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Mr. Jonathan B. Brown
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Building Services Center
700 NW 19th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

SUBJECT: City of Fort Lauderdale HOPWA Agreement with Legal Aid of Broward County, Inc.

Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter responds to your January 10, 2013 correspondence requesting permission to delete certain parts of the City of Fort Lauderdale's (City) HOPWA Agreement to be entered into with the sponsor - Legal Aid of Broward County, Inc. (Legal Aid) in order to eliminate the need for Legal Aid to disclose violations of HOPWA clients which would cause Legal Aid to violate the attorney-client privilege. None of the provisions of the project sponsor agreement included in the January 10, 2013 letter requires the project sponsor to breach attorney-client privilege, but the City of Fort Lauderdale can remove those provisions if it wishes since the City drafted the sponsor agreement, not the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). If HOPWA regulations apply to Legal Aid, deleting them will not render them inapplicable. Pursuant to the City's grant agreement with HUD, it ensures that the project sponsor will follow all HUD regulations.

If you require any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. John Quade, Community Planning and Development Representative, at (305) 520-5018 or email at: John.F.Quade@hud.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann D. Chavis", is written over a horizontal line.

Ann D. Chavis
Director Community Planning and Development

cc: Lisa Bustamante, Program Manager, US HUD