

A background image of a smiling man with dark skin and short dark hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt. He is holding a set of keys in his right hand, which is extended towards the camera. The keys are silver and include a large house key and several smaller keys. The background is a warm, out-of-focus indoor setting.

# **Best Practices in HCS Documentation: TSS Extensions**



# About **YOU**

In the chat, I'd love to hear who you are and where you work. Can you also share something you are grateful for or something that brought you joy so far this week?







# About CSH

CSH collaborates to advance solutions that use housing as a platform for services to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people, maximize public resources and build healthy communities.



# Learning Objectives for Today

Understanding  
key elements for  
documentation  
thread

HTSS  
Extensions-  
documentation to  
ensure approval

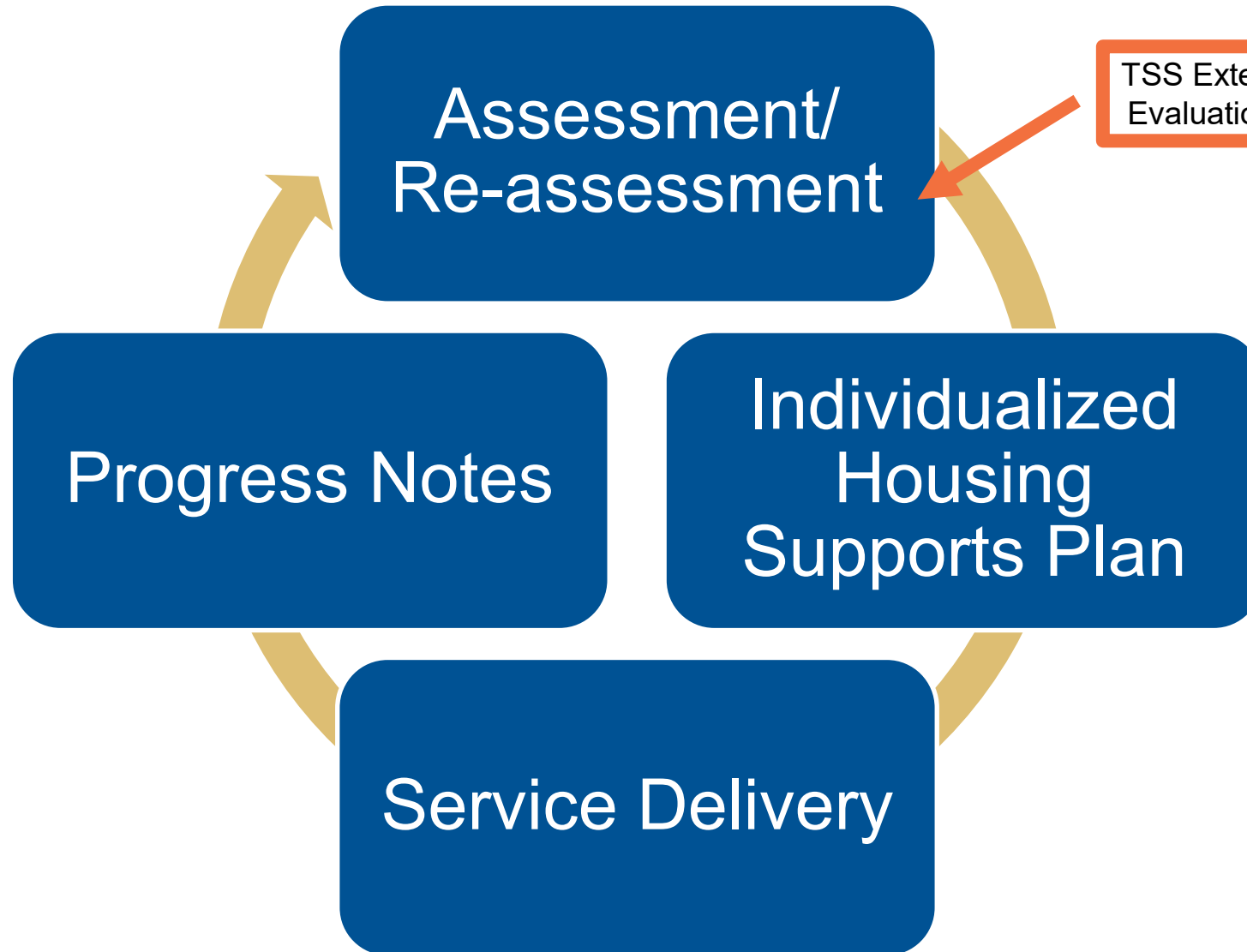
Tips for writing  
goals,  
interventions and  
activities

Best practices in  
internal quality  
review



# **Key Concepts in Health Care + Documentation of PSH Services**

# Housing Community Supports- Documentation Thread



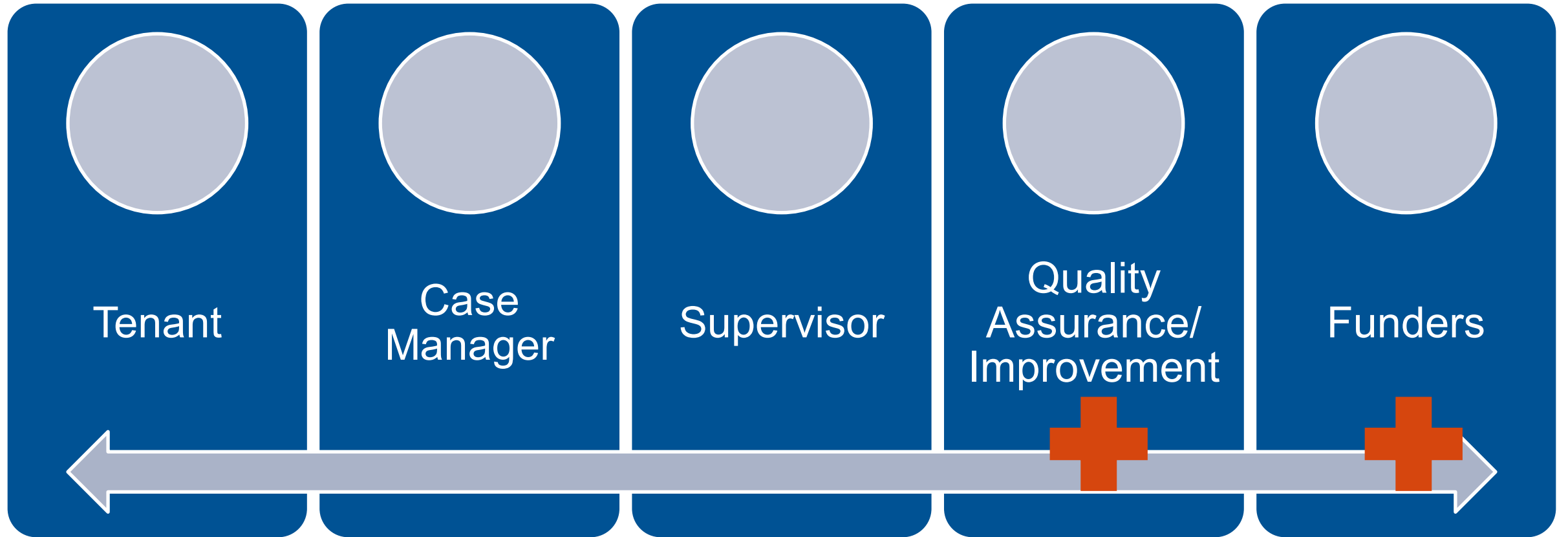
## **+** *Golden Thread*

An external reviewer must be able to clearly track the thread of need for the services on the evaluation for services into the recommendations from the evaluation, then understand how these are translated into goals and proposed activities for the service staff with the tenant on the housing supports plan and then the proposed activities are finally into actions, tracked in progress notes.



Notes health care practices that may be new to some homeless service providers new to health sector funding


# Who is involved in the documentation process?



# Why TSS Evaluations **Matter**

Continuing authorizations and reimbursement of services, for **all who need them.**



To reauthorize a tenant for services, they must have a **demonstrated need for services- an evaluation is required** 



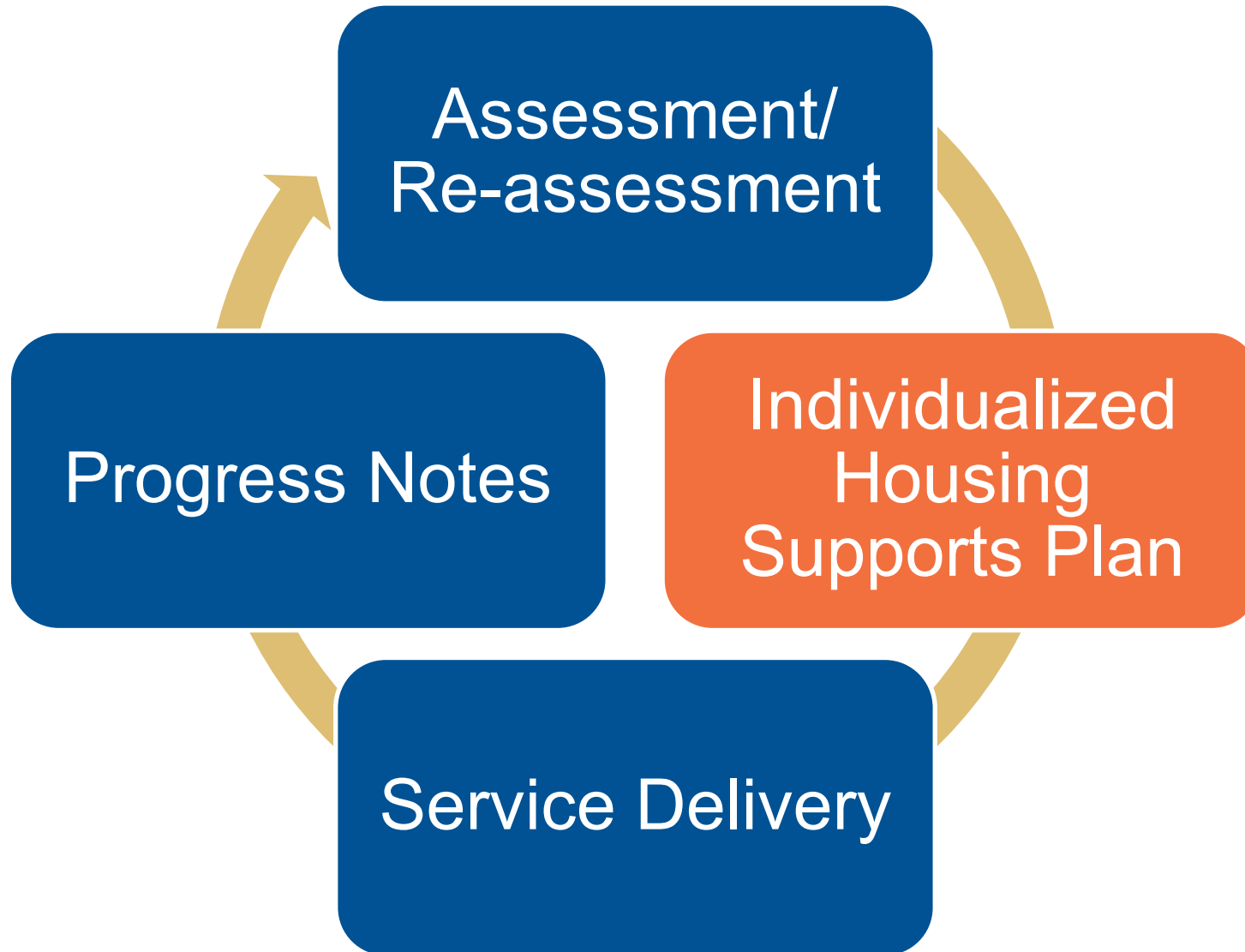
Many PSH tenants need **ongoing, long-term supports, and needs change over time.**



We know that housing stability, trusting community networks and **recovery take time.**



# Housing Community Supports- Documentation Thread



## *Golden Thread*

Individualized, detailed  
HSP, revised at least every  
180 days



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# Housing Supports Plan

Start and End dates are required- during these dates staff work with tenants to on activities (actions) toward goals.

Housing Community Supports  
Service Provider Organization Name

HMIS ID#

Housing Supports Plan

Highlighted – required data elements needed in agency custom Housing Supports Plan

1. HMIS ID #	2. Member Name (First, Middle, Last)
3. MediCal Member ID # (if applicable)	4. HSP START DATE / /
	<div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing Transition &amp; Navigation</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tenancy &amp; Sustaining Services</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing Deposit</div></div>
	HSP END DATE / /
	<div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing Transition &amp; Navigation</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tenancy &amp; Sustaining Services</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing Deposit</div></div>

NOTE: Any revision dates must occur within the overall HSP authorized START DATE & END DATE from Section 4.  
If changes are after this HSP end date, create a new HSP for authorization.

5. HSP Revision Date / / includes ☐ Housing Transition & Navigation ☐ Tenancy & Sustaining Services ☐ Housing Deposit

Added Service Activities

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Added Service Activities



# Goals, Actions & Responsibility

10. Activity Number	11. Identified Barriers	12. Goal (short & long term)	13. Action Steps	14. Person(s) Responsible (Member/Staff)
<i>Example: 6.3 (Assisting in obtaining ID and documentation for SSI)</i>	<i>No transportation to SSI office; no phone number to get in touch with client to arrange ride to SSI</i>	<i>Short term: get SSI set up for member Long term: use ID and SSI for rental applications</i>		
<i>Example: 7.10 (Continuing assistance with lease compliance, including ongoing support with activities related to household)</i>	<i>I need help remembering to pay my rent on the day that it is due, sometimes I forget what day it is.</i>	<i>Short term: set up a calendar to track when rent is due and hang on fridge Long term: Pay rent on time each month for 12</i>	<div>NOTE: Responsibilities and action steps are how you show that your services and interventions are needed and how they can be successful. A funder approving services will wonder why the tenant cannot accomplish these goals independently. <b>What is your role? What proposed actions will you take.</b></div>	

# Supervisor Review

**HMIS Data Entry:** Enter the contact information below within the client "contact" fields in HMIS.

## 16. My Emergency Contact Person is

Name

Phone Number

Agency (if applicable)

Email address

## 17. My Primary Care Provider is

Name

Phone Number

Agency (if applicable)

Email address

## 18. My Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Provider is

Name

Phone Number

Agency (if applicable)

Email address

## 19. SIGNATURES

Member Name

Member Signature

Date

Staff Name

Staff Signature

Date

Staff Phone

Staff email

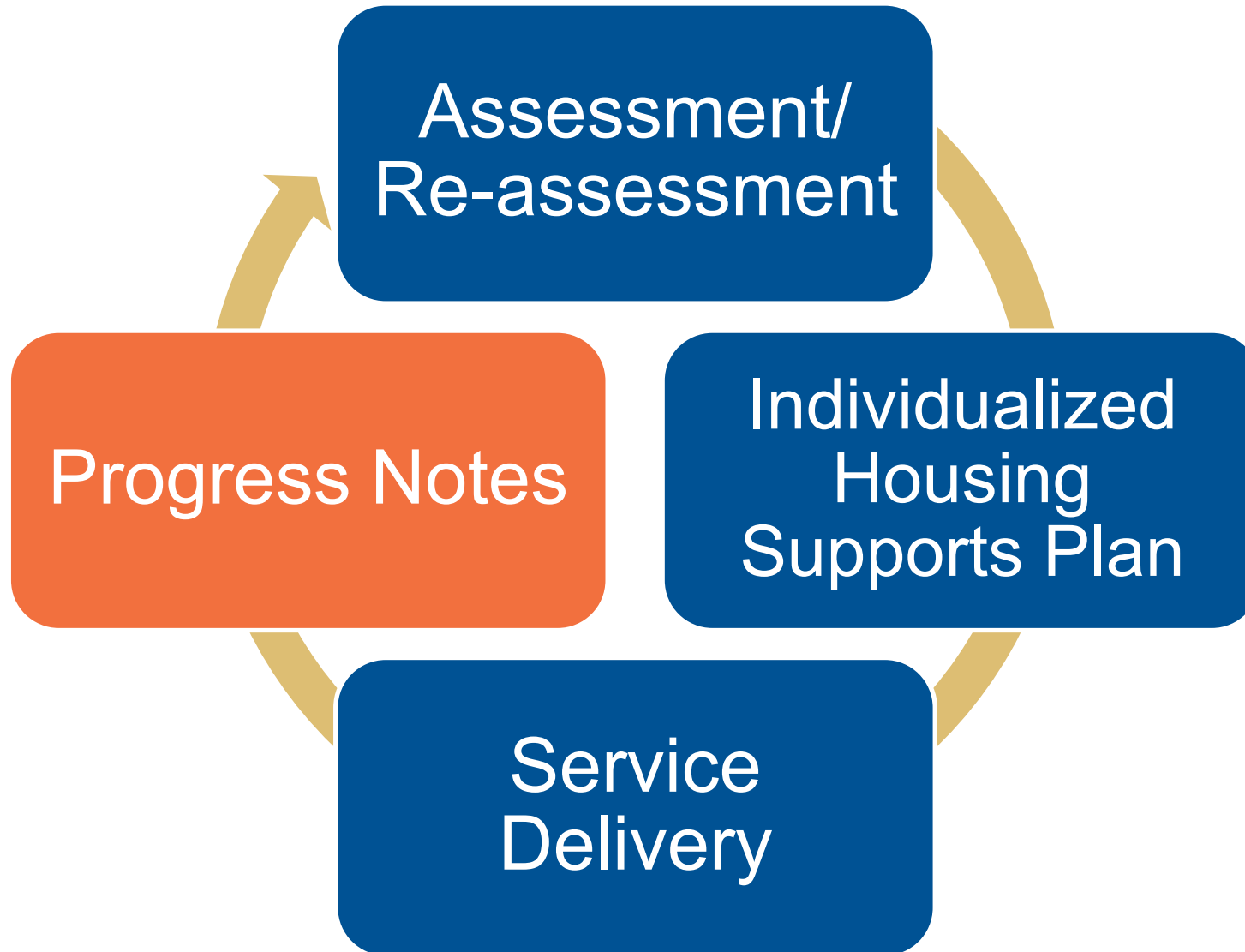
Supervisor Name

Supervisor Signature

Date



# Housing Community Supports- Documentation Thread



## *Golden Thread*

Written as soon as possible during or after intervention.

**Include date of service, client name, case manager name & location of service**



**Keep details objective-** write assuming a lawyer and/or tenant could access



**Include tenant's voice & quotes**

**Link to the goal** your activities help further

**Note progress** toward goal

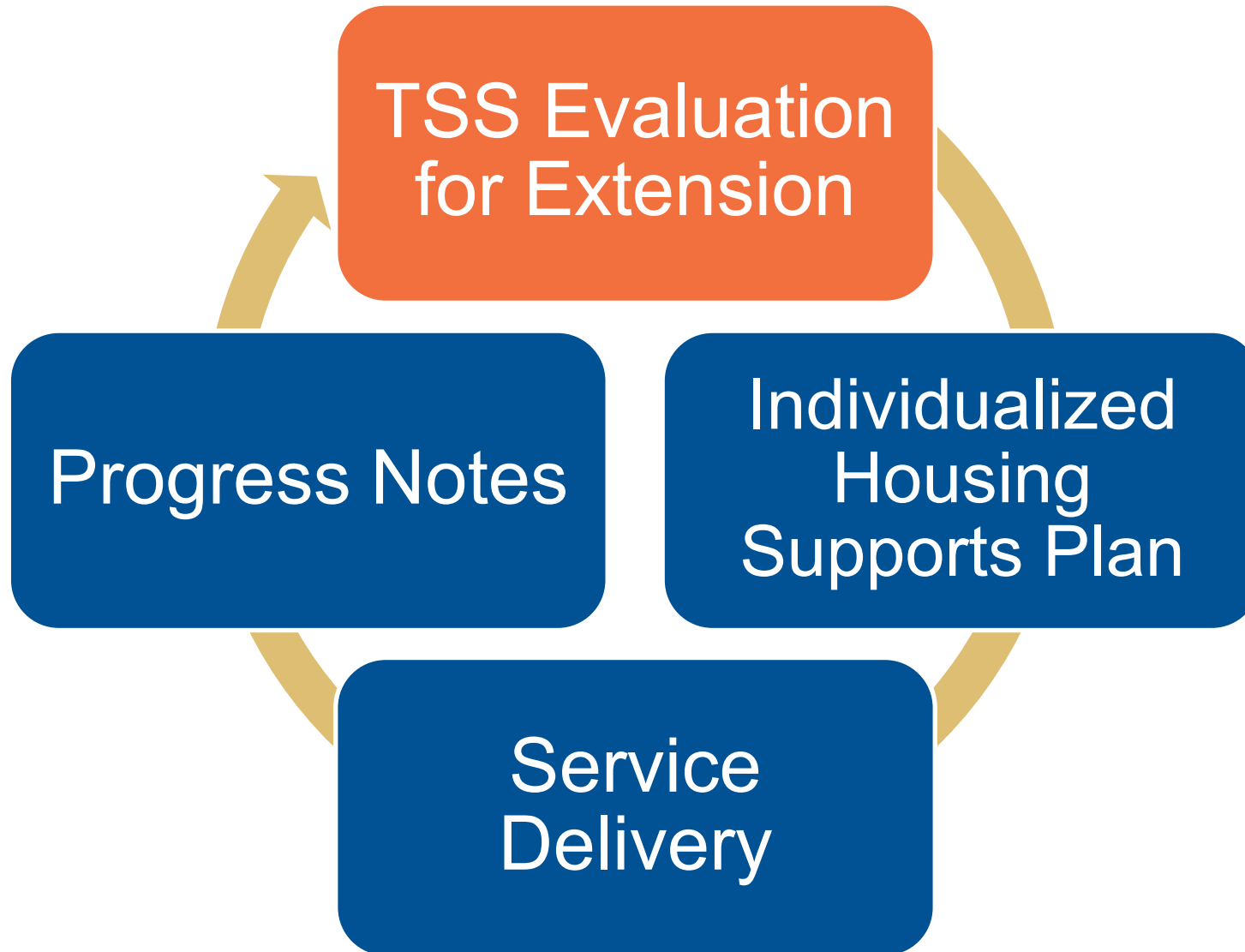
**List next step(s)**



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*Golden Thread*

- All required elements complete



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# TSS Evaluation Checklist

A case manager will be responsible for completing the evaluation, to the best of their ability. The tenant is not required to be present. For any questions the case manager cannot answer, the tenant and other providers should be consulted.

## Components of the PDF Evaluation:

- ☐ Names and Identifiers
- ☐ Assessment questions in True/False format of common criteria that support why a tenant may need ongoing service to remain successfully housed
- ☐ Automatically calculates # of True
- ☐ Case manager makes final recommendation
- ☐ All ongoing needs (Criteria marked False) require a service goal and timeline
- ☐ To be completed every 180 days



# Screen Sharing: Example 1



## Community Supports Evaluation: Housing Tenancy & Sustaining Services

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HMIS ID:

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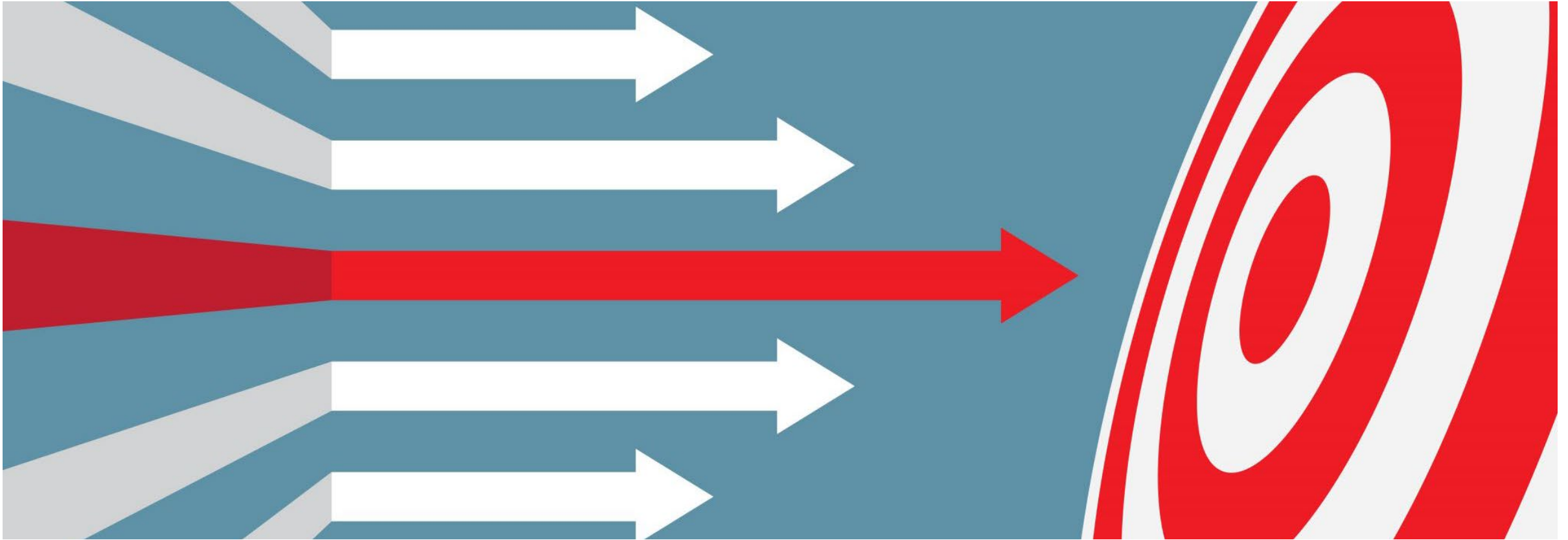
Case Manager:  Date of Evaluation:

Service Provider Organization Name:

Criteria	Check if True	Check if False	Comments
Housing Stability			
1. Tenant had NO lease violations in last 12 months.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Tenant/ Rep Payee paid rent on time every month for the last 12 months.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

# Goal and intervention

What is your role in helping the client to hit the target? How are you coaching?



# Key words in Goal Setting

INCREASE

IMPROVE

DECREASE

REDUCE

BUILD

GROW

MINIMIZE

ACHIEVE

REMAIN



# Actions = Interventions

## Key words for Interventions

PROVIDE EDUCATION

MODEL BEHAVIOR

ASSESS FOR RISKS

IDENTIFY STRENGTHS

REFER FOR SERVICES

COMPLETE

DESIGNATE

SHARE

HELP TENANT...

NORMALIZE

EXPRESS...

DIRECT/REDIRECT

REDEFINE

UTILIZE MOTIVATIONAL  
INTERVIEWING TO  
ENGAGE TENANT IN  
DISCOVERING...

IDENTIFY  
THEMES/TRIGGERS

DEMONSTRATE

EVALUATE

DEVELOP

FACILITATE

TEACH

ROLE PLAY

ADVOCATE FOR

ASSIST WITH

# Screen Sharing: Example 2



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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

# What will new case managers need?



- To access past progress notes and documentation
- to understand tenants' needs, preferences, motivation, values
- extra time & coaching to complete forms

**What can supervisors do to support?**

# Supervision & Support for Success

- Review HSP during case conferencing in supervision
- Prep staff for upcoming TSS Extensions and schedule reviews of TSS Evaluations for extension of services prior to submitting
- Ask staff about and assess the time it takes for completing documentation- is there opportunity for efficiency?
- Staff training in documentation at onboarding and quarterly for those with need for quality improvement
- Staff 1:1 coaching and feedback from staff on how to simplify documentation and clarify what is needed
- Write supervision notes that are shared with staff to access and track development goals.
- When possible, add in **FUN**

# Internal Monitoring and Quality Reviews

Conduct reviews of agency charts & quality of care

This is proactive and done regularly

Have a plan for how internal audits are conducted

Include frequency and follow up

Re-evaluate this plan regularly

Identify areas at risk for external audits

Learn from other agencies in your network

When risk areas are found, determine the appropriate corrective action plan- including updating policies, procedures, staff training and supervision





Quality and Compliance requires regular review & ongoing learning support



# Screen Sharing: Example 3



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Service Provider Organization Name:

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

# Client & Staff Centered Quality Improvement

Managing risk, ensuring services aren't disrupted, supporting staff & centering tenants in all





# Questions?





# Thank you!

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