSB's partnership with the San Bernardino County Transitional Assistance (welfare) Department;

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Access to other resources designed to provide the family with meaningful support and tools to enhance the family's chances for success.

#### Mobility:

For families who initially leased under this activity prior to September 21, 2015, and who port to another jurisdiction during the term of assistance, the term limit will continue to apply unless the household is absorbed by the receiving agency. For families who initially lease under this program on or after September 21, 2015, the administration of the voucher will be in accordance with the receiving PHA's policies in accordance with the Federal Register notice published September 21, 2015.

#### **Hardship Exemptions:**

HACSB recognizes that the expiration of assistance may present a hardship for some families, and has developed hardship exemptions in four categories:

- Completion of Self-Sufficiency Activity: to allow the family to complete an educational, job training, or other approved self-sufficiency activity.
- Unforeseen and Involuntary Loss of Income
- **Near-Elderly Family:** if the head of household will reach age 62 no later than six (6) months after the end of term or any applicable extension, the household may request a transfer to HACSB's Streamlined Lease Assistance for Elderly/Disabled Families.
- Other Reasons: this category allows HACSB to approve an extension of assistance for rare or unusual circumstances, such as PHA error.

To be eligible for a hardship exemption, the family must have complied with all requirements of the program, including the Supportive Services Agreement. Any approved extension shall not exceed two years and shall be approved in increments of six or twelve months as determined by HACSB.

#### **Total Term:**

The total term of assistance under the program, including any approved hardship exemption, shall not exceed seven years. Note: This total term limit may be exceeded for families whose end of term was scheduled to take place between April 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020, and who received an automatic six-month extension of assistance through HACSB's emergency operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Unit Size Limitation:

Beginning July 1, 2021, households admitted to or moving to a new unit under the Term-Limited Assistance (TLA) Program must select a unit whose number of bedrooms is not greater than their voucher size. For example, a family with a two-bedroom voucher may not lease a three-bedroom or larger unit. The intent of this component is to ensure that households choose a unit that is appropriately sized and affordable for their income situation. Over-housed families are also more costly to house than families in right-sized units. HACSB may suspend this requirement in order to improve leasing success.

#### Incentive to Move to Areas of High Opportunity:

HACSB may provide incentive to families in the term-limited lease assistance program to move to areas of high opportunity, as identified by HACSB.

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#### **Post-Assistance Tracking Incentive:**

HACSB has partnered with Loma Linda University (LLU) to evaluate Term-Limited Lease Assistance families at exit and annually for two years after assistance has concluded. Information is collected through a questionnaire that is returned directly to LLU. Although participation in the survey is voluntary, a monetary incentive is provided for families completing the survey. Families receive the incentive payment upon completion of each survey. Feedback obtained through the exit study helps HACSB to understand the family perspective and experience in the TLA program. The majority of families participating in the study reported a positive experience in the program and that participating was a resource to them on their pathway to self-sufficiency. Benefits noted by the families include the ability to save money, to stabilize their housing situation, and to experience social mobility. Families also provide helpful suggestions for improving the program, including increasing family accountability and supports available to families.

#### **Rent Increase Limitation:**

HACSB was granted authorization through its 2018 Annual MTW Plan to limit the value of approvable rent increases to an amount less than the average value of previously approved rent increases. For example, the average value of rent increases approved in FY 2016 was 10% of the previous contract rent. This modification would permit HACSB to cap the rent increase at a value less than 10% of the previous contract rent. This modification will provide HACSB with a mechanism to slow the HAP cost increases resulting from continued rent increases.

This component has not yet been implemented. HACSB intends to implement this component only if internal analysis demonstrates that it is necessary to ensure financial viability of the program without terminating assistance or serving fewer families.

#### **Emergency Operations**

In the event of a local disaster, emergency, or other situation which affects the health and/or safety of HACSB customers, employees, and/or the public, HACSB may implement the following temporary changes to this activity ("emergency operations") to ensure continuity of operations to the extent possible and practical.

These and other emergency operations modifications were developed and implemented in early spring 2020 in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, which is ongoing at the time of this writing. The pandemic has created a need for social distancing and other precautions to protect against the spread of the disease. In compliance with the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), "stay-at-home" orders issued by California Governor Newsom, and other guidance from local, state, and federal agencies, HACSB has taken steps to reduce contact between individuals, including reducing the number of employees in our offices through telework and alternative work schedules, expanding remote and virtual service options, and screening customers for in-person customer service. The need for social distancing and other precautions is anticipated to continue into 2022. As a result, HASCB has implemented the emergency operations changes for this activity:

• To the extent possible, HACSB will conduct annual meetings between TLA participants and their FES caseworker by telephone or using virtual meeting technology. If this is not possible, HACSB will defer the annual meetings until it is safe, feasible, and practical to conduct them in accordance with normal procedures;

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• The end of term (EOT) for any TLA participant with an EOT scheduled to occur between April 1 and September 30, 2020, was delayed by six months.

Emergency operations will be ended as soon as it is safe, feasible, and practical to return to normal operations. Emergency operations may be reenacted in the future in response to a resurgence of the current pandemic or another local disaster, emergency, or other crisis situation.

Activity 20: Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program  SS #1: Increase in Household Income				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Average earned income of households affected by this policy in dollars (increase).	Average earned income of households affected by this policy prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected average earned income of households affected by this policy prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual average earned income of households affected by this policy prior to implementation.	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Average earned income of families affected by this policy in the Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program.	Average earned income of families affected by this policy Year 1 of the activity was \$12,181.	Expected average earned income of affected families will increase by 45% to \$17,662 by 9/30/2015 and by 75% to \$21,317 by 9/30/2018.	Actual average earned income of affected families is \$13,099.	No, the benchmark for 9/30/2018 has not yet been reached.

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Activity 20: Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program  SS #3: Increase in Positive Outcomes in Employment Status				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome <sup>8</sup>	Benchmark Achieved?
Report the following information separately for each category:  (1) Employed Full-Time  (2) Employed Part-Time	Head(s) of households in <category name="">&gt; prior to implementation of the activity (number). This number may be zero.</category>	Expected head(s) of households in < <category name="">&gt; after implementation of the activity (number).</category>	Actual head(s) of households in < <category name="">&gt; after implementation of the activity (number).</category>	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
(3) Enrolled in an Educational Program (4) Enrolled in Job Training Program	Percentage of total work-able households in < <category name="">&gt; prior to implementation of activity (percent). This number may</category>	Expected percentage of total work-able households in <category name="">&gt; after implementation of the activity (percent).</category>	Actual percentage of total work-able households in <category name="">&gt; after implementation of the activity (percent).</category>	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
(5) Unemployed (6) Other	be zero.			

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Outcomes for SS #3 are based upon self-reported data collected from families participating in the TLA program and may not include all active TLA families.

Activity 20: Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program - SS #3: Increase in Positive Outcomes in Employment Status (continued)

(1) Employed Full-Time	Head(s) of work-able households with full-time employment prior to implementation of the activity is 219 in year 1 of this activity.	Expected head(s) of households with full-time employment after implementation of the activity is 271 by FY 2015.	Actual heads of work-able households with full-time employment is 206.	No. Please see note following this table.
	Percentage of total work-able households with full-time employment prior to implementation of the activity is 32% in year 1 of this activity.	work-able households with full- time employment after implementation of the activity	Actual percentage of total work-able households with full-time employment is 35%.	No, this outcome does not meet the benchmark for this activity.
(2) Employed Part-Time	Head(s) of work-able households with part-time employment prior to implementation of the activity is 164 in year 1 of this activity.	Expected head(s) of households with part-time employment after implementation of the activity is 172 by FY 2015.	Actual head(s) of work- able households with part- time employment is 99.	No. Please see note following this table.
	Percentage of total work-able households with part-time employment prior to implementation of activity is 24% in year 1 of this activity.	Expected percentage of total work-able households with part-time employment after implementation of the activity is 29% by FY 2015.	Actual percentage of total work-able households with part-time employment is 17%.	No. Please see note following this table.

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Activity 20: Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program - SS #3: Increase in Positive Outcomes in Employment Status (continued)

(3) Enrolled in an Educational Program	Head(s) of work-able households enrolled in an educational program prior to implementation of the activity is 43 in year 1 of this activity.	Expected head(s) of households enrolled in an educational program after implementation of the activity is 100 by FY 2015.	Actual head(s) of workable households enrolled in an educational program is 67.	No. Please see note following this table.
	Percentage of total work-able enrolled in an educational program prior to implementation of activity is 6% in year 1 of this activity.	Expected percentage of total work-able households enrolled in an educational program after implementation of the activity 14% by FY 2015.	Actual percentage of total work-able households enrolled in an educational program is 11%.	No. Please see note following this table.
(4) Enrolled in Job Training Program	Head(s) of work-able households enrolled in a job training program prior to implementation of the activity is 30 in year 1 of this activity.	Expected head(s) of households enrolled in a job training program after implementation of the activity is 50 by FY 2015.	Actual head(s) of workable households enrolled in a job training program is 19.	No. Please see note following this table.
	Percentage of total work-able enrolled in a job training program prior to implementation of activity is 4% in year 1 of this activity.	Expected percentage of total work-able households enrolled in a job training program after implementation of the activity is 7% by FY 2015.	Actual percentage of total work-able households enrolled in a job training program is 3%.	No. Please see note following this table.

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Activity 20: Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program - SS #3: Increase in Positive Outcomes in Employment Status (continued)

(5) Unemployed	Head(s) of work-able households unemployed prior to implementation of the activity is 329 in year 1 of this activity.	Expected head(s) of households unemployed after implementation of the activity is 270 by FY 2015.	Actual head(s) of workable households unemployed is 289.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.
	Percentage of total work-able unemployed prior to implementation of activity is 47% in year 1 of this activity.	Expected percentage of total work-able households unemployed after implementation of the activity is 39% or less by FY 2015.	Actual percentage of total work-able households unemployed is 49%.	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric.
(6) Other	Head(s) of work-able households participating in other activities, leading to positive outcomes in employment status prior to implementation of the activity is 0 in year 1 of this activity.	Expected head(s) of households participating in other activities, leading to positive outcomes in employment status after implementation of the activity is 54 by FY 2015.	Actual head(s) of workable households participating in other activities, leading to positive outcomes in employment status is 50.	No. Please see note following this table.
	Percentage of total work-able participating in other activities, leading to positive outcomes in employment status prior to implementation of activity is 0% in year 1 of this activity.	Expected percentage of total work-able households participating in other activities, leading to positive outcomes in employment status after implementation of the activity is 8% by FY 2015.	Actual percentage of total work-able households participating in other activities, leading to positive outcomes in employment status is 8%.	Yes, this outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.

**Note:** We expect that these outcomes will improve as these families increase their income and employment levels during their terms of assistance, and as the local and national economy recover from the fiscal impacts of the pandemic.

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Activity 20: Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program  SS #4: Households Removed from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Number of households receiving TANF assistance (decrease).	Households receiving TANF prior to implementation of the activity (number)	Expected number of households receiving TANF after implementation of the activity (number).	Actual households receiving TANF after implementation of the activity (number).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Percentage of Term-Limited Lease Assistance households receiving TANF assistance.	The number of Term- Limited Lease Assistance households receiving TANF assistance in year 1 of the activity is 267.	The expected number and percentage of Term-Limited Lease Assistance households receiving TANF is less than 600 (50%) <sup>9</sup> .	Actual number of Term- Limited Lease Assistance households receiving TANF after implementation of the activity is 279 (26%).	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The expected number of Term-Limited Lease Assistance (TLA) households receiving TANF was added to the benchmark and outcome for this metric beginning with HACSB's FY 2017 report. The number is not an accurate representation of the outcomes related to this activity due to fluctuations in the number of households participating in the program. Therefore, the percentage of TLA households receiving TANF is also provided in order to provide a more accurate representation of the changes.

Activity 20: Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program  SS #5: Households Assisted by Services that Increase Self Sufficiency				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Number of households receiving services aimed to increase self-sufficiency (increase).	Households receiving self- sufficiency services prior to implementation of the activity (number).	Expected number of households receiving self-sufficiency services after implementation of the activity (number).	Actual number of households receiving self-sufficiency services after implementation of the activity (number).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Number of households receiving services aimed to increase self-sufficiency (increase)	Households receiving self- sufficiency services in Year 1 of the activity is 695.	The expected number of households receiving services aimed to increase self-sufficiency after implementation of the activity is 100% of families participating in the Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program.	Actual households receiving self-sufficiency services is 375.	No. Please see note in section vi of this activity.

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Activity 20: Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program  SS #8: Households Transitioned to Self-Sufficiency				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency (increase). The PHA may create one or more definitions for "self-sufficiency" to use for this metric. Each time the PHA uses this metric, the "Outcome" number should also be provided in Section (II) Operating Information in the space provided.	Households transitioned to self-sufficiency (< <pha definition="" of="" self-sufficiency="">&gt;) prior to implementation of the activity (number). This number may be zero.</pha>	Expected households transitioned to self-sufficiency (< <pha definition="" of="" self-sufficiency="">&gt;) after implementation of the activity (number).</pha>	Actual households transitioned to self sufficiency (< <pha definition="" of="" self-sufficiency="">&gt;) after implementation of the activity (number).</pha>	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
For this activity, HACSB defines self-sufficiency as "Termination of housing assistance and other forms of government assistance (TANF, CalWORKs, cash aid, etc.) due to an increase in income in attainment of and/or increased level in employment to transition to market-rate housing or homeownership in the 5-year program timeframe."	Households transitioned to self-sufficiency prior to implementation of the activity is 0.	Expected households transitioned to self-sufficiency after implementation of the activity is 174 or 25% of participating families by September 30, 2017.	Actual households transitioned to self-sufficiency under this activity in FY 2021 is 11. The cumulative total is 639.  0 in FY 2014, 6 in FY 2015 36 in FY 2016, 163 in FY 2017, 217 in FY 2018, 79 in FY 2019, 127 in FY 2020, and 11 in FY 2021	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmar for this metric.

iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

None.

iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

None.

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### v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

### vi. Actual Significant Changes

HACSB experienced significant staffing challenges within the Family Empowerment Services (FES) team, previously titled the Career Development Initiatives (CDI) team, beginning in mid-FY 2019 and continuing through FY 2021. As a result of those staffing challenges HACSB had limited capacity serving Term-Limited Lease Assistance families in receiving self-sufficiency services. This is reflected in metric SS #5. HACSB is in the process of strengthening protocol and ensuring that the FES team is adequately staffed. We anticipate that future reports will again report positive outcomes in these areas.

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## Activity 22: Streamlined Lease Assistance

### i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended

- FY 2013: Initial approval.
- FY 2015: Implemented February 1, 2015.
- FY 2016: Modified to add "Streamlined Fixed Lease Assistance for New Non-Elderly/Non-Disabled Households".
- FY 2017: Modified to add a unit size limitation for tenant-based voucher programs.
- FY 2018: Modified the rent tiers for career-able families currently participating in the Streamlined Tiered Lease Assistance program from 21/24/27/30% to 30/33/36%.
- FY 2020: Modified through FY 2020 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 2, to add Emergency Operations in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

### ii. Description/Update

This activity addresses the MTW statutory objective to reduce costs and achieve greater effectiveness in federal expenditures and the MTW statutory objective to give incentives to families with children whose head of household are either working, seeking work, or are participating in job training, educational or other programs that assist in obtaining employment and becoming economically self-sufficient.

Through this activity, HACSB has implemented an alternative subsidy/rent schedule for households participating in the Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing programs. The activity applies to:

- Public Housing: all current and new households;
- Housing Choice Voucher: all current and new households, except those admitted to the Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program before November 1, 2017.

The rent for families in the Streamlined Lease Assistance (SLA) program is calculated based on a percentage of gross annual income. A minimum rent and baseline rent also apply. The rent percentages were established based on analysis that included deductions and allowances permitted under traditional program regulations, and therefore no deductions or allowances are applied to the calculated rent amount. Households participate in either fixed assistance or tiered assistance, based upon family type.

### Fixed Assistance Program for Elderly/Disabled Households:

**Families admitted prior to January 1, 2019:** The family's rent share (TTP) is the greatest of 24% of their gross income, the minimum rent, or baseline rent.

**Families admitted on or after January 1, 2019:** The family's rent share (TTP) is the greatest of 30% of their gross income, the minimum rent, or baseline rent. This component was implemented for new families briefed on or after January 1, 2019.

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#### Tiered Assistance Program for Non-Elderly/Non-Disabled (Career-Able) Households:

This component utilizes a tiered schedule to calculate the family rent share (TTP). Families enter at Tier 1 and move to the next tier at each subsequent biennial recertification.

- Tier 1: The family's rent share (TTP) is the greatest of 30% of their gross income, the minimum rent, or baseline rent.
- Tier 2: The family's rent share is the greatest of 33% of their gross income, the HACSB minimum rent, or baseline rent.
- Tier 3: The family's rent share is the greatest of 36% of their gross income, the HACSB minimum rent, or baseline rent.

The baseline rent for each family is the set at their highest family rent share during participation in this activity. Future rent amounts may never fall below the baseline rent without a hardship exemption. For example:

At Admission			First Biennial Recertification		
	Family Monthly Gross Income:	\$1,000	Family Monthly Gross Income:	\$900	
	Tier 2 Calculated Rent (30%):	\$300 ← Family Rent Share	Tier 2 Calculated Rent (33%):	\$297	
	HACSB Minimum Rent:	\$125	HACSB Minimum Rent:	\$125	
	Baseline Rent:	N/A	Baseline Rent (Highest Prev. Rent):	\$300 ← Family Rent Share	

If the calculated rent amount exceeds the ceiling rent for Public Housing or the contract rent for Housing Choice Voucher families, the lesser of the calculated TTP or rent amount is applied as the family's rent share.

This component previously utilized four rent tiers which set the family's rent share at 21%/24%/27%/30% of gross income, the minimum rent, or baseline rent. The rent tier structure was changed to the current three-tier structure through our FY 2018 Annual MTW Plan. Beginning February 1, 2018, all families were moved from their current tier to the new Tier 1 (30%) and received an automatic six-month hardship exemption which delayed any change in their rent portion. All families in the program at the time of the revision and those admitted since that time have remained at the 30% rent tier. HACSB intends to implement the additional rent tiers of 33% and 36% only if internal analysis demonstrates that it is necessary to ensure financial viability of the program without terminating assistance or serving fewer families.

#### Unit Size Limitation (Tenant-Based Voucher Programs Only):

Beginning July 1, 2021, households admitted to or moving to a new unit under this activity must select a unit whose number of bedrooms is not greater than their voucher size. For example, a family with a two-bedroom voucher may not lease a three-bedroom or larger unit. The intent of this component is to ensure that households choose a unit that is appropriately sized and affordable for their income situation. Over-housed families are also more costly to house than families in right-sized units. HACSB may suspend this requirement in order to improve leasing success.

#### **Subsidy Limitation:**

This component is on hold and has not been implemented as of 2021. HACSB is authorized to apply a subsidy limitation to families participating in the SLA activity. To encourage families to select units that are appropriately sized and most likely to be affordable to the family when coupled with

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the rental subsidy, HACSB intends to implement a subsidy limitation for over-housed families. These are families that have voluntarily selected and leased a unit that is larger than their voucher size. For example, a family with a two-bedroom voucher may choose to lease a three-bedroom unit. In these instances, the rental subsidy is capped by the HACSB Local Payment Standard. However, in many cases the contract rent for the larger unit exceeds the contract rent for a unit that is the same size as the voucher issued to the family, which results in a greater family rent share than if the family had selected a smaller unit. Additionally, this scenario increases the HAP subsidy, often to the maximum allowable amount of HACSB's Local Payment Standard. Through this component, HACSB will limit the maximum subsidy for over-housed families to the average subsidy rate for families that are not over-housed with the same size voucher.

HACSB intends to implement this flexibility only if internal analysis demonstrates that it is necessary to ensure financial viability of the program without terminating assistance or serving fewer families.

#### Rent Increase Limitation (voucher programs only):

This component is on hold and has not been implemented as of 2021. HACSB is authorized to limit the value of approvable rent increases to an amount less than the average value of previously approved rent increases. For example, the average value of rent increases approved in FY 2016 was 10% of the previous contract rent. Through this activity HACSB would cap the rent increase at a value less than 10% of the previous contract rent.

HACSB intends to implement this component only if internal analysis demonstrates that it is necessary to ensure financial viability of the program without terminating assistance or serving fewer families.

#### **Hardship Exemptions:**

HACSB recognizes that the expiration of assistance may present a hardship for some families, and has developed hardship exemptions in four categories:

- Completion of Self-Sufficiency Activity: to allow the family to complete an educational, job training, or other approved self-sufficiency activity.
- Unforeseen and Involuntary Loss of Income
- Near-Elderly Family: if the head of household will reach age 62 no later than six (6) months after the end of term or any applicable extension, the household may request a transfer to HACSB's Streamlined Lease Assistance for Elderly/Disabled Families.
- Other Reasons: this category allows HACSB to approve an extension of assistance for rare or unusual circumstances, such as PHA error.

To be eligible for a hardship exemption, the family must have complied with all requirements of the program, including the Supportive Services Agreement. Any approved extension shall not exceed two years and shall be approved in increments of six or twelve months as determined by HACSB.

#### **Emergency Operations**

In the event of a local disaster, emergency, or other situation which affects the health and/or safety of HACSB customers, employees, and/or the general public, HACSB may implement the following temporary changes to this activity ("emergency operations") to ensure continuity of operations to the extent possible and practical.

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These and other emergency operations modifications were developed and implemented in early spring 2020 in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, which is ongoing at the time of this writing. The pandemic has created a need for social distancing and other precautions to protect against the spread of the disease. In compliance with the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), "stay-at-home" Executive Orders issued by California Governor Newsom, and other guidance from local, state, and federal agencies, HACSB has taken steps to reduce contact between individuals, including reducing the number of employees in our offices through telework and alternative work schedules, expanding remote and virtual service options, and screening customers for in-person customer service. The need for social distancing and other precautions is anticipated to continue into 2022. As a result, HASCB has implemented the following emergency operations changes for this activity:

- SLA families experiencing a significant loss of income due to the current crisis may be approved for a hardship exemption. This new hardship exemption category will follow the application, review, and approval policies and procedures currently in place for other hardship categories;
- Processing of interim recertifications (to the extent that HACSB processes interim recertifications for families served through the Moving to Work demonstration), with the exception of interims processed for an approved hardship exemption, will be deferred to the earliest practical and feasible date.

Emergency operations will be ended as soon as it is safe, feasible, and practical to return to normal operations. Emergency operations may be reenacted in the future in response to a resurgence of the current pandemic or another local disaster, emergency, or other crisis situation.

	Activity 22: Streamlined Lease Assistance Program					
	CE #1: Agency Cost Savings					
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?		
Total cost of task in dollars (decrease).	Cost of task prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected cost of task after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual cost of task after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.		
Total cost of recertifications.	Total cost of recertifications prior to implementation of this activity is \$176,524 in FY 2014 \$165,492 staff cost + \$11,032	\$158,872 in FY 2017 and beyond.	\$139,487. \$133,250 staff cost + \$6,237 postage cost	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.		
	postage cost  Staff Cost Calculation: 4,943 hours X \$33.48 per hour		Staff Cost Calculation: 3,980 hours X \$33.48 per hour			

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Activity 22: Streamlined Lease Assistance Program  CE #2: Staff Time Savings				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Total time to complete the task in staff hours (decrease).	Total amount of staff time dedicated to the task prior to implementation of the activity (in hours).	Expected amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity (in hours).	Actual amount of total staff time dedicated to the task after implementation of the activity (in hours).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Total time to complete recertifications in staff hours.	Total amount of staff time dedicated to recertifications prior to implementation of the activity is 4,943 hours in FY 2014  Staff Time Calculation: 4,413 recertifications X 1.12 hours per recertification.	4,449 hours in FY 2017 and beyond.	3,980 Hours.  Staff Time Calculation: 3,134 SLA recertifications performed X 1.27 hours per recertification.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.

Activity 22: Streamlined Lease Assistance Program CE #3: Decrease in Error Rate of Task Execution							
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?			
Average error rate in completing a task as a percentage (decrease).	Average error rate of task prior to implementation of the activity (percentage).	Expected average error rate of task after implementation of the activity (percentage).	Actual average error rate of task after implementation of the activity (percentage).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.			
Average error rate in completing recertifications as a percentage.	Average error rate of recertifications prior to implementation of the activity is 11%.	The average error rate of recertifications is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	The actual average error rate of recertifications is 4.15%.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.			

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Activity 22: Streamlined Lease Assistance Program  SS #1: Increase in Household Income							
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?			
Average earned income of households affected by this policy in dollars (increase).	Average earned income of households affected by this policy prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected average earned income of households affected by this policy prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual average earned income of households affected by this policy prior to implementation.	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.			
Average earned income of households affected by this policy in dollars.	Average earned income of households affected by this policy prior to implementation of the activity is \$4,454.	The expected average earned income of SLA households is not expected to change in years 1 and 2 (FY 2015 and FY 2016) after implementation of the activity. The average earned income for SLA households is expected to increase by 3% in FY 2018, FY 2020, and FY 2022.	The actual average earned income of Streamlined Lease Assistance households is \$6,145.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.			

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Activity 22: Streamlined Lease Assistance Program SS #3: Increase in Positive Outcomes in Employment Status							
Unit of Measurement	Baseline <sup>10</sup>	Benchmark	Outcome <sup>11</sup>	Benchmark Achieved?			
Report the following information separately for each category: (1) Employed Full-Time (2) Employed Part-Time (3) Enrolled in an Educational Program (4) Enrolled in Job Training Program (5) Unemployed (6) Other	Head(s) of households in <category name="">&gt; prior to implementation of the activity (number). This number may be zero.</category>	Expected head(s) of households in < <category name="">&gt; after implementation of the activity (number).</category>	Actual head(s) of households in < <category name="">&gt; after implementation of the activity (number).</category>	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.			
	Percentage of total work-able households in < <category name="">&gt; prior to implementation of activity (percent). This number may be zero.</category>	Expected percentage of total work-able households in <category name="">&gt; after implementation of the activity (percent).</category>	Actual percentage of total work-able households in <category name="">&gt; after implementation of the activity (percent).</category>	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.			
(1) Employed Full-Time	Head(s) of work-able households employed full- time in FY 2016 is 76.	Expected head(s) of households with full-time employment after implementation of the activity is 103 by FY 2021.	Actual heads of work-able households with full-time employment is 818.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.			
	Percentage of total work-able households employed full-time in FY 2016 is 29%.	Expected percentage of total work-able households with full-time employment after implementation of the activity is 36% by FY 2021 (7% increase).	Actual percentage of workable households with fulltime employment is 31%.	No, this outcome does not meet the benchmark for tis metric. The timeframe to achieve the benchmark has not yet been reached.			

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Pre-implementation data for categories 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of this metric is unavailable. Baseline figures represent FY 2016 data. Baseline data from 2016 for parts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 reflects 8% of all Streamlined Lease Assistance families and 8% of work-able Streamlined Lease Assistance families.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Outcomes for SS #3 are based upon self-reported data collected from families and may not include all active families.

Activity 22: Streamlined Lease Assistance Program - SS #3: Increase in Positive Outcomes in Employment Status (continued)

(2) Employed Part-Time	Head(s) of work-able households employed part- time in FY 2016 is 58.	No change is anticipated. Some heads of household will move from unemployment to part-time employment, and others will move from part-time to full-time employment.	Actual heads of work-able households with part-time employment is 463.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.
	Percentage of total work-able households employed part-time in FY 2016 is 22%.	No change is anticipated. Some heads of household will move from unemployment to part-time employment, and others will move from part-time to full-time employment.	Actual percentage of workable households with parttime employment is 18%.	No, this outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric.
(3) Enrolled in an Educational Program	Head(s) of work-able households enrolled in an educational program in FY 2016 is 27.	No change is anticipated. This activity is expected to result in employment changes, but no changes to educational activity.	Actual heads of work-able households enrolled in an educational program is 218.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.
	Percentage of total work-able households enrolled in an educational program in FY 2016 is 10%.	No change is anticipated. This activity is expected to result in employment changes, but no changes to educational activity.	Actual percentage of workable households enrolled in an educational program in is 8%.	No, this outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric in percentage terms.

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(4) Enrolled in Job	Head(s) of work-able	No change is anticipated.	Actual heads of	Yes, the outcome meets the
Training Program	households enrolled in a job training program in FY 2016 is 5.	This activity is expected to result in employment changes, but no changes to job training activity.	households enrolled in a job training program is 47.	benchmark for this metric.
	Percentage of total work-able households enrolled in a job training program in FY 2016 is 2%.	No change is anticipated. This activity is expected to result in employment changes, but no changes to job training activity.	Actual percentage of workable households enrolled in a job training program in is 2%.	No, this outcome does not meet the benchmark for this metric in percentage terms.
(5) Unemployed	Potential future SLA head(s) of households unemployed prior to implementation of the activity in FY 2014 is 7,103 of 9057 (78.4%)	Expected head(s) of households unemployed after implementation of the activity is 6,738 (74.4%) by FY 2021 (4% decrease).	Head(s) of households unemployed is 1,341.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.
	Percentage of potential future SLA total work-able households unemployed prior to implementation of the activity in FY 2014 is 60% (2,655 of 4,425)	Expected percentage of total work-able households unemployed after implementation of the activity is 53% by FY 2021 (7% decrease).	Percentage of total workable households unemployed is 51%.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.

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Activity 22: Streamlined Lease Assistance Program - SS #3: Increase in Positive Outcomes in Employment Status (continued)

(6) Other	Head(s) of work-able	Expected head(s) of	Actual heads of	Yes, the outcome meets and
	households engaged in other	households participating in	households participating in	exceeds the benchmark for
	activities in FY 2016 is 13.	other activities, leading to	other activities is 168.	this metric.
		positive outcomes in		
		employment status after		
		implementation of the		
		activity is 54 by FY 2015.		
	Percentage of total work-able	Expected percentage of total	Actual percentage of work-	No, the outcome does not
	households engaged in other	work-able households	able households	meet the benchmark for this
	activities in FY 2016 is 5%.	participating in other	participating in other	metric.
		activities, leading to positive	activities is 6%.	
		outcomes in employment		
		status after implementation		
		of the activity is 8% by FY		
		2015.		

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Activity 22: Streamlined Lease Assistance Program SS #4: Households Removed from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)					
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?	
Number of households receiving TANF assistance (decrease).	Households receiving TANF prior to implementation of the activity (number)	Expected number of households receiving TANF after implementation of the activity (number).	Actual households receiving TANF after implementation of the activity (number).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.	
Number of Streamlined Lease Assistance households receiving TANF assistance.	Households that would convert to Streamlined Lease Assistance in year 1 and were receiving TANF prior to implementation of the activity is 2,377 out of 9,055 households (26.3%).	The number of SLA households receiving TANF is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	Streamlined Lease Assistance Households receiving TANF is 1,378 (16%) of current Streamlined Lease Assistance households.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.	

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Activity 22: Streamlined Lease Assistance Program SS #6: Reducing Per Unit Subsidy Costs for Participating Households						
Unit of Measurement Baseline Benchmark Outcome Benchmark Ac						
Average amount of Section 8 and/or 9 subsidy per household affected by this policy in dollars (decrease).	Average subsidy per household affected by this policy prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected average subsidy per household affected by this policy after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual average subsidy per household affected by this policy after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.		
Average amount of Section 8 and/or 9 subsidy per household affected by this policy in dollars.	Average HAP subsidy per household affected by this policy prior to implementation of the activity is \$575.	The average HAP subsidy for SLA households is not expected to decrease in years 1 and 2 (FY 2015 and FY 2016) after implementation of the activity. The average HAP subsidy for SLA households is expected to decrease by 3% in FY 2018, FY 2020, and FY 2022.	Average HAP subsidy per Streamlined Lease Assistance household is \$792	No. However, tenant rent shares are increasing (see SS #7).		

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Activity 22: Streamlined Lease Assistance Program  SS #7: Increase in Tenant Rent Share					
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?	
PHA rental revenue in dollars (increase).	PHA rental revenue prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Expected PHA rental revenue after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual PHA rental revenue after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.	
Average tenant rent share of Streamlined Lease Assistance households.	Average tenant rent share prior to implementation of the activity for households eligible for Streamlined Lease Assistance is \$270.	The average tenant rent share for SLA households is not expected to change as a result of this activity.	Average tenant rent share of Streamlined Lease Assistance households is \$467.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.	

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Activity 22: Streamlined Lease Assistance Program  SS #8: Households Transitioned to Self-Sufficiency				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency (increase). The PHA may create one or more definitions for "self-sufficiency" to use for this metric. Each time the PHA uses this metric, the "Outcome" number should also be provided in Section (II) Operating Information in the space provided.	Households transitioned to self-sufficiency (< <pha definition="" of="" self-sufficiency="">&gt;) prior to implementation of the activity (number). This number may be zero.</pha>	Expected households transitioned to self-sufficiency (< <pha definition="" of="" self-sufficiency="">&gt;) after implementation of the activity (number).</pha>	Actual households transitioned to self sufficiency (< <pha definition="" of="" self-sufficiency="">&gt;) after implementation of the activity (number).</pha>	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Number of Streamlined Lease Assistance SLA) households transitioned to self-sufficiency (increase). For purposes of this activity, "self-sufficiency" is defined as having a total gross household income at or above 80% of the Area Median Income for the family size (at time of end of participation).	Number of SLA households transitioned to self-sufficiency prior to implementation of the activity in FY 2014 is 37.	Expected number of SLA households transitioned to self-sufficiency as a result of the SLA activity is 0.	Actual number of SLA households transitioned to self-sufficiency in FY 2020 is 29. Cumulative total is 176. 11 in FY 2015 29 in FY 2016 15 in FY 2017 60 in FY 2018 32 in FY 2019 29 in FY 2020 11 in FY 2021	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.

## iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

None.

## iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

The time study method was revised for the FY 2019 MTW Report. A sample of files were selected for the study and were tracked in real-time to determine the total time to process the Streamlined Lease Assistance recertification. HACSB intends to use this method for all future time studies.

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Standard metrics SS #3, SS #4, SS #7, and SS #8 were added in HACSB's 2015 Annual Plan per HUD comment. The objective of the activity is to achieve agency cost and staff time savings. As a result, HACSB does not anticipate that these metrics will reflect an increase in positive outcomes in employment status, households removed from TANF, increase in tenant rent share, or households transitioned to self-sufficiency as a direct result of this activity.

## v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

vi. Challenges in Achieving Benchmarks and Possible Strategies

None.

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## Activity 23: No Child Left Unsheltered

## i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended

- FY 2014: Initial Approval through HACSB's FY 2014 Annual MTW Plan. Implemented on April 1, 2015.
- FY 2015: Modified to expand program eligibility criteria.
- FY 2018: Modified to add twenty tenant-based vouchers for the foster care component.
- FY 2019: Modified through HACSB's FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 1, to add an automatic transition to HACSB's TLA or SLA activity after two years of participation in NCLU for families newly participating in the activity.
- FY 2020: Modified through FY 2020 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 2, to add Emergency Operations in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

## ii. Description/Update

This activity addresses the MTW statutory objective to give incentives to families with children whose head of household are either working, seeking work, or are participating in job training, educational or other programs that assist in obtaining employment and becoming economically self-sufficient.

The No Child Left Unsheltered (NCLU) initiative aims to end homelessness of unsheltered families with children in San Bernardino County, with special attention to the education and well-being of the children and overall stabilization of the family. NCLU will provide housing assistance through the Housing Choice Voucher program or Affordable Housing program coupled with supportive services.

Through this activity, HACSB has set aside forty (40) project-based vouchers and twenty (20) tenant-based vouchers to be made available to eligible low-income unsheltered families, in either of the following categories:

- Families with children (under 18 years of age) who are unsheltered at the time of application but do not otherwise meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless.
- Young adults participating in the San Bernardino County Department of Children and Family Services Foster Care Aftercare program.

HACSB has partnered with a variety of local community service providers, including the school system, to identify families, particularly those with school-age children, who are unsheltered. Families are referred to NCLU through the county-wide Coordinated Entry System (CES) or through other partners including (but not limited to) local community service providers, school districts, and the Sheriff's H.O.P.E. Team. Referred families may be admitted as a special admission or placed onto a waiting list with a preference specifically for this program. Participating families receive supportive services through HACSB partners, including the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH).

### Family Rent Portion and Rental Subsidy Calculation

The family rent portion and rental subsidy are calculated using the Streamlined Lease Assistance (activity 22) methodology.

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#### **Transition to Other HACSB Housing Programs**

Our FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 1, included a modification to this activity to automatically transition eligible families to another HACSB housing program after two years of participation in NCLU. Career-able families will transition to the Term-Limited Lease Assistance (TLA) program and elderly/disabled families will transition to Streamlined Lease Assistance (SLA). This modification applies to new NCLU families admitted on or after October 1, 2019.

#### **Foster Care Component**

Through our FY 2018 Annual MTW Plan, we modified this activity to add twenty (20) units to allow participation by young adults participating in the Department of Children and Family Services Foster Care Aftercare program. Services will target low-income young adults age 18-21 in the Aftercare program who are in need of housing support to transition to stable independent living. Individuals in the Aftercare program receive only limited services through the Foster Care program and are ineligible for housing support through the Foster Care program. Assistance under this component will be subject to the availability of funds. To be eligible for housing support through this component of the NCLU program, the household must:

- Be referred by the San Bernardino County department of Children and Family Services; and
- Be a low-income family as defined by HUD; and
- Meet HACSB's criminal history background screening requirements; and
- Be an active participant in the Aftercare program.

HACSB anticipates that the individuals served through this program will be primarily single individuals but may also include families with one or more dependent children.

Through this component, HACSB will provide each eligible family up to three years of housing support through the Housing Choice Voucher program. The term of support will coincide with the family's enrollment in the Aftercare program. Additionally, the family will be required to engage in supportive services through HACSB's Family Empowerment Services (FES) department and to complete an Individual Training and Services Plan. To ensure that services provided by the Foster Care program and HACSB's FES department continue to be accessed during the term of assistance, the family may not exercise portability or mobility.

The family may request an extension of assistance of up to one year beyond their participation in the Foster Care Aftercare program. HACSB will apply the same hardship eligibility criteria and approval procedures as established for the Term-Limited Lease Assistance program.

This component has not yet been fully implemented.

#### **PBV Unit Designation**

In March 2015, the HACSB Housing Commission and Board of Governors approved the award of the 40 project-based voucher units reserved for this activity to units within the HACSB-owned and HACSB-affiliated non-profit housing stock. These contracts were awarded through a non-competitive process authorized under HACSB's Local Project-Based Voucher program (activity 11). Families housed through this activity typically have significant

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challenges in locating housing through the traditional tenant-based voucher program. This award gives HACSB, as the property owner, the ability to house NCLU families more quickly and with more flexibility than in the traditional tenant-based voucher program.

HACSB selected the locations of the 40 project-based voucher units using data from the most recent homeless point-in-time survey. The units will be distributed throughout the county as follows:

Property Owner	Units	Communities
HACSB	26	Kingsley Patio Homes, Montclair
		Stone Creek Apartments, Loma Linda
		Sunset Gardens, Yucaipa
		Hampton Court Apartments, Redlands
		Andalusia, Victorville
		Mesa Gardens, Hesperia
HPI Property Acquisitions LLC	10	Kendall Drive Apartments, San Bernardino
		Kendall Park Apartments, San Bernardino
Summit Place LLC	4	Summit Place, Ontario

#### **Emergency Operations**

In the event of a local disaster, emergency, or other situation which affects the health and/or safety of HACSB customers, employees, and/or the public, HACSB may implement the following temporary change to this activity ("emergency operations") to ensure continuity of operations to the extent possible and practical.

This and other emergency operations modifications were developed and implemented in early spring 2020 in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, which is ongoing at the time of this writing. The pandemic has created a need for social distancing and other precautions to protect against the spread of the disease. In compliance with the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), "stay-at-home" Executive Orders issued by California Governor Newsom, and other guidance from local, state, and federal agencies, HACSB has taken steps to reduce contact between individuals, including reducing the number of employees in offices through telework and alternative work schedules, expanding remote and virtual service options, and screening customers for in-person customer service. The need for social distancing and other precautions anticipated to continue into 2022. As a result, HASCB has implemented the following emergency operations change for this activity:

• Supportive services provided to NCLU families may be reduced and/or deferred based on the availability and ability of HACSB staff and partners to provide those services.

Emergency operations will be ended as soon as it is safe, feasible, and practical to return to normal operations. Emergency operations may be reenacted in the future in response to a resurgence of the current pandemic or another local disaster, emergency, or other crisis situation.

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Activity 23: No Child Left Unsheltered CE #4: Increase in Resources Leveraged								
Unit of Measurement	Unit of Measurement Baseline Benchmark Outcome Benchmark Achieved?							
Amount of funds leveraged in dollars (increase).	Amount leveraged prior to implementation of the activity (in dollars). This number may be zero.	Expected amount leveraged after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Actual amount leveraged after implementation of the activity (in dollars).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.				
Amount of funds leveraged in dollars.	Amount of funds leveraged prior to implementation of the activity is \$0.00.	The expected amount of funds leveraged after implementation of the activity is \$35,000.	The actual amount of funds leveraged is \$88,337 in FY 2021.	Yes, the outcome meets and exceeds the benchmark for this metric.				

	Activity 23:	No Child Left Unsheltered			
SS #8: Households Transitioned to Self-Sufficiency					
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?	
Number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency (increase). The PHA may create one or more definitions for "self-sufficiency" to use for this metric. Each time the PHA uses this metric, the "Outcome" number should also be provided in Section (II) Operating Information in the space provided.	Households transitioned to self sufficiency (< <pha definition="" of="" self-sufficiency="">&gt;) prior to implementation of the activity (number). This number may be zero.</pha>	Expected households transitioned to self sufficiency (< <pha definition="" of="" self-sufficiency="">&gt;) after implementation of the activity (number).</pha>	Actual households transitioned to self sufficiency (< <pha definition of self- sufficiency&gt;&gt;) after implementation of the activity (number).</pha 	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.	
For purposes of this activity, "self-sufficiency" is defined as having a total gross household income at or above 80% of the Area Median Income for the family size (at time of end of participation).	The number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency prior to implementation of the activity is 0.	The expected number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency after implementation of the activity is 0.	The actual number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency in FY 2021 is 0.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.	

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Activity 23: No Child Left Unsheltered  HC #3: Decrease in Wait List Time						
Unit of Measurement Baseline <sup>12</sup> Benchmark Outcome Benchmark Achieved?						
Average applicant time on wait list in months (decrease).	Average applicant time on wait list prior to implementation of the activity (in months).	Expected average applicant time on wait list after implementation of the activity (in months).	Actual average applicant time on wait list after implementation of the activity (in months).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.		
Average applicant time on wait list in months.	The average applicant time on wait list for NCLU families is 1.96 months (58.85 days).	The average applicant time on wait list for NCLU families is not expected to change in future years, as this activity is already fully implemented.	The average application wait time for current NCLU families is 152.48 days.	No, the outcome does not meet the benchmark for this activity; no reduction in wait list time was anticipated, but some fluctuations are expected.		

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Pre-implementation data for this metric is unavailable. Baseline figure represents FY 2016 data.

Activity 23: No Child Left Unsheltered HC #7: Households Assisted by Services that Increase Housing Choice							
Unit of Measurement Baseline Benchmark Outcome Benchmark Achieved							
Number of households receiving services aimed to increase housing choice (increase).	Households receiving this type of service prior to implementation of the activity (number). This number may be zero.	Expected number of households receiving these services after implementation of the activity (number).	Actual number of households receiving these services after implementation of the activity (number).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.			
Number of households receiving services aimed to increase housing choice.	Number of households receiving services aimed to increase housing choice prior to implementation of this activity is 0.	The expected number of households receiving services aimed to increase housing choice after implementation of this activity is 5 per year.	35 NCLU households received services aimed to increase housing choice (100% of NCLU households active during the FY).	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.			

	Activity 23: No Child Left Unsheltered Local Metric: Households Housed through This Activity						
Unit of Measurement	Unit of Measurement Baseline Benchmark Outcome Benchmark Achieved?						
Number of households housed through the No Child Left Unsheltered activity.	The number of households housed through the No Child Left Unsheltered activity prior to implementation of the activity is 0.	The expected number of households housed through this activity is 5 per year.		Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this local metric.			

# iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

None.

# iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

Standard metrics CE #4, SS #8, HC #3, and HC #7 were added in HACSB's 2015 Annual Plan per HUD's request.

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v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

vi. Challenges in Achieving Benchmarks and Possible Strategies

None.

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## Activity 24: Transition for Over-Income Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Families

## i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended

- FY 2014: Initial approval. Implemented on April 1, 2015.
- FY 2015: Modified to exclude current participants of our Family Self-Sufficiency program.
- FY 2020: Modified through FY 2020 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 2, to add Emergency Operations in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

## ii. Description/Impact/Update

This activity addresses the MTW statutory objective to give incentives to families with children whose head of household are either working, seeking work, or are participating in job training, educational or other programs that assist in obtaining employment and becoming economically self-sufficient.

To create more housing opportunities for families on our Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher waiting lists, and in recognition of certain families attaining self-sufficiency, HACSB has implemented this activity to transition families who have an annual income which exceeds 80% of area median income ("over-income") off housing assistance. This activity applies to the Public Housing program, Tenant-Based Housing Choice Voucher program, and Project-Based Voucher program.

Through this activity, over-income families will be given a six-month transition period. After the six-month transition period, families will transition to receiving no housing assistance from HACSB. Public Housing and Project-Based Voucher families will be required to move, and HCV families will have the option of remaining with their current landlord with no assistance or locating alternate housing.

Elderly/disabled families and participants of the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and Homeownership programs are exempt from this activity. The transition period begins for existing families identified as over-income on April 1, 2015, and at interim or recertification for families that become over-income after April 1, 2015.

If, during the six-month transition period, an over-income family's income falls below 80% of the AMI, then the family will no longer be considered over-income and will not transition off the program.

Families in the six-month transition period may also qualify for a hardship exemption from this activity for no-fault loss of income and/or death of a family member with income if the change in income results in the family's income falling below 80% of AMI. If a hardship exemption is approved for such situations, the family will be removed from the six-month transition period and will not transition off the program.

This activity was implemented effective April 1, 2015. At implementation, 89 currently assisted households were identified as "over-income" and given notice of the six-month transition period. Ultimately, 49 of those families were removed from the transition either due to a hardship or because they were determined to be no longer over-income. This activity is ongoing, and we will report further outcomes via our FY 2020 Annual MTW Report.

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#### **Emergency Operations**

In the event of a local disaster, emergency, or other situation which affects the health and/or safety of HACSB customers, employees, and/or the public, HACSB may implement the following temporary change to this activity ("emergency operations") to ensure continuity of operations to the extent possible and practical.

This and other emergency operations modifications were developed and implemented in early spring 2020 in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, which is ongoing at the time of this writing. The pandemic has created a need for social distancing and other precautions to protect against the spread of the disease. In compliance with the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), "stay-at-home" Executive Orders issued by California Governor Newsom, and other guidance from local, state, and federal agencies, HACSB has taken steps to reduce contact between individuals, including reducing the number of employees in the office through telework and alternative work schedules, expanding remote and virtual service options, and screening customers for in-person customer service. The need for social distancing and other precautions is anticipated to continue into 2022. HASCB implemented the following emergency operations change for this activity:

• HACSB delayed by six months the termination of assistance for any family whose six-month transition period was scheduled to end between April 1 and September 30, 2020.

Emergency operations may be reenacted in the future in response to a resurgence of the current pandemic or another local disaster, emergency, or other crisis situation.

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Activity 24: Transition for Over-Income Public Housing/Housing Choice Voucher Families  SS #8: Households Transitioned to Self-Sufficiency				
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?
Number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency (increase). The PHA may create one or more definitions for "self-sufficiency" to use for this metric. Each time the PHA uses this metric, the "Outcome" number should also be provided in Section (II) Operating Information in the space provided.	Households transitioned to self-sufficiency (< <pha definition="" of="" self-sufficiency="">&gt;) prior to implementation of the activity (number). This number may be zero.</pha>	Expected households transitioned to self-sufficiency (< <pha definition="" of="" self-sufficiency="">&gt;) after implementation of the activity (number).</pha>	Actual households transitioned to self sufficiency (< <pha definition of self- sufficiency&gt;&gt;) after implementation of the activity (number).</pha 	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.
Number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency through the Over-Income activity. For purposes of this activity, "self-sufficiency" is defined as having a total gross household income at or above 80% of the Area Median Income for the family size.	The number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency through the over-income activity prior to implementation of the activity is 0.	The expected number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency after implementation of the activity is 4 per year.	The actual number of households transitioned to self-sufficiency through the over-income activity is 9. (9 voucher).	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.

# iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

None.

iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

None.

v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

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# Activity 25: Project-Based Voucher Flexibility for Horizons at Yucaipa Senior Housing

## i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended

• FY 2016: Initial approval.

## ii. Description/Impact/Update

This activity addresses the MTW statutory objective to increase housing choices for eligible low-income families.

This activity allows HACSB to apply an amended definition of elderly for the project-based vouchers at the Horizons at Yucaipa Affordable Senior Housing development to meet both the City of Yucaipa's requirements for affordable senior housing as well as the age requirement for the special needs population to be served by units financed under the Mental Health Stabilization Act (MHSA). For purposes of this property, there are two definitions of an elderly (senior) individual.

The Horizons at Yucaipa Affordable Senior Housing development is a two-phase, 77-unit new construction development in the City of Yucaipa. Phase I of the development is 50 units on approximately 4.2 acres of vacant land and includes 49 project-based vouchers and one manager's unit. Phase II will include 27 units and will also be developed for seniors at least 55 years of age. The Phase II building will incorporate into the Phase I building so amenities can be shared and costs reduced. The development will be 100% affordable housing financed through a combination of the following funding sources:

- 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- Tax Exempt Bond funding
- County HOME
- County Mental Health Services Act funding (MHSA)
- Fee deferrals from the City of Yucaipa
- Permanent debt

Phase I contains 38 (1) bedroom units of approximately 692 sq. ft. per unit and 12 (2) bedroom units of approximately 967 sq. ft. per unit. The 50 units are within one two-story building and contain two elevators. 10 of the 50 units in Phase I are reserved as MHSA units and carry an age restriction of 60 years old. The property operates as affordable housing for seniors. For the 10 MHSA units, an elderly (senior) individual is defined as one who is 60 years of age or older in order to meet the MHSA requirements. For the remaining PBV units, an elderly (senior) individual is defined as one who is 55 years of age or older in order to meet the City of Yucaipa's senior housing requirements.

Phase I of the Horizons at Yucaipa senior development was completed in the Spring of 2017 and was occupied by May of 2017. Pre-leasing activities which began in the summer of 2016 provided enough eligible candidates to fill all affordable housing units (40) and establish a waiting list of potential new tenants. The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) assisted in identifying the tenants for the 10 MHSA units.

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Phase I contains 50 units. 10 of the 50 units in Phase I are reserved as Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) units and carry an age restriction of 60 years old. The property will operate as affordable housing for seniors. For the 10 MHSA units, an elderly (senior) individual shall be defined as one who is 60 years of age or older to meet the MHSA requirements. For the remaining PBV units, an elderly (senior) individual shall be defined as one who is 55 years of age or older to meet the City of Yucaipa's senior housing requirements.

In 2015 HPI broke ground on the Horizons at Yucaipa development, and construction of Phase I was completed in the spring of 2017. The phase achieved full lease-up and full occupancy by May 2017. HPI is currently looking at financing options to begin construction of phase II, 27 additional senior units, in the summer of 2021.

Act	Activity 25: Project-Based Voucher Flexibility for Horizons at Yucaipa Senior Housing  HC #4: Displacement Prevention					
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?		
Number of households at or below 80% AMI that would lose assistance or need to move (decrease). If units reach a specific type of household, give that type in this box.	Households losing assistance/moving prior to implementation of the activity (number).	Expected households losing assistance/moving after implementation of the activity (number).	Actual households losing assistance/moving after implementation of the activity (number).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.		
Number of households at or below 80% AMI that would lose assistance or need to move. Units designated for seniors 55 years of age and older.	Zero (0).	Zero (0).	Zero (0).	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.		

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Activity 25: Project-Based Voucher Flexibility for Horizons at Yucaipa Senior Housing  HC #5: Increase in Resident Mobility					
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?	
Number of households able to move to a better unit and/or neighborhood of opportunity as a result of the activity (increase)	Households able to move to a better unit and/or neighborhood of opportunity prior to implementation of the activity (number). This number may be zero.	Expected households able to move to a better unit and/or neighborhood of opportunity after implementation of the activity (number).	Actual increase in households able to move to a better unit and/or neighborhood of opportunity after implementation of the activity (number).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.	
Number of households residing in PBV units at Horizons at Yucaipa Senior Housing.	Zero (0).	FYE 2016: Zero (0). FYE 2017: Forty-Nine (49).	49 households resided in PBV units at Horizons at Yucaipa Senior Housing (46 as of 9/30/2021).  The occupancy rate for FY 2021 was 97.6%.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.	

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Activity 25: Project-Based Voucher Flexibility for Horizons at Yucaipa Senior Housing Local Metric: Additional Units of Housing Made Available					
Unit of Measurement	Baseline	Benchmark	Outcome	Benchmark Achieved?	
Number of new housing units made available for households at or below 80% AMI as a result of the activity (increase). If units reach a specific type of household, give that type in this box.	Housing units of this type prior to implementation of the activity (number). This number may be zero.	Expected housing units of this type after implementation of the activity (number).	Actual housing units of this type after implementation of the activity (number).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.	
Number of new housing units made available for households at or below 80% AMI as a result of the activity. Units designated for seniors 55 years of age and older.	Zero (0).	FYE 2016: Zero (0). FYE 2017: Forty-Nine (49).	Forty-nine new housing units were made available in FY 2017 and continue to be available to low-income households in FY 2021.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.	

Activity 25: Project-Based Voucher Flexibility for Horizons at Yucaipa Senior Housing  Local Metric: Seniors 55 to 60 years of age housed through this activity								
Unit of Measurement Baseline Benchmark Outcome Benchmark Achieve								
Number of seniors 55 to 60 years of age housed through this activity.	Number of seniors 55 to 60 years of age housed through this activity prior to implementation of the activity.	Expected number of seniors 55 to 60 years of age housed through this activity after implementation of the activity.	Actual number of seniors 55 to 60 years of age housed through this activity after implementation of the activity.	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.				
Number of seniors 55 to 60 years of age housed in PBV units at Horizons at Yucaipa Senior Housing.	Zero (0).	FYE 2016: Zero (0). FYE 2017: Thirty-Nine (39) in Phase I.	39 households age 55-60 resided in PBV units at Horizons at Yucaipa Senior Housing during FY 2021.	Yes, the outcome meets the benchmark for this metric.				

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iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

None.

iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

None.

v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

vi. Challenges in Achieving Benchmarks and Possible Strategies

None.

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## Activity 26: Local Disaster Short-Term Rental Assistance Program

## i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended

FY 2017: Initial approval through FY 2017 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 1.

## ii. Description/Impact/Update

In August 2016 the massive Blue Cut Fire burned more than 36,000 acres in the Cajon pass area of San Bernardino County. The fire caused the complete shutdown of the Interstate 15 freeway and railroad lines, mandatory evacuations of an estimated 82,000 persons in at least six cities, and destroyed 105 homes and 216 minor structures<sup>13</sup>. In the immediate aftermath, approximately seventy families displaced by the fire needed temporary assistance to stabilize their housing situation.

The Blue Cut Fire illustrated the need for HACSB to have in place a mechanism to provide temporary housing assistance to families in the event of certain local disasters. This proposed activity is designed to meet that need.

Through this activity HACSB will implement a short-term rental assistance program to provide temporary housing choice voucher assistance to families displaced as the result of a local disaster. Except as noted below, HACSB's policies for the Housing Choice Voucher Program shall apply to the Local Disaster Short-Term Rental Assistance Program.

HACSB received approval of this activity via its 2017 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 2, in April 2017, and the activity was incorporated into HACSB policy in June 2017. This activity is fully implemented; however, HACSB will only house families through this activity in the event of a locally declared disaster. No such disasters were declared in FY 2019 or to date, and there are no outcomes to report for this activity.

#### **Determination of Local Disaster**

A local disaster is an event that occurs within the County of San Bernardino and may include a natural disaster such as an earthquake, fire, flood, or storm, an act of terrorism, or other event as determined by HACSB. The qualification of a local disaster will be declared by HACSB through a resolution of its governing board.

#### **Wait List**

HACSB will maintain a separate wait list for this activity. The wait list will be opened only when a local disaster is declared through a resolution of HACSB's governing board and only to individuals displaced as a direct result of the local disaster.

This program is not a set-aside and no vouchers will be reserved for this activity.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> "CalFire Incident Information – Blue Cut Fire," fire.ca.gov, August 23, 2016. http://www.fire.ca.gov/current\_incidents/incidentdetails/Index/1391

#### Eligibility

Assistance in this program will be limited to families displaced as the direct result of a local disaster. Families assisted through this activity will be subject to eligibility screening. At a minimum, each family must qualify as low-income (having gross annual income at or below the HUD-published Area Median Income adjusted for family size) and pass HACSB's criminal history background screening.

#### Term of Assistance

The term of assistance shall be determined by HACSB based upon the nature of the disaster at the time the local disaster is declared. In general, HACSB anticipates the term of assistance shall be six (6) to twelve (12) months. If appropriate, HACSB may provide a hardship extension. In any case, the total term of assistance shall not exceed twenty-four (24) months.

#### **Subsidy Calculation and Reexamination**

The rental subsidy and tenant rent portions shall be determined using the formulas established through HACSB's MTW Activity 22: Streamlined Lease Assistance Program. No reexamination of income will be conducted during the term of assistance, regardless of the length of the term.

#### Leveraging of Resources

HACSB will attempt to engage community partners to provide additional funding, housing stabilization services, and related supportive services to the families assisted through this activity.

#### **HAP Contract and Lease**

The terms of the lease and HAP Contract shall be the same as the term of the Local Disaster Short-Term Rental Assistance.

#### **Portability**

Families assisted through this activity may not exercise portability to another jurisdiction unless the receiving PHA will absorb the family.

### Subject to Availability

Assistance provided through this activity shall be subject to the availability of funding as determined by HACSB.

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Activity 26: Local Disaster Short-Term Rental Assistance Program  HC #3: Decrease in Wait List Time							
Unit of Measurement	Unit of Measurement Baseline Benchmark Outcome Benchmark Achieved?						
Average applicant time on wait list in months (decrease).	Average applicant time on wait list prior to implementation of the activity (in months).	Expected average applicant time on wait list after implementation of the activity (in months).	Actual average applicant time on wait list after implementation of the activity (in months).	Whether the outcome meets or exceeds the benchmark.			
Average applicant time on wait list in months.	Average applicant time on wait list prior to implementation of this activity.	Expected average applicant time on wait list for this activity after implementation.	N/A. This activity has not yet been utilized.	N/A. This activity has not yet been utilized.			

Activity 26: Local Disaster Short-Term Rental Assistance Program  Local Metric: Number of Households Served through the Activity						
Unit of Measurement Baseline Benchmark Outcome Benchmark Achieved?						
		· '		N/A. This activity has not yet been utilized.		

# iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

None.

iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

None.

v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

vi. Challenges in Achieving Benchmarks and Possible Strategies None.

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# Activity 27: Local Project-Based Voucher Subsidy for Developments Using Tax Credit Rents

## i. Plan Year Approved, Implemented, Amended

- FY 2019: Initial approval through FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 2.
- FY 2020: Modified to include a type two subsidy and income band TTP calculation through FY 2020 Annual MTW Plan, Amendment 3.

## ii. Description/Impact/Update

This activity addresses the MTW statutory objective to increase housing choices for eligible low-income families.

Through this activity, HACSB is authorized to change the TTP calculation to create one that is based upon income bands, applying a flat TTP within each income band instead of basing the calculation of TTP on gross or adjusted income. Additionally, HACSB is authorized to modify the housing authority subsidy calculation as specified below. The activity applies to:

- 116 RAD-PBV units at the Waterman Gardens Phase III development, Crestview Terrace, excluding any RAD household exercising right of first return to those units. These units use the HACSB Subsidy and Income Band TTP Calculation Type One.
- Eight PBV units located at the Daycreek Villas community in Rancho Cucamonga, California. These units use the HACSB Subsidy and Income Band TTP Calculation Type Two.
- Future PBV units on a case-by-case basis. These units may use either the Type One or Type Two HACSB Subsidy and Income Band TTP Calculation.

#### Implementation Update – Crestview Terrace

Most aspects of this activity will be implemented upon completion of construction when families begin leasing the newly developed units in May, 2021. However, other aspects of the activity are implemented, such as establishing the Tenant Rent Burden Protection Fund for approved hardship exemptions.

This third and final RAD conversion phase at the Waterman Gardens site in San Bernardino (AMP 120, site 19-02) adds approximately 182 family rental units to complete the one-for-one replacement of Public Housing units formerly located there while also adding market rate units to create a mixed-income community. The development utilizes Demolition/Disposition Transition Fund (DDTF) leveraged with City and County of San Bernardino HOME funds, state of California Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities funds, private healthcare organization (Dignity Health) funds, and 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) coupled with tax-exempt private activity bonds. The current unit breakdown is:

- 116 RAD project-based voucher (PBV) units with tax credits.
- 31 tax credit affordable units.
- 35 market rate units with no RAD, PBV, or tax credits.

The following table contains the breakdown of the 147 affordable units by size and tax-credit income bracket:

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30% A	MI TARGET 50% AMI TARGET 60%		60% A	0% AMI TARGET		
UNIT SIZE	Number of Units	UNIT SIZE	NUMBER OF UNITS	UNIT SIZE	Number of Units	Тота
1 Bedroom	6	1 Bedroom	6	1 Bedroom	10	22
2 Bedroom	21	2 Bedroom	21	2 Bedroom	39	81
3 Bedroom	9	3 Bedroom	9	3 Bedroom	14	32
4 Bedroom	1	4 Bedroom	2	4 Bedroom	7	10
5 Bedroom	2	5 Bedroom	0	5 Bedroom	0	2
TOTAL	39	TOTAL	38	TOTAL	70	147

#### HACSB Subsidy and Income Band TTP Calculation – Type One

Through this activity, the total tenant portion (TTP) and contract rents for the Crestview Terrace 116 RAD-PBV tax credit units are set as follows:

- TTP (tenant rent) will be set at the applicable tax credit rent based on the unit size and target AMI for the unit.
- Contract rents will be set below 110% of the HUD-published Fair Market Rent (FMR) based on bedroom size. At this time, the contract rents are anticipated to be set at 91.247% of 110% of the FMR. Contract rents may be increased through an increase to the TCAC-published Tax Credit rents.
- The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) subsidy will be the difference between the contract rent and the TTP. Payment of the HAP subsidy shall be subject to the availability of federal funding. The HAP contract will otherwise be the same as a standard RAD-PBV HAP contract.
- The contract rent will not be permitted to exceed 110% of the FMR.

Through these modifications, HACSB is able to apply a simplified rent and subsidy structure without changing the total amount of subsidy provided to support the development.

#### HACSB Subsidy and Income Band TTP Calculation – Type Two

The eight PBV units located at the Daycreek Villas community in Rancho Cucamonga, which began occupancy in the fall of 2020, utilizes this Type Two calculation.

The total tenant portion (TTP) and HAP subsidy are set as follows:

- TTP (tenant rent) will be set at the applicable tax credit rent based on the unit size and target AMI for the unit.
- Contract rents will equal the TTP plus the fixed HAP subsidy, and shall not exceed 110% of the HUD-published Fair Market Rent (FMR) based on bedroom size. Contract rents may be increased through an increase to the TCAC-published Tax Credit rents.

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- The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) subsidy will be fixed at \$700. Payment of the HAP subsidy shall be subject to the availability of federal funding. The HAP contract will otherwise be the same as a standard PBV HAP contract.
- The contract rent will not be permitted to exceed 110% of the FMR.

#### Hardship Case Criteria

HACSB recognizes that under some circumstances, households may experience a hardship that makes it challenging to pay the applicable rent under this activity. Hardship exemption criteria have been developed for households whose rent burden exceeds 40% while participating in this program.

To be eligible for a hardship exemption, the household must:

- 1. Have a rent burden greater than 40%. Rent burden is calculated as the household's monthly rent portion (the applicable tax credit rent) divided by the household's gross monthly income; and
- 2. Request a hardship exemption in writing in accordance with HACSB's policies; and
- 3. Be compliant with HACSB's policies, program rules, and regulations.

A hardship exemption may be approved for the following reasons:

- 1. The family experiences a death of a household member with income;
- 2. Any income-earning member of the assisted family no longer remains in the unit;
- 3. An elderly or disabled household experiences a permanent loss of income;
- 4. Unforeseen and involuntary permanent loss of income for a family member under the age of 18;
- 5. Unforeseen involuntary loss of employment or unforeseen loss of income due to major illness as determined by a medical professional; or
- 6. Unforeseen involuntary permanent loss of income for an adult family member who is attending high school.

If a hardship exemption has been approved, HACSB will reduce the household's TTP to 40% of gross income for a period of six months. During the hardship exemption period, HACSB will continue to pay the HAP subsidy plus the difference between the household's reduced TTP and the tax credit rent ("Hardship HAP" – the difference between 40% of the household's gross income and the applicable tax credit rent). At the end of the hardship exemption period, the household's TTP will return to the tax credit rent and the HACSB subsidy will return to the previous HAP subsidy. For example:

A 3-person household is residing in a 2-bedroom 50% tax credit unit. They pay the tax credit rent of \$758 per month. Their income is \$27,315 per year and their rent burden is 33.3%.

A 17-year-old member of the household experiences an unforeseen and involuntary permanent loss of income. The household's new income is \$21,000 per year. Their rent burden is now 43.3%.

HACSB approves a hardship exemption for the household based upon the unforeseen and involuntary permanent loss of income for a family member under the age of 18. For six months, the household's TTP will be set at 40% of their gross income, or \$700. During the hardship

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exemption period HACSB will continue to pay to the owner the HAP subsidy of \$564 per month, plus the difference between the TTP and the tax credit rent, or \$58.

At the end of the hardship exemption period, the household's TTP will return to the tax credit rent. The HACSB subsidy will return to \$564.

No more than one hardship exemption per household may be approved within a 12-month period. Approval will be subject to the availability of funds.

**Crestview Terrace Units:** HACSB will apply MTW funding flexibility to create a "Tenant Rent Burden Protection Fund" from which the Hardship HAP will be paid. HACSB and its developer partner will both contribute to this fund to ensure the availability of hardship exemptions for rent-burdened households.

All Other Units: Hardship HAP shall be paid using MTW Block Grant funds in the same manner as HAP.

iii. Actual Non-Significant Changes

None.

iv. Actual Changes to Metrics/Data Collection

None.

v. Actual Significant Changes

None.

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## B. Not Yet Implemented Activities

## Activity 28: Landlord Incentives

### i. Activity Description

This activity was approved through HACSB's FY 2022 Annual MTW Plan and has not yet been implemented.

The activity addresses the MTW statutory objective to increase housing choices for eligible low-income families.

To help assisted families successfully lease rental units available on the private market, this activity will provide incentive to property owners to lease to families participating in a HACSB MTW voucher program by offsetting some of the administrative and financial impacts of leasing to assisted families. Our most recent third-party rental market analysis showed that vacancy rates are very low (2-4%) throughout San Bernardino County, and families report difficulty locating suitable units and successfully leasing those units. HACSB anticipates that this activity will increase landlord participation and expand housing choice for voucher families.

## ii. Actions Taken Toward Implementation

HACSB has begun the process of fully implementing this activity in FY 2022. Through this activity, HACSB will provide a one-time \$1,000 signing bonus for each new HAP Contract signed after the program goes into effect. HACSB has established the following criteria for the incentive:

- The assisted unit must be located in HACSB's service area which is the entire County of San Bernardino excluding the City of Needles.
- Voucher holder must be a new program participant or existing program participant who is new to the rental property.
- Executed lease and contract with all required addendums will be required before the signing bonus will be made.

The following properties are not eligible for the signing bonus:

- Tax credit properties
- Units under a project-based voucher (PBV) HAP contract
- HACSB and HACSB affiliate owned units

The following situations do not qualify for a signing bonus:

- An existing program participant is signing a new lease to remain in their current subsidized unit.
- An existing voucher participant is moving from one unit to another in the same apartment complex, such as a tenant moving from upstairs to downstairs.

HACSB may also implement other components of this activity, such as tenant damage mitigation fund and/or a tenant education program. All components of this activity are subject to availability of funding.

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## C. On Hold Activities

## Activity 3: Alternate Assessment Programs

### i. Activity Description

This activity was approved through HACSB's FY 2009 Annual MTW Plan and has not yet been implemented. The activity was placed on hold via HACSB's FY 2010 Annual MTW Plan.

The activity allows HACSB to opt out of the HUD SEMAP and PHAS scoring systems and establish its own program assessment systems designed to measure the quality and timeliness of work performed under the MTW Agreement.

HACSB formally opted out of the PHAS and SEMAP on December 8, 2010, and will continue to retain its high performer status until a new MTW-wide successor system is adopted, at which time HACSB can be fully scored under that system.

### ii. Background, Actions Taken, Plans for Reactivation

At HUD's 2009 Annual MTW Conference we learned that there was an effort to establish an MTW-wide successor to the Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) and Public Housing Assessment Program (PHAS) systems currently in place. Rather than develop its own assessment system, HACSB determined that it would instead place this activity on hold until the MTW-wide assessment system is implemented.

The MTW-wide assessment system is still in development. An update on the assessment system was provided at the MTW Conferences in 2019 and 2021, and testing by current MTW agencies is ongoing. The exact date for implementation of the MTW-wide assessment system is not yet known. The system will need to be approved by HUD prior to implementation, and a target date has not yet been set. This activity remains on hold pending approval and implementation of that system.

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## D. Closed Out Activities

# **Activity 2: Strategic Investment Policies**

## i. Approval, Implementation, and Close-Out Years

This activity was approved through our FY 2009 Initial Annual MTW Plan and implemented in November 2010. The activity was closed out through HACSB's FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan.

## ii. Reason(s) for Close-Out

This activity was closed out in response to HUD's comments regarding the HACSB FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan, wherein HUD stated that Notice PIH 2011-67 (Implementation of New Cash Management Requirements for the Housing Choice Voucher Program) effectively nullifies the activity and requested that the activity be moved to the Closed-Out Activities section of HACSB's Annual MTW Plan.

## Activity 6: Elimination of Assets

## i. Approval, Implementation, and Close-Out Years

This activity was approved in our FY 2009 Annual MTW Plan and was implemented on October 1, 2009. The activity was closed out through HACSB's FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan.

## ii. Reason(s) for Close-Out

This activity was closed out due to the merge of activities 5 (Local Verification Policies), 6 (this activity), 9 (Elimination of Earned Income Disallowance), and 17 (Local Income Inclusions) through HACSB's FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan. This activity is now closed out as a separate activity. However, the modifications originally included through this activity are now incorporated into activity 5, which was re-titled "Simplified Income Determination" through HACSB's FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan.

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# Activity 7: Controlled Program Moves

## i. Approval, Implementation, and Close-Out Years

This activity was approved in our FY 2009 Annual MTW Plan and implemented on February 1, 2010. The activity was closed out through HACSB's FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan.

## ii. Reason(s) for Close-Out

This activity resulted in a significant decrease in agency costs and staff time spent related to processing voluntary moves. In FY 2017, both costs and time spent reflected approximately a 64% decrease over the baselines. The staff time spent per move was 42% lower in FY 2017 than the baseline value. However, because the total number of moves did not decrease as much as was anticipated, the benchmarks for staff time and cost savings were not reached.

As with all our MTW activities, HACSB performed internal monitoring of aspects of the Controlled Program Moves activity beyond what was reported through our annual MTW reports. We found that, while this activity resulted in cost and time savings related directly to a reduction in the number of moves processed annually, it also resulted in additional administrative burden in other areas. For example, we identified an increase in the number of moves requested as a reasonable accommodation and/or under the provisions of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) after implementation of this activity. Additionally, the two-year lease requirement caused other challenges, especially for families nearing the end of their participation in the Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program. As a result, we eliminated the two-year lease requirement and closed out this activity through our FY 2019 Annual MTW Report.

# Activity 9: Elimination of Earned Income Disallowance

## i. Approval, Implementation, and Close-Out Years

This activity was initially included in HACSB's FY 2009 Initial Annual MTW Plan and became effective on October 1, 2009, for participants in the Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing programs. The activity was closed out through HACSB's FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan.

## ii. Reason(s) for Close-Out

This activity was closed out due to the merge of activities 5 (Local Verification Policies), 6 (Elimination of Assets), 9 (this activity), and 17 (Local Income Inclusions) through HACSB's FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan. This activity is now closed out as a separate activity. However, the modifications originally included through this activity are now incorporated into activity 5, which was re-titled "Simplified Income Determination" through HACSB's FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan.

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## Activity 15: Pilot Work Requirement

## i. Approval, Implementation, and Close-Out Years

This activity was approved in the FY 2010 Annual MTW Plan. The work requirement was implemented on January 1, 2013, for the Maplewood Homes Public Housing community, and expanded to include all inbound portability families effective August 1, 2010. The work requirement at Maplewood Homes was ended in FY 2016 because of the RAD conversion of that site. The work requirement for portability families was ended and this activity was closed out through HACSB's FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan.

## ii. Reason(s) for Close-Out

This activity was closed out because of internal analysis which identified certain challenges in administering the work requirement, as well as advantages of ending the requirement. Ending the work requirement will reduce administrative burden, streamline HACSB's processes, and increase housing choice for families who desire to exercise portability to San Bernardino County. Additionally, ending the work requirement will empower families to make decisions about their housing and employment that are best for their unique family circumstances.

## Activity 16: Operating Subsidy for Vista del Sol

### i. Approval, Implementation, and Close-Out Years

This activity was approved through the second amendment to our FY 2010 Annual MTW Plan and implemented on April 23, 2010. This activity was closed out via HACSB's FY12 Annual MTW Plan.

## ii. Reason(s) for Close-Out

On September 15, 2010, HACSB executed a Project-based Voucher contract, and no longer needs the operating subsidy.

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# **Activity 17: Local Income Inclusions**

# i. Approval, Implementation, and Close-Out Years

This activity was approved in our FY 2011 Annual MTW Plan and implemented on May 1, 2011. This activity was modified through HACSB's FY 2015 Annual MTW Plan. The activity was closed out through HACSB's FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan.

# ii. Reason(s) for Close-Out

This activity was closed out due to the merge of activities 5 (Local Verification Policies), 6 (Elimination of Assets), 9 (Elimination of Earned Income Disallowance), and 17 (this activity) through HACSB's FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan. This activity is now closed out as a separate activity. However, the modifications originally included through this activity are now incorporated into activity 5, which was re-titled "Simplified Income Determination" through HACSB's FY 2019 Annual MTW Plan.

# Activity 21: Utility Allowance Reform

### i. Approval, Implementation, and Close-Out Years

This activity was approved in our FY 2012 Annual MTW Plan; it was never implemented. This activity was never implemented.

#### ii. Reason(s) for Close-Out

This activity allowed HACSB to develop a flat utility allowance schedule for the Housing Choice Voucher Program based on the consumption methodology versus the traditional engineering methodology. However, subsequent development of other programs—namely, our Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program and the Streamlined Lease Assistance Programs—eliminate the need for a utility allowance. These programs are designed to incorporate the cost of utilities into the subsidy amount without the need to apply a utility allowance separately. As a result, the utility allowance schedule is no longer necessary.

HACSB will continue to monitor the success of the Streamlined Lease Assistance and Term-Limited Lease Assistance programs but at this time, the Agency has postponed utility allowance reform indefinitely.

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# V. Planned Application of MTW Funds

# A. Sources and Uses of MTW Funds

#### i. Actual Sources of MTW Funds in the Plan Year

HACSB's unaudited and audited information regarding sources of MTW Funds is submitted through the Financial Assessment System – PHA (FASPHA).

#### ii. Actual Uses of MTW Funds

HACSB's unaudited and audited information regarding uses of MTW Funds is submitted through the Financial Assessment System – PHA (FASPHA).

#### iii. Actual Use of MTW Single Fund Flexibility

HACSB's Local FSS activity (#19) is funded using single fund flexibility with savings achieved through other MTW activities.

HACSB's Family Empowerment Services department (FES) and its services, which are not a separate MTW activity, are funded using single fund flexibility. This department was previously called Career Development Initiatives (CDI).

HACSB's post-assistance tracking survey for Term-Limited Lease Assistance families, implemented in FY 2018, includes a financial incentive for survey participants which is funded through the single fund flexibility.

HACSB is authorized to use Section 9 (Public Housing) funds defined as Public Housing operating reserves, Capital Fund Grants, Replacement Housing Factor Funds, and Demolition and Disposition Transitional Funds at former Public Housing properties that have been converted to Project-Based Voucher (PBV) properties through the Rental Assistance Demonstration. This authorization applies to accumulated reserves, including MTW reserves, and any future allocation of the funds specified in this authorization. The funds will be used for capital needs rehabilitation, operating expenses, and redevelopment costs.

Single-fund flexibility is crucial to HACSB's affordable housing development efforts. By leveraging multiple internal sources (Capital Fund, RHF, Voucher funding), HACSB maximizes funding from private sources and therefore is able to develop a greater number of housing units. For example, within the Waterman Gardens public housing revitalization project, single-fund flexibility is utilized to increase RAD contract rents to match local market rent levels, thereby allowing us to generate more private debt and equity necessary for new construction.

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# B. Local Asset Management Plan

- i. Did the MTW PHA allocate costs within statute in the Plan Year?
- ii. Did the MTW PHA implement a local asset management plan (LAMP) in the Plan Year? Yes.
- iii. Did the MTW PHA provide a LAMP in the appendix?

Yes. Please see Appendix A.

iv. If the MTW PHA has provided a LAMP in the appendix, please provide a brief update on implementation of the LAMP. Please provide any actual changes (which must be detailed in an approved Annual MTW Plan/Plan amendment) or state that the MTW PHA did not make any changes in the Plan Year.

No substantial changes to the LAMP were made during the Plan Year. Minor updates were made to statistical information contained in the LAMP.

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# VI. Administrative

# A. Reviews, Audits and Inspections

In FY 2015 and 2016 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Inspector General (the "OIG") audited certain aspects of the Shelter Plus Care program that is administered, in part, by HACSB. That audit focused on the eligibility of a very narrow group of program participants representing less than 5% of the total vouchers administered by HACSB across its programs. HACSB has fully cooperated with the OIG during this targeted audit and has reached a resolution. Under that resolution, HACSB provides annual progress reports to HUD.

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# **B.** Evaluation Results

HACSB has contracted with Loma Linda University (LLU) for third-party evaluation of several MTW initiatives and families served through our MTW programs. This section provides a summary of those evaluations.

- 1. **Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program (Activity 20):** The LLU longitudinal study of this initiative began in 2012 and is ongoing. The study follows participating families through their progress from initial lease-up through their end of term, tracking their goals and accomplishments. In FY 2017, HACSB implemented an additional component to monitor the self-sufficiency related progress of families for up to two years after commencement of housing assistance through a voluntary survey process. Evaluation reports have helped to identify areas of success and challenge within this activity, and HACSB has adapted policies and procedures, such as intake and goal setting processes, in response to outcomes of the evaluation. The evaluation of current and post-assistance families in this activity will continue in FY 2022-2023, and information gained through the study will continue to be used to adapt and develop the activity.
- 2. **No Child Left Unsheltered (Activity 23):** A longitudinal study of this activity began in 2015 to identify its effects on participating families. The evaluation is ongoing, and focuses on family safety and stability, physical and mental health of adults and children, school attendance of children, employment, income, education advancement, self-sufficiency activities, financial choices, use of resources, and other effects on children. The reports and recommendations provided by LLU based upon the evaluation have informed HACSB's policy decisions regarding the NCLU activity, especially the enhancements and modifications made through HACSB's FY 2019 MTW Annual Plan. The reports indicated that the activity has had strong positive effects on the mental health and well-being of children participating in the program. The evaluation will continue in FY 2022-2023 with minor modifications, including a revised survey protocol allowing participants to submit their survey responses through an online platform.
- 3. Permanent Supportive Housing: HACSB is partnering with LLU for evaluation of our two permanent supportive housing (PSH) developments for homeless and chronically homeless individuals and families: Golden Apartments in San Bernardino and Desert Haven Apartments in Victorville. Families in these two developments are served through MTW project-based vouchers. Golden Apartments opened in early 2020, and LLU has provided a baseline/benchmark report of the first families to reside there. The LLU report utilized the Self-Sufficiency Matrix (SSM) assessment tool and HACSB administrative data to assess residents' needs in eighteen domains, including education, employment, housing, health care, mental health, transportation, family relations, substance abuse, and others. The study found that residents' areas of highest need were related to physiological needs and safety, such as food and housing, and mental/physical healthcare and employment. The study also found that the supportive services provided to residents through community partners to augment the housing assistance and help ensure a successful transition to stable, long-term housing, has been vital to the success of the development. The report provided recommendations to HACSB, including: continuing to focus on meeting residents' basic needs; continuing to provide access to mental health and substance abuse services and evaluating whether additional supports in these areas are needed; and focusing on the overall stabilization of the Golden Apartments and Desert Haven Apartments residents and communities before expanding PSH efforts so that lessons learned from these two sites may be applied to future developments. LLU and HACSB are now rolling out a similar research process for Desert Haven Apartments, which began leasing to formerly homeless individuals and families in September 2021. LLU will provide annual reports for these two sites.

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4. Other Activities: Although not a MTW initiative, HACSB is in the planning stages for an evaluation of the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program. HACSB was allocated 455 Emergency Housing Vouchers in 2021 and began accepting referrals for this new national program on October 4, 2021. Using de-identified data provided by HACSB for customers served through this program, including information from supportive services providers, as well as comparative data from non-EHV HACSB customers, LLU will attempt to identify factors which affect an individual or family's success in leasing through the EHV program, and which factors affect the individual or family's ability to remain stably housed through the EHV program. HACSB also intends to partner with LLU for evaluations of future MTW activities that are in development. More information about these evaluations will be included as they are developed.

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# C. MTW Statutory Requirement Certification

HACSB certifies that it has met the three statutory requirements of:

- 1. Assuring that at least 75 percent of the families assisted by the Agency are very low-income families;
- 2. Continuing to assist substantially the same total number of eligible low-income families as would have been served had the amounts not been combined; and
- 3. Maintaining a comparable mix of families (by family size) are served, as would have been provided had the amounts not been used under the demonstration.

# D. MTW Energy Performance Contract (EPC) Flexibility Data

Not Applicable.

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# **Appendices**

# Appendix A. Local Asset Management Plan (LAMP)

The First Amendment to the Standard MTW agreement executed on May 21, 2009 allowed HACSB to design and implement a local asset management program (LAMP). The program describes how it is implementing property-based management, budgeting, accounting and financial management, and any deviations from HUD's asset management requirements. In our FY 2010 MTW Annual Plan, we first described our LAMP and amended it through our FY 2010 MTW Plan – Amendment 3 approved on September 15, 2010. Prior to our designation as an MTW agency, HACSB developed a comprehensive 30-year strategic plan in 2008 that serves as a guiding map in achieving our mission, vision, and goals. Some of the goals of our plan include helping our participants achieve self-sufficiency, providing timely housing assistance to needy families, increasing housing options, and strengthening our agency, our residents and our community. As good stewards of taxpayer's dollars, we pride ourselves in achieving administrative efficiency while providing the best quality service to the families that we serve. We feel that the indirect cost rate methodology will best serve our mission, versus the previously used fee-for-service methodology. In accordance with the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (referred to as OMB "Omni Circular"), we elected to establish a cost allocation methodology to allocate direct and indirect costs and establish an indirect cost rate. The cost allocation plan along with the indirect cost rate is described in detail below and we agree to justify the indirect cost rate established.

HACSB performed a detailed examination of our agency structure, including our Central Office Cost Center (COCC) structure, and confirmed how intertwined our Central Office was to the agency as a whole. The work done by various departments resulted in agency-wide solutions and our combined efforts help us achieve our goals. This reinforces the need for an indirect cost rate methodology that allows the flexibility to combine resources and achieve inter-department solutions that represent a simple unified solution for the families that we serve and our agency. We hope that our collective efforts at various levels provide the best services, the best support, and the best housing choices for our families. This has led to a centralized effort in many services like information services, community affairs, administrative services, waiting list, and development. Details on some of our departments are provided below.

**Information Services (I.S.)** – Our centralized I.S. department is responsible for the network and server administration, database and software administration, telecommunications and software and report developments for the entire agency. This is done with a dedicated team of four individuals that support 263 agency computers in 30 locations throughout our county. They respond to an average of 160 help desk tickets per month that result in around 20 site visits per month.

Policy and Public Relations – Our centralized Policy and Public Relations department is responsible for outreach and education efforts to partners, stakeholders, elected representatives, and HUD. This team also coordinates our Moving to Work efforts, including planning and reporting, communication with HUD teams, and analysis and evaluation efforts. The Policy and Public Relations team oversees our partnership with Loma Linda University for third-party evaluation of various HACSB programs and services. The partnership, which has been in place since 2010, has included a

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longitudinal evaluation of our Term-Limited Lease Assistance and No Child Left Unsheltered activities, needs assessments to help identify areas of need and appropriate supportive services, and evaluations of our first two permanent-supportive housing sites for homeless and chronically individuals and families. Additionally, the Policy and Public Relations team coordinates the board review and approval processes.

Administrative Services – The Administrative Services department assists other offices by providing oversight on matters pertaining to the agency's compliance with state and federal requirements. As an example, this department works to ensures compliance with annual filings of Statement of Economic Interests, the Brown Act, Public Records Requests, the Fair Housing Act, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Development – Our centralized Real Estate Development team is responsible for all Real Estate acquisition, rehabilitation, redevelopment, and new construction projects. Our dedicated project managers often eliminate the costs associated with outside development and/or construction management consultants. The staff is continuously available to HACSB's in-house property management teams as a technical, as well as planning and implementation resource for non-routine maintenance and emergency rehabilitation projects. The Department also assists property management in the completion of all Physical Needs Assessments and due diligence reports for the entire portfolio of HACSB residential developments. This department also either directly oversees or assists in all of the Capital Fund improvement and rehabilitation projects within the public housing or RAD converted housing portfolios and administers all grant funding and debt financing that can be associated. The development team led the implementation of HACSB's first Permanent Supportive Housing sites for homeless and chronically homeless individuals and families. They also continue overseeing the ongoing major revitalization of HACSB's oldest public housing sites in Redlands (Lugonia) and San Bernardino (Waterman Gardens). Finally, Development administers a very successful homeownership program that has helped over 200 low-income families overcome barriers and achieve homeownership. The Homeownership program utilizes a variety of methods to aid participants on their path to homeownership, including Section 32 (converted public housing), Section 8 Homeownership, and a Community Land Trust.

**Procurement** - Our centralized procurement department is responsible for agency-wide contracts. Centralized duties include the oversight of the contract needs of our housing sites, management of the bid process, vendor communication, and contract compliance. The sites are responsible for scheduling work, approving invoices, working with procurement staff to define scopes of work, and ensuring the work is done properly.

#### **Local Asset Management Implementation**

Leadership - Our local asset management program is led by a team consisting of representatives from the following departments: housing services, development, finance, administrative services, human resources, information services, procurement, and policy and public relations.

**Project-based Management** - We expect all of our programs, regardless of funding source, to be accountable for project-based management, budgeting, and financial reporting.

HACSB has been operating under project-based budgeting and accounting practices since 2006. We have developed systems and reports to facilitate the onsite management and analysis of budgets, expenses, rent collection and receivables, and purchasing. In accordance with HUD Asset Management guidance, HACSB decentralized its maintenance program in 2008 and each AMP was assigned maintenance personnel, depending on

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the size and maintenance requirements of the properties in the AMP. HACSB has a decentralized purchasing model for the acquisition of goods. Sites staff use a simple purchasing system that enables them to be able to purchase goods directly from their pool of vendors while still enabling management staff to track spending habits. While the acquisition of goods is decentralized, the agency has adopted a hybrid approach to the acquisition of its services. Centralized duties include the oversight of the contract needs of the sites, management of the bid process, vendor communication, and contract compliance. The sites are responsible for scheduling work, approving invoices, working with procurement staff to define scopes of work, and ensuring the work is done properly.

Cost Allocation Approach - Under OMB Circular A-87, there is no universal rule for classifying certain costs as either direct or indirect under every accounting system. A cost may be direct with respect to some specific service or function, but indirect with respect to the Federal award or other final cost objective. Therefore, it is essential that each item of cost be treated consistently in like circumstances, either as a direct or an indirect cost. Consistent with OMB Circular A-87 cost principles, HACSB has identified all of its direct costs and segregated all its costs into pools, as either a direct or an indirect cost pool.

**Direct Costs** - OMB "Omni Circular" defines direct costs as follows: Direct costs are those that can be identified specifically with a particular final cost objective. HACSB's direct costs include, but are not limited to:

- Contract costs readily identifiable with delivering housing assistance to low-income families.
- Housing Assistance Payments, including utility allowances, for vouchers
- Utilities
- Insurance
- Property-based audits
- Staff training
- Interest expense
- Information technology fees
- Portability administrative fees
- Rental Assistance department costs for administering Housing Choice Vouchers including inspection activities
- Operating costs directly attributable to operating HACSB-owned properties
- Fleet management fees

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- Maintenance services for unit or property repairs or maintenance
- Maintenance services include, but are not limited to, landscaping, pest control, decorating and unit turnover
- Community Services department costs directly attributable to tenant services
- Gap financing real estate transactions
- Acquisition costs
- Demolition, relocation and leasing incentive fees in repositioning HACSB-owned real estate
- Homeownership activities for low-income families
- Leasing incentive fees
- Certain legal expenses
- Professional services at or on behalf of properties or a portfolio, including security services
- Extraordinary site work
- Any other activities that can be readily identifiable with delivering housing assistance to low-income families
- Any cost identified for which a grant award is made. Such costs will be determined as HACSB receives grants

**Indirect Costs** - OMB "Omni Circular" defines indirect costs as those (a) incurred for a common or joint purpose benefiting more than one cost objective, and (b) not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. HACSB's indirect costs include, but are not limited to:

- Executive
- Communications
- Certain legal expenses
- Development
- Finance
- Purchasing
- Human Resources

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- Housing Finance and Asset Management
- Administration staff and related expenses of the Housing Operations and Rental Assistance Departments that cannot be identified to a specific
  cost objective.

**Indirect Services Fees** - HACSB has established Indirect Services Fees based on anticipated indirect costs for the fiscal year. Any indirect costs incurred by HACSB in support of its projects and programs will be incurred by the Central Office Cost Center (COCC) and charged out to the programs in the form of a fee. The three fees are:

- Asset Management Fees
- Management Fees
- Bookkeeping Fees

Asset Management Fees – This fee was described in Plan Year 2010 and was modified though our third amendment to the FY 2010 MTW Annual Plan. The Asset Management Fee uses our fungibility to transfer funds among AMPS and allows us to charge an asset management fee, regardless of whether a project has excess cash. The COCC will continue to charge the Asset Management to the AMPS at the HUD's determined rate of \$10 per ACC unit

**Management Fees** – The COCC will continue to charge the Management Fee at the HUD's determined rate of \$90.49 per units leased to the AMPS and 20% of Administrative Fees for Housing Choice Voucher program.

**Bookkeeping Fees** - The COCC will continue to charge the Bookkeeping Fee at the HUD's determined rate of \$7.50 per unit leased to the AMPS and the Housing Choice Voucher program.

Per the requirements of OMB "Omni Circular", the indirect services fees are determined in a reasonable and consistent manner based on total units and/or leased vouchers. The fees are calculated as a per-housing-unit or per-leased-voucher per month charged to each program. HACSB will annually review all of its indirect service fees charges in relation to actual indirect costs and will incorporate appropriate adjustments in indirect service fees for the subsequent year, based on this analysis.

**Differences between HUD Asset Management and HACSB LAMP** - Under the First Amendment, HACSB is allowed to define costs differently than the standard definitions published in HUD's Financial Management Guidebook pertaining to the implementation of 24 CFR 990. HACSB is required to describe in this MTW Annual Plan differences between our Local Asset Management Program and HUD's asset management program. Below are the three key differences:

• HACSB determined to implement an indirect service fee that is much more comprehensive than HUD's asset management system. HUD's asset management system and fee for service is limited in focusing only on a fee for service at the Low Income Public Housing (LIPH) property level.

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HACSB's LAMP is much broader and includes local housing and other activities not found in traditional HUD programs. HACSB's LAMP addresses the entire HACSB operation.

- HUD's rules are restrictive regarding cash flow between projects, programs, and business activities. HACSB intends to use its MTW resources and regulatory flexibility to move its MTW funds and project cash flow among projects without limitation and to ensure that our operations best serve our mission, our LAMP cost objectives, and ultimately the low-income people we serve.
- HACSB charges an Asset Management Fee to all AMPS regardless of excess cash by each AMP using our fungibility.

**FDS Reporting** – HACSB will continue to report on the HUD's established deadlines following the same format as previous years using the Asset Management with COCC/ elimination.

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# Appendix B. Non-MTW Information

# **Special Purpose Programs**

In addition to the MTW Voucher Program, HACSB administers other non-Moving to Work affordable housing programs such as Mainstream, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), Veteran's Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), and Continuum of Care.

PROGRAM TITLE	POPULATION SERVED  This program serves individuals and families with disabilities to enable them to lease affordable private housing of their choice.		
Mainstream 5			
Mainstream 811	This program serves non-elderly adults with disabilities, including persons transitioning out of institutional housing, at risk of becoming institutionalized, homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, or persons who previously experienced homelessness and are currently a client in a permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing project. HACSB has partnered with Knowledge and Education for Your Success (KEYS), the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP), Inland Regional Center, and Rolling Start for referral of customers, and supportive services such as case management and housing navigation.		
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	HACSB has partnered with Foothill Aids Project to offer tenant-based and project-based rental assistance and supportive services to persons diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. The Foothill AIDS Project assesses the applicant's duration of participation in their case management program and facilitates location of suitable housing to meet their clients' needs.	58	
Veteran's Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)	The state of the s		
Master Leasing  This program is funded through the State of California Mental Health Services Act and serves mentally ill or developmentally disabled families with emergency shelter housing. Case management and comprehensive supportive services are provided for program participants.		114	

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# Continuum of Care Programs

The Continuum of Care Program (formerly Shelter Plus Care) provides rental assistance for hard-to-serve chronically homeless persons with disabilities in connection with supportive services funded from sources outside the program.

PROGRAM TITLE	POPULATION SERVED	Families Served As of FYE 2021	
Stepping Stones	This program provides rental assistance for chronically homeless individuals and families in connection with supportive services funded through the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). Under this program, HACSB provides the housing services based on eligible referrals from the Coordinated Entry System (CES) and DBH, matches the housing funds by providing supportive services.		
New Horizons	This program provides rental assistance for hard to serve persons with disabilities in connection with supportive services funded through the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). This is an ongoing program, and all turnover vouchers focus on providing housing to chronically homeless households. Under this program, HACSB provides the housing services based on eligible referrals from the CES and DBH, matches the housing funds by providing supportive services.		
Laurelbrook Estates	This program assists individuals or families experiencing disabling conditions and homelessness and is a Continuum of Care project-based voucher subsidy tied to designated scattered sites throughout the County of San Bernardino. The supportive services are offered through the Department of Behavioral Health.	23	
Project Gateway	HACSB formed a partnership with Ontario Housing Authority, Mercy House Living Centers Inc., and the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to provide permanent housing in conjunction with long-term supportive services including mental health care, employment, self-sufficiency etc. to our homeless community.		
Cornerstone	This program implemented in 2012 and provides rental assistance for hard to serve homeless individuals and families with disabilities in connection with supportive services funded through the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). HACSB provides the housing services based on eligible referrals from the CES and DBH, matches housing funds by providing supportive services.		
Whispering Pines	This program implemented in 2012 and provides rental assistance for hard to serve homeless individuals and families with disabilities in connection with supportive services funded through the	25	

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	Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). HACSB provides the housing services based on eligible referrals from the CES and DBH, matches housing funds by providing supportive services.	
Lantern Woods	This program implemented in 2012 and is a Continuum of Care project-based voucher subsidy tied to designated sites in the County of San Bernardino. The supportive services are offered through the Department of Behavioral Health for homeless individuals and families.	16

#### HACSB College Scholarship Program

Since 1991, the Housing Authority has been proud to assist eligible participants in achieving their higher educational goals through scholarships. To date, HACSB has awarded 302 students with \$215,500 in scholarships. Current participants/residents in Housing Choice Voucher programs, Public Housing programs, or other HACSB affordable housing communities are eligible to apply. Students need to be accepted by or currently attending a four-year college/university, community college, or technical/vocational school. Students attending a four-year college or university receive a \$1,500 scholarship while community college and technical/vocational school students receive a \$750 scholarship. The Housing Authority uses non-public funds to support this program promoting educational success.

### Knowledge & Education for Your Success (KEYS)

Founded in 2009, KEYS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit originally founded to consolidate HACSB's array of supportive services; to centralize strategic community partnership development; and to provide additional support and services for under-resourced families and children. KEYS represented a unique opportunity to utilize non-traditional, non-PHA funding sources to bring additional resources to the clients that HACSB serves and to those in need not directly served by HACSB. In 2015, in partnership with HACSB and the San Bernardino County Transitional Assistance Department (TAD), KEYS launched the Housing Support Program (HSP), a Rapid Rehousing program based on national best practices to rapidly transition eligible homeless families with children back into stable housing. Soon after HSP, KEYS launched two additional Rapid Rehousing programs (Keys for Success (KFS) and Keys for Life (KFL)) through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care aimed at serving homeless individuals and families that need housing and intensive case management. KEYS' experience with the Supportive Services for Veterans and their Families (SSVF) program provides veteran housing navigation, allows for rapid identification, and stabilized housing for families. As part of the ongoing support of the families and to sustain their stabilization, KEYS utilizes its Family Strengthening casework model to ensure resources and tools are in place for the family to maintain their housing over time and increase their economic independence. KEYS has always striven to empower low-income individuals and families in San Bernardino County to unlock their potential for success. Over the years, KEYS' funding streams have steadily increased allowing KEYS to continue to focus on a "collective impact" strategy which aligns with our county-wide approach.

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Over the past fiscal year, KEYS has focused on some of the county's families in greatest need. Since January 2015, in partnership with HACSB and the San Bernardino County Transitional Assistance Department (TAD), KEYS has administered the Housing Support Program (HSP), a Rapid Rehousing program based on national best practices to rapidly transition eligible homeless families with children back into permanent housing. The Housing Support program was followed by the launch of two additional Rapid Rehousing programs called Keys for Success (KFS) and Keys for Life (KFL) through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care aimed at serving homeless individuals and families that need housing and intensive case management up to 24 months. KEYS has utilized its experience with the Supportive Services for Veterans and their Families (SSVF) program and housing navigation to rapidly identify and secure permanent housing for families in the KFS and KFL programs. As part of the ongoing support of the families (up to 24 months) and to help ensure family stabilization KEYS utilizes its Family Strengthening casework model to ensure resources and tools are in place for the family to maintain their housing over time and increase economic independence.

KEYS continues to focus on a collective impact strategy which aligns with a county wide approach. Together, KEYS, HACSB, and our community partners are working diligently to change the trajectory for families living in poverty and provide a safe and unique environment to help them thrive and become self-sufficient.

#### Other Affordable Rental Housing

Affiliate Non-Profit – Housing Partners I, Inc. (HPI, Inc.) was created in 1991 to develop, own, and manage affordable housing as an affiliate non-profit of HACSB. HPI, Inc.'s designation as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) allows it to apply for and receive HOME funds from the County of San Bernardino, Department of Community Development and Housing and other cities for the acquisition, development and rehabilitation of housing units. With over 30 years of housing development experience behind it, HPI, Inc. provides HACSB the means to leverage a variety of public and private funding sources to continue to increase the supply of affordable housing throughout the county of San Bernardino.

In 2017 HPI completed the Horizons at Yucaipa development, a new construction affordable senior project that provides 50 units of affordable senior housing and is currently working on construction drawings and financing activities for phase II, an additional 27-units of affordable senior housing. HPI also acquired a 25-unit development in the City of Loma Linda for homeless and affordable Veteran Housing, providing much-needed supportive services to Veterans living on site. In 2018 HPI completed Loma Linda Veteran's Village, a project in partnership with Meta Housing that provides 87 affordable housing units for veterans and their families. In 2018 HPI and HACSB began construction on two Permanent Supportive Housing projects to provide 68 units of affordable housing, with onsite services, to homeless individuals within the County of San Bernardino. The first site, Golden Apartments, opened in early 2020 and has provided affordable housing coupled with supportive services for residents. The second project, Desert Haven apartments, is anticipated to be completed in the summer of 2021.

HPI Property Acquisitions LLC is an HPI and HACSB, controlled entity that owns 241 units throughout the County of San Bernardino. HPI Inc. and its affiliates own a total of 704 units, detailed in the following table.

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Affiliate Non-Profit						
PROPERTY NAME	Сіту	Units	ENTITY			
Scattered Sites – Region 1	Loma Linda, Redlands, Yucaipa, Bloomington, Colton, Fontana, Rancho Cucamonga	97	HPI, Inc. Portfolio			
Scattered Sites – Region 2	Ontario, Montclair, Chino	107	HPI, Inc. Portfolio			
Scattered Sites – Region 3	Adelanto, Apple Valley, Hesperia, Victorville, Joshua Tree, 29 Palms, Yucca Valley	131	HPI, Inc. Portfolio			
Acacia Property	Fontana	28	HPI Property Acquisition LLC			
Desert Village	Victorville	46	HPI Property Acquisition LLC			
Kendall Drive Apts.	San Bernardino	37	HPI Property Acquisition LLC			

In additional to these properties HPI has ownership interests in multiple affordable housing developments across San Bernardino County, partnering with a number of affordable housing developers to bring additional housing to the region.

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# Appendix C. Fact Sheets

This section includes a sample of HACSB Fact Sheets which we developed to help us communicate with our customers about the variety of housing programs and services we administer. These Fact Sheets are one tool we use to help educate our team, participants, residents, landlords, and community about who we are as an agency, and our work toward our mission.

HACSB Fact Sheets are posted online at <a href="https://www.hacsb.com/publications">www.hacsb.com/publications</a> and are available at our offices.

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As one of the most progressive housing authorities in the country and the largest provider of affordable housing in San Bernardino County, the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) proudly assists approximately 25,000 people, most of whom are seniors, individuals with disabilities, veterans, and children.

# **OUR MISSION**

HACSB empowers all individuals and families in need to achieve an enriched quality of life by providing housing opportunities and resources throughout San Bernardino County.

# OUR VISION

HACSB is committed to creating a world in which all people have a stable and enriched quality of life.

#### **Housing Families**

We help low-income families attain safe and stable housing through a variety of rental assistance programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). More than 10,500 families are served through housing assistance payments made to landlords on behalf of the families. Other families reside in units owned and managed by HACSB. These programs provide a critical safety net for families in San Bernardino County, where families would need to earn nearly twice the minimum wage to afford rent for a two-bedroom apartment.

#### **Moving to Work**

As a testament to our high performance, HACSB was designated by Congress in 2008 as a Moving to Work (MTW) public housing agency, allowing HACSB to waive



some HUD program requirements in order to develop local policies adapted to the diverse communities that make up San Bernardino County.

#### **Real Estate Development**

As HUD does not provide HACSB with capital funds for development of additional affordable housing, we rely on a variety of partners to meet this gap. Development



of new affordable housing has been made possible through funding and loans from the County of San Bernardino, various cities throughout the county, and other partners.

#### Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, by the numbers: paid in housing assistance to almost 3,445 landlords families housed residents/participants housed, making up 1.1% of million the county's population paid to 639 vendors million for various spent on rehab. programs and nts who have become new scholarship recipients construction, services homeowners since 2000 since 1991 and acquisition of housing units

# MOVING TO WORK DESIGNATION



#### HACSB MOVING TO WORK

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#### WHAT IS IT?

MTW is a national demonstration program for public housing authorities to design and test affordable housing strategies. Lessons learned by MTW agencies can influence national housing policy to improve programs and services for all families. Fewer than 2% of housing authorities are designated MTW agencies.

Using MTW flexibilities, we have executed 27 innovative initiatives based on the three statutory objectives of the MTW demonstration:



Save taxpayer dollars through efficient work

#### WHAT DOES IT DO?

MTW agencies can waive some program regulations to design local strategies to meet local needs. The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) was designated by Congress as a MTW agency in 2008.



Help our families achieve economic independence



Ensure a family's freedom of housing choice

# SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS PARTICIPANT PROFILES

#### JODI

A single mother of three, Jodi became a participant in HACSB'S Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program (TLA) with the goal of becoming a homeowner and providing for her kids. Together, with staff she was able to exit the program a year and a half early to buy a home in the High Desert, leaving room for more program participants.





#### JULIAN

Recent Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program participant Julian states that "there is no secret to achieving homeownership". Combining hard work and coaching from HACSB staff, Julian was able to organize his budgeting and pay off over \$22,000 in credit card debt. Julian recently moved into his own home and is now a part of HACSB's Homeownership Program.

# MOVING TO WORK ACHIEVEMENTS

We are proud to report the results from some of our endeavors:



# Saving Taxpayers' Dollars

Saved **231,000 staff hours** through streamlining the income and rent process.



# Assisting Families to Achieve Self-Sufficiency

We actively seek out partnerships with expert service providers to help our customers work toward their goals.

#### Loma Linda University (LLU):

LLU has conducted several needs assessments to determine the top needs of our residents, which include mental health services, family counseling, and case management.



# **Ensuring Housing Choice**

Nearly **2,300 families** 

leased units that would have been out of reach under traditional program regulations

Leasing in areas of opportunity **increased by 30%** 



# Promoting Economic Independence

**33% decrease** in the number of families receiving assistance income

41% average increase in earned income among families served







# LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP

Since 2010, the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) has partnered with Loma Linda University (LLU) for third-party research and evaluation of our Moving to Work (MTW) initiatives. The LLU School of Behavioral Health has conducted eight nationally recognized research studies and needs assessments of six HACSB initiatives, helping to inform policy and shape program design.

This program
restored a sense of
independence and gave
me the opportunity to see
myself as capable and
worthy again.

-Anonymous participant

#### EVALUATING THE HACSB TERM-LIMITED LEASE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

HACSB Term-Limited Lease Assistance (TLA) initiative offers five years of housing assistance coupled with services to assist families on their path to self-sufficiency. Since 2012, LLU spearheads longitudinal research of current TLA families and, since 2017, post-assistance research of former TLA families for up to two years after they exit housing assistance. These research endeavors are notable for their duration, unique areas of study, and size.

The longitudinal study of the TLA program began in 2012 and is LLU's longest running evaluation of a HACSB MTW initiative and reports the following outcomes:

Over 2,000 families to date

Post-assistance research of the TLA program began in 2017 and provides insight into what happens after families leave the TLA program: increase
in employment
status for families
that participate for
the full five years.

78.6% of families meet the self-sufficiency goal by their fifth year in the program.

increase in annual income.

84%

in earned income from year 1 to year 5 in the Term-Limited Lease Assistance program.



12.5%

in education

levels.

4.5% of exited families report having purchased a home,

7.2% are staying with a friend or relative, and the majority of exited families report that they are renting their current residence.



71% Employment gains were retained even two years after leaving assisted housing, with 71% of families employed full-time.

–268 families to date

# Appendix D. Summary of HACSB Moving to Work Activities

NO.	DESCRIPTION	STATUTORY OBJECTIVE	PLAN YEAR	STATUS
1	Single Fund Budget	Cost Effectiveness	FY 2009	Implemented
2	Strategic Investment Policies	Cost Effectiveness	FY 2009	Closed Out
3	Alternate Assessment Program	Cost Effectiveness	FY 2009	On Hold
4	Biennial and Triennial Recertifications	Cost Effectiveness	FY 2009	Implemented
5	Simplified Income Determination	Cost Effectiveness	FY 2009	Implemented
6	Elimination of Assets	Cost Effectiveness	FY 2009	Closed Out
7	Controlled Program Moves	Cost Effectiveness	FY 2009	Closed Out
8	Local Policies for Portability	Economic Self-Sufficiency	FY 2009	Implemented
9	Elimination of Earned Income Disallowance Economic Self-Sufficiency		FY 2009	Closed Out
10	Minimum Rent Economic Self-Sufficiency		FY 2009	Implemented
11	Local Project-Based Voucher Program Expanding Housing Opportunities		FY 2009	Implemented
12	2 Local Payment Standards and Alternative Flat Rents Expanding Housing Opportunities		FY 2009	Implemented
13	Local Inspection Standards Cost Effectiveness		FY 2010	Implemented
14	L4 Local Asset Management Program Cost Effectiveness		FY 2010	Implemented
15	Pilot Work Requirement	Economic Self-Sufficiency	FY 2010	Closed Out
16	Operating Subsidy for Vista del Sol	Expanding Housing Opportunities	FY 2010	Closed Out
17	Local Income Inclusions	Economic Self-Sufficiency	FY 2011	Closed Out
18	Property Management Innovation	Cost Effectiveness	FY 2011	Implemented
19	Local FSS program	Economic Self-Sufficiency	FY 2011	Implemented
20	Term-Limited Lease Assistance Program	Economic Self-Sufficiency	FY 2011	Implemented
21	Utility Allowance Reform	Cost Effectiveness	FY 2012	Closed Out
22	Streamlined Lease Assistance Program	Cost Effectiveness	FY 2013	Implemented
23	No Child Left Unsheltered	Economic Self-Sufficiency	FY 2014	Implemented
24	Transition for Over-Income Families	Economic Self-Sufficiency	FY 2014	Implemented
25	Project-Based Voucher Flexibility for Horizons at Yucaipa Senior Housing	Expanding Housing Opportunities	FY 2016	Implemented
26	Local Disaster Short-Term Rental Assistance	Expanding Housing Opportunities	FY 2017 Amendment 1	Implemented
27	Local Project-Based Voucher Subsidy for Developments Using Tax Credit Rents	Expanding Housing Opportunities	FY 2019 Amendment 2	Implemented
28	Landlord Incentives	Expanding Housing Opportunities	FY 2022	Not Yet
				Implemented

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