

OAAS Transition Services

PSH, MCL, and MFP

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OAAS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM

The Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program links affordable rental housing with voluntary, flexible, and individualized services to people with severe and complex disabilities, enabling them to live successfully in the community.



THE PSH PROGRAM IS EVIDENCE-BASED

Affordable: tenant rent and utilities not exceeding 30% of individual's monthly income

Assistance for housing as long as tenant's household pays the rent and complies w/ lease or applicable laws

Provides flexible and responsive supportive services available after initial lease signing

Integrated within and meets HUD Housing Quality Standards

Functional separation of housing and services

PSH PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- Individuals who have a substantial, long-term disability
 - Serious mental illness
 - Intellectual/Developmental disability
 - Physical disability
 - Disabling chronic health condition
- Disability must qualify for Medicaid-funded or other funded supports and services operated by LDH program offices (OBH, OCDD, OAAS, OPH, etc.)
- Must meet financial eligibility requirements
- Qualifying household member must be in need of supportive services offered by PSH
- Some housing vouchers individuals must be between 18 and not yet 62

IMPORTANCE OF CHOICE

- When people have the opportunity to live in housing of their choice, they generally do better
- Balancing success and satisfaction is an emphasis of services and support
 - **Success** in housing means being able to meet the conditions of the lease: paying rent on time, not damaging the unit, being a good neighbor, etc.
 - **Satisfaction** includes living in a unit that meets personal criteria: e.g. location, size, amenities, feeling safe and comfortable

TENANCY SUPPORTS

Enable individuals to obtain, maintain, and remain in housing

- Developing an individualized housing support plan
- Educating on tenant rights and responsibilities
- Meeting the obligations of tenancy
- Identifying and effectively responding to precursors or triggers that would put continued tenancy at risk
- Developing daily living skills specific to managing one's own home
- Meeting the obligations of tenancy
- Interfacing with landlords and neighbors
- Collaborating with existing service providers
- Conducting Crisis Prevention and Disaster Planning

*Tenancy Supports are flexible and available as needed and desired.
They are NOT mandated as a condition of tenancy.*

PSH PROGRAM VOUCHER OVERVIEW

PSH PROGRAM VOUCHERS AT-A-GLANCE

PBV

- Project Based Voucher
- Tied to a specific unit
- Predominantly used in South Louisiana
- Makes up the bulk of PSH housing vouchers

811 PRA

- Section 811 Project Rental Assistance
- Tied to a specific unit
- Predominantly in North/Central Louisiana
- Individuals 18-61 years old
- Tenant signs an 811 lease, not a lease w/ the property

CoC

- Continuum of Care (CoC)
- Accessed through homeless service providers and are based on vulnerability

TBV

- Tenant Based Voucher
- Tenant-based, so individuals can find their own housing
- Currently paused by LHC and not available to PSH participants

NED

- Non-Elderly Disabled Voucher
- Individuals ages 18-61
- Target population is individuals exiting institutions, preference also given for literal homelessness
- Tenant-based, so individuals can find their own housing

MCL

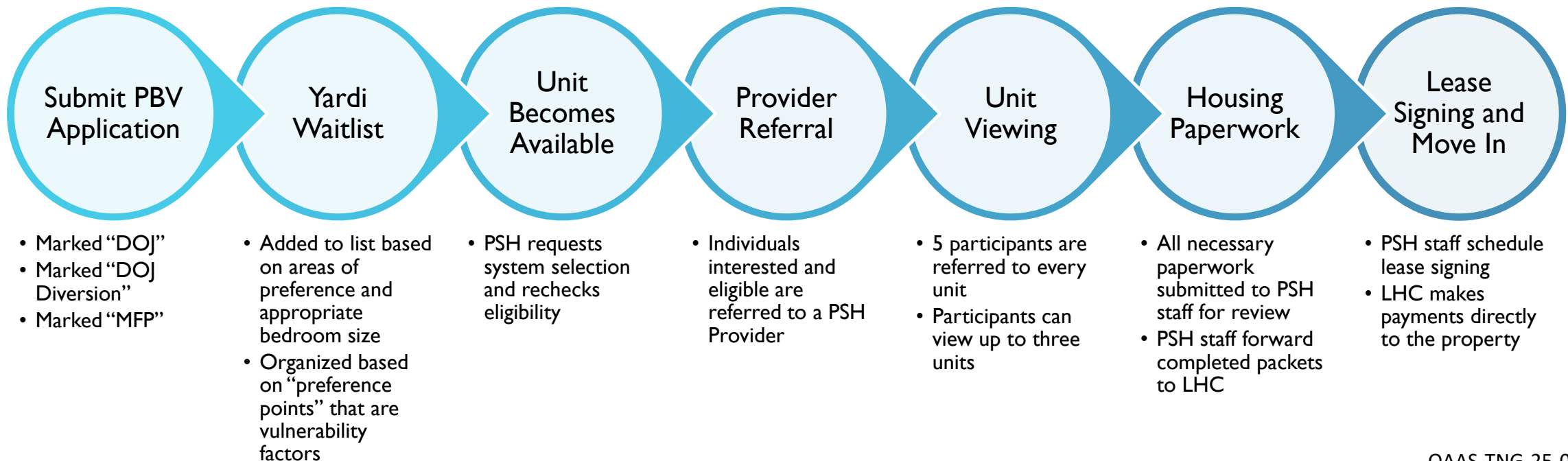
- My Choice Louisiana Subsidy
- DOJ Target Population, transitioning individuals out of and diverting from institutions
- Tenant-based, so individuals can find their own housing

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CONSIDERATIONS

- HUD bans admission or occupancy in two instances:
 - Individuals convicted of manufacturing/producing methamphetamine on the premises of federally assisted housing
 - Sex offenders subject to a lifetime registration requirement
- MCL subsidy does not have those restrictions since it is not HUD-funded
- Properties may decline for criminal background per their own policies so it should be considered in housing barriers.
 - People with disabilities who have a criminal record that is related to their disability may be entitled to a reasonable accommodation under the FHA

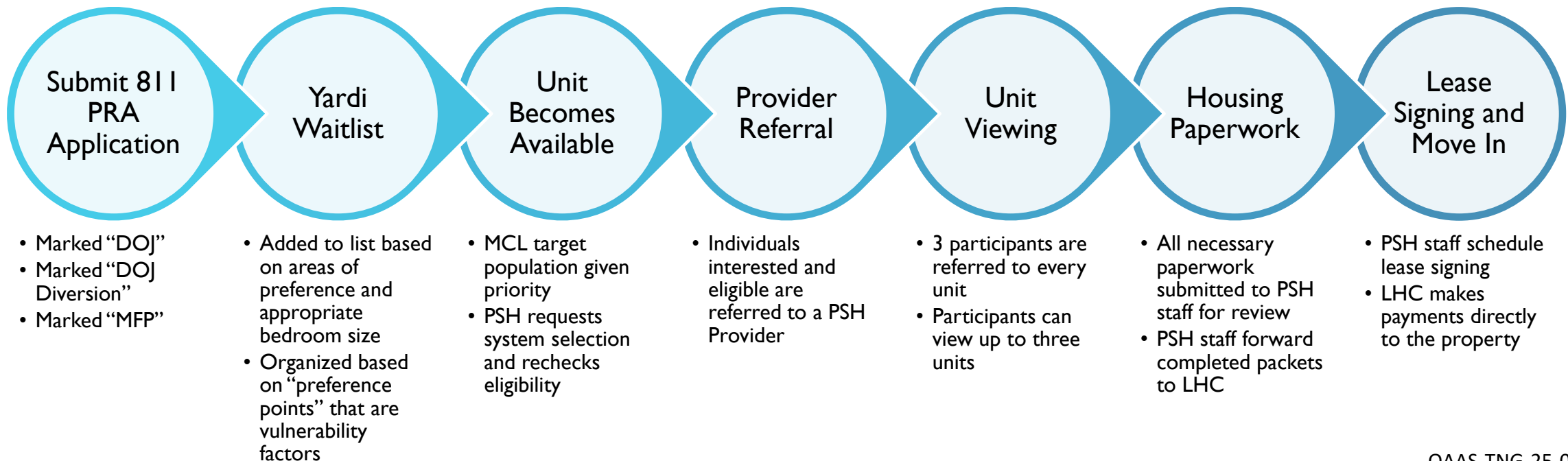
PROJECT BASED VOUCHERS

PBV is unit specific. There is NO housing search for PBV.



SECTION 811 PROJECT RENTAL ASSISTANCE

811 PRA is unit specific. There is NO housing search for 811 PRA.

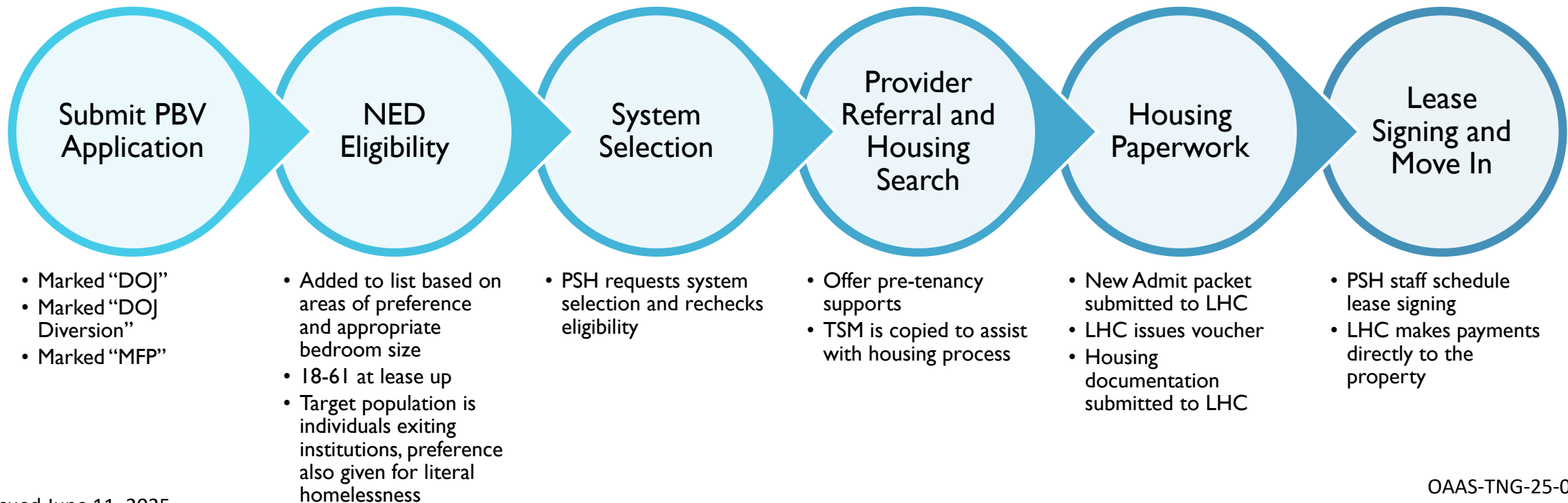


CONTINUUM OF CARE

Application and voucher eligibility process managed by the CoC subsidy administrator.

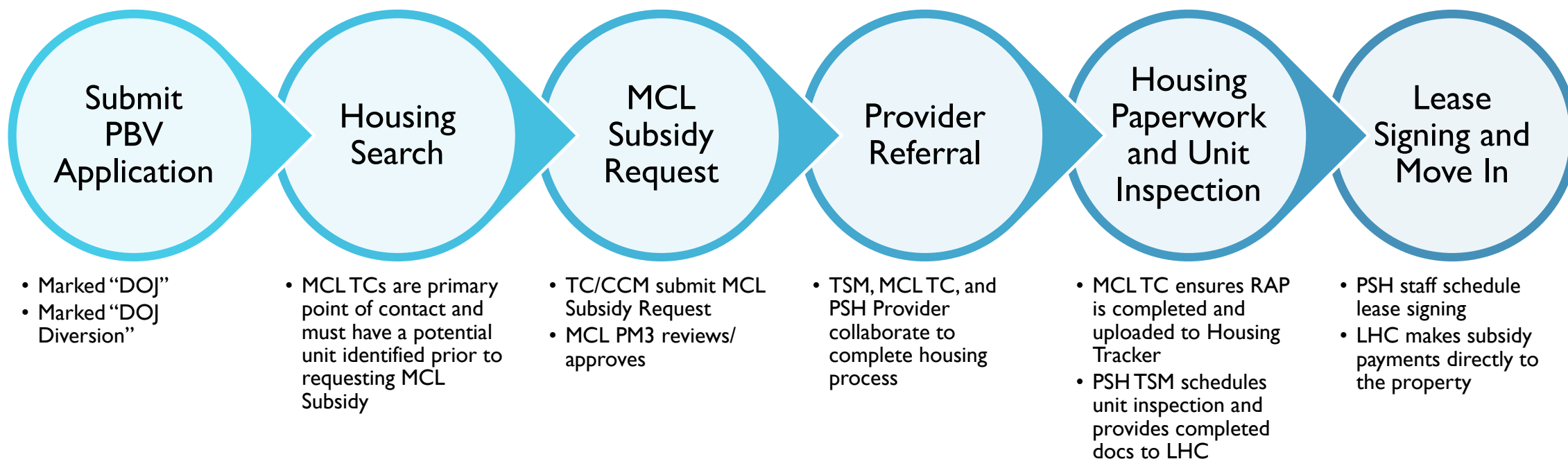
NON-ELDERLY DISABLED VOUCHER

NED is a Housing Choice voucher. A housing search is required.



MY CHOICE LOUISIANA SUBSIDY

MCL Subsidies require a housing search.

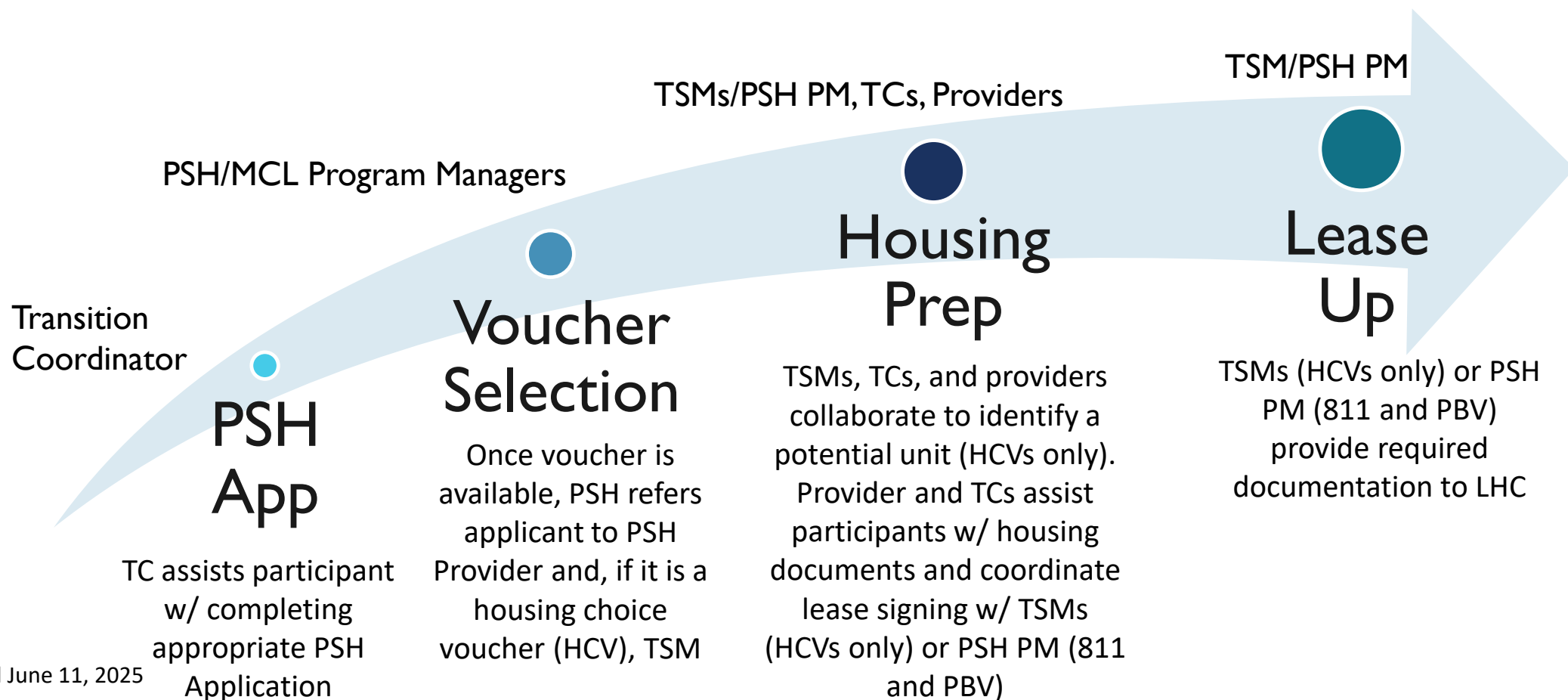


WHAT ABOUT TENANT BASED VOUCHERS?

LHC has paused all new activity related to TBV.

HOUSING PROCESS OVERVIEW AND TIPS

HOUSING PROCESS AT-A-GLANCE



TIPS: SUBMITTING THE PSH APPLICATION

- TC will assist the participant with completing and submitting the PSH Application
 - PBV Application (for regions 1-5, 9)
 - 811 PRA Application (for regions 6-8)
 - Currently only vouchers for those regions must be 18-61 yo, aside from MCL subsidy
- Applications should be completed early in the process, but after completion of the Nursing Facility Transition Assessment and Initial Transition Plan
- TC will email completed PSH Application to designated staff within their program office (OCDD, OBH, OAAS???) to review
- Designated Program staff will review, add to SP Housing Tracker and submit to PSH. Applications must be marked
 - DOJ
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 - MFP
- TCs should always consider and explore other non-PSH housing options such as subsidized housing for the participant

TIPS: ENSURING A PARTICIPANT IS “READY TO GO”

- All necessary housing documents are secured
 - State ID
 - Social Security Card
 - Birth Certificate
 - Verification of Disability or SSI/SSA Award Letter
- If an OAAS waiver participant, the waiver plan is complete and certified
- If non-OAAS waiver participant, all other services/providers are identified, ready, and in place to begin upon transition
- BH providers are identified and in place
- DME needs are identified, requested, and secured or will be secured prior to move-in date

TIPS: LEASE SIGNINGS

- Participants should not sign a lease until they are ready to move-in
- TSMs (HCVs) or PSH PM (PBV, 811) will schedule a lease signing when –
 - TC has confirmed services are in place and transition date is provided
 - The unit passes inspection (if needed)
 - Inspections for NED/TBV are not completed until LHC releases voucher documents
 - For all HCVs the TSM will communicate to schedule inspection
- Lease signings should not occur more than 14 days in advance of move-in
 - If the participant does not move-in within 14 days of lease signing, the TC must notify the TSMs (HCVs) or PSH PM (PBV, 811)
- If a participant vacates their PSH unit, the PSH Provider and, if applicable, TSM must be notified immediately
 - Do not transfer a client into a new unit without a transfer request approved by the PSH PM3 AND confirmation with TSMs (HCVs) or PSH PM (PBV, 811)

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HCVS

Task	TSM	TC	Notes
Complete and Submit PSH Application		X	
Obtain Documents for Housing Assistance		X	
Housing Search	If needed for MCL Shared for TBV/NED	X (MCL subsidy) Shared for TBV/NED	
New Admit Packet/MCL RAP		X	TC submits to TSM for review. TSM submits to LHC for approval.
Unit application/supporting documents		X	
Unit Inspection	X (MCL subsidy)		LHC primary for all other voucher types
Unit Vendor Enrollment Documents		X	
Lease Signing	X		

ROLES IN THE HCV HOUSING PROCESS

Housing is a collaborative effort with overlapping roles focused on the ultimate goal of a successful transition!

Transition Coordinators

- Discuss housing needs with the participants – accommodations, natural supports, etc.
- Assist the participant in completing and submitting the PSH Application
- Assist the participant with obtaining necessary housing documents (see Ready to Go info)
- Recruit potential landlords and find available housing units for use w/ housing choice vouchers
- Submit deposit and application fee requests
- Complete apartment applications and gathering necessary documentation required for processing applications
- Assist participant with completing Rental Assistance New Admit Packet and/or MCL Rental Assistance Packet
- Collaborate with TSMs, RO staff, and providers in regular staffing meetings to keep transitions on track

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TSMs

- Recruit potential landlords and find available housing units for use w/ housing choice vouchers
- Collaborate with TSMs, RO staff, and providers in regular staffing meetings to keep transitions on track
- Collect required new Vendor documentation, New Admit packets, and MCL RAPs for submission to LHC
- Complete unit inspections (this is a shared responsibility with LHC)
- Perform annual recertification for MCL
- Assist w/ rehousing approved transfer requests
- Provide Tenancy Supports if no PSH Providers
- Coordinate Lease Signing date

PSH Providers / LHC

- PSH Providers
 - Provide services to support a successful tenancy
 - Complete transfer requests
 - Perform annual recertification (NED, TBV)
 - Do NOT focus on housing search activities as this is not a billable service for providers
- LHC
 - Submit Rental Payments to properties
 - Process voucher/subsidy paperwork



THANK YOU!