Family Homelessness Initiative
New System Design

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December IAC

Affirmed the FHI system goals for right-sizing our homeless housing system to meet families needs:

- ✓New System Assumptions
- ✓Refined Models (see attachment in packet)

Proposed Results

- ✓ Group has been presented the proposed targets for new system design.
- ✓ Group has had an opportunity to ask questions about the system targets.
- ✓ Group has provided feedback on the proposed targets.

⇨ June IAC: Discuss and affirm the system targets

Stakeholder Participation

- System Transformation Workgroup:
  - Adrienne Easter, City of Seattle HSD
  - Derek Wentorf, Friends of Youth
  - Ann Allen, St. Stephen Housing Association
  - Ciara Murphy, The Salvation Army
  - Julie McFarland, Catholic Community Services
  - Katy Miller, King County DCHS/CSD
  - Manuela Ginnett, Multi-Service Center
  - Meghan Altimore, Hopelink
  - Mollie Curran, Compass Housing Alliance
  - Nathan Buck, Neighborhood House
  - Rachel Mathison, Imagine Housing
  - Sandy Lowe, Wellspring
  - Sarah Rajski, Building Changes
- Cohort 1 Agencies:
  - DAWN
  - Hopelink
  - Interim CDA
  - Solid Ground
  - St. Stephen Housing Association
  - YWCA
- Funders, Planners, Policymakers, Providers

Why Right Size?

- Remain responsive to emerging needs for housing and services in our community
- Strengthen performance in our Continuum
  - Reduce length of stays
  - Increase exits to permanent housing
  - Reduce returns to homelessness
  - Shift investments to most cost effective solutions matched to families' needs

➔Serve more families

- Strategically align with HEARTH Goals

FHI Strategy

Phase 1

- Existing shelter - aligns to support rapid exit to permanent housing
- Transitional housing for specialized populations -- interim adjustments to align with refined TH model
- First group of transitional housing programs realign to alternate interventions
- Remaining transitional housing programs - interim adjustments to align with refined TH model
- Transitional rental assistance - aligns to rapid re-housing model
- Ongoing evaluation of Rapid Re-Housing Pilot

Phase 2

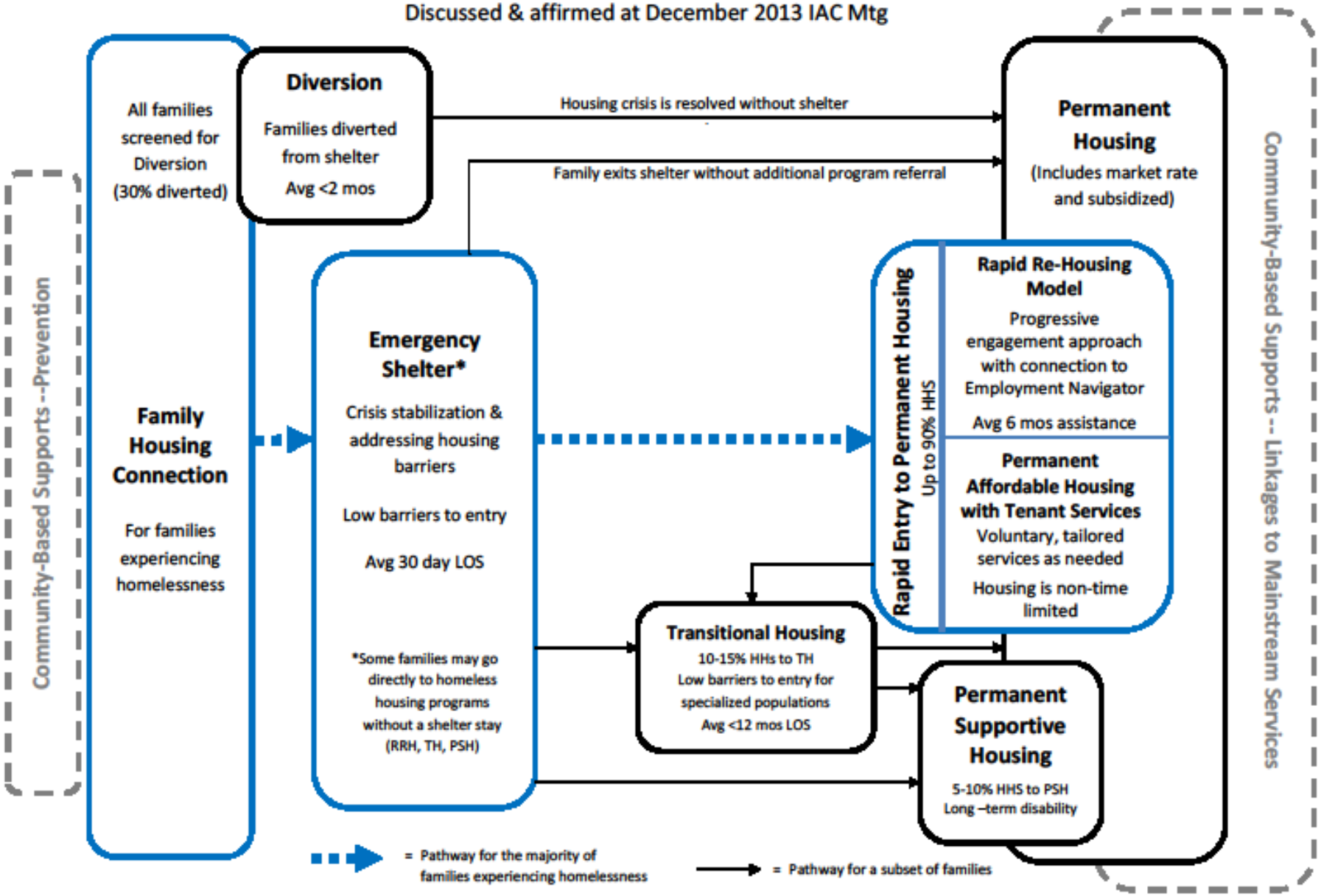
- Existing shelter - adjustments to support rapid exit to permanent housing
- Ongoing evaluation and adjustments to system targets and models
- Transitional housing for specialized populations - continue program refinement
- Remaining (non-specialized) transitional housing programs realign to alternate interventions

Phase 3

- Evaluate emergency shelter capacity and refine sytem targets
- Ongoing evaluation and adjustments to system targets and refined models
- Remaining programs realign to support system goals
- Ongoing support to sustain changes

New Family Homelessness System Assumptions

Discussed & affirmed at December 2013 IAC Mtg



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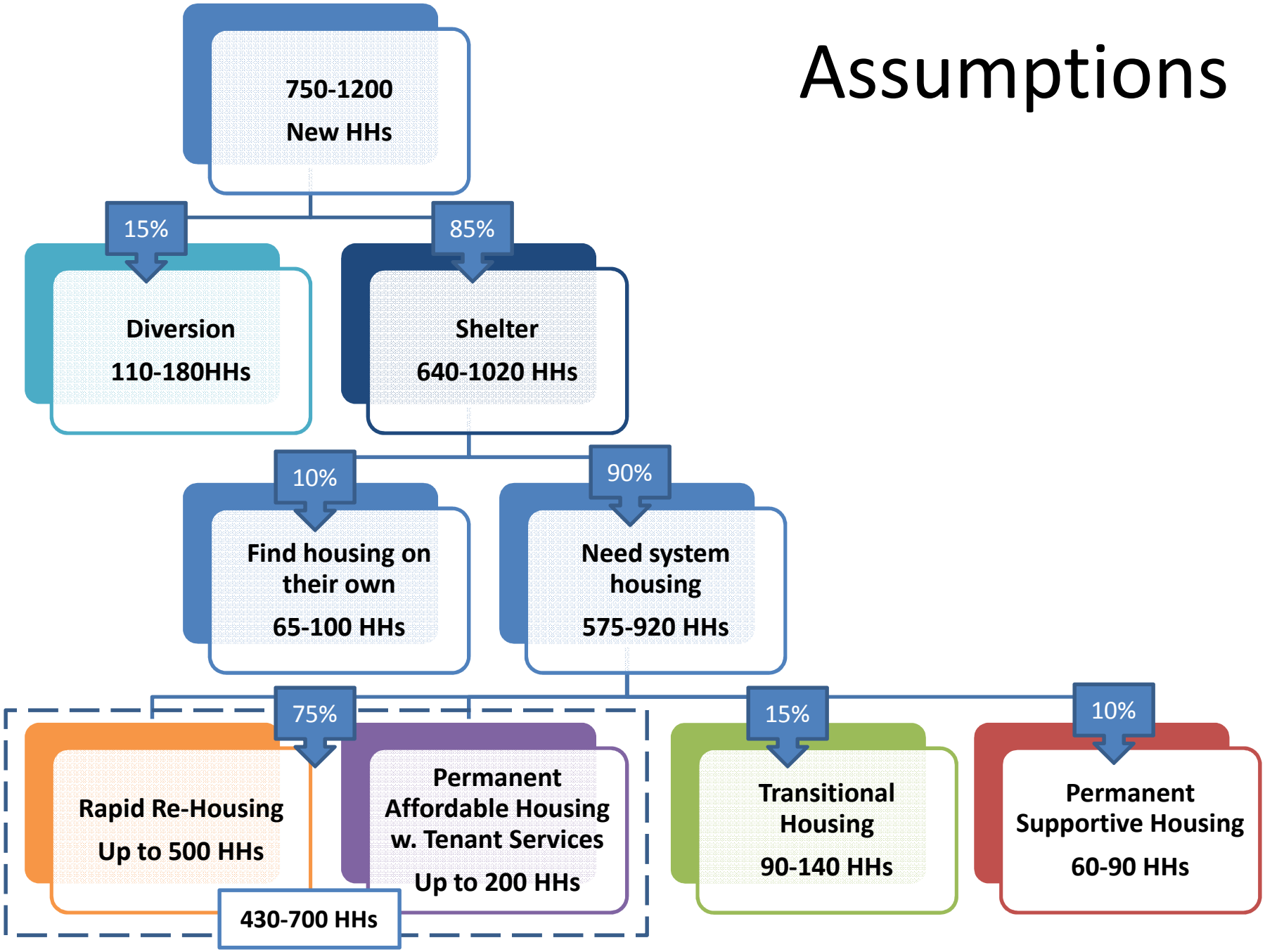

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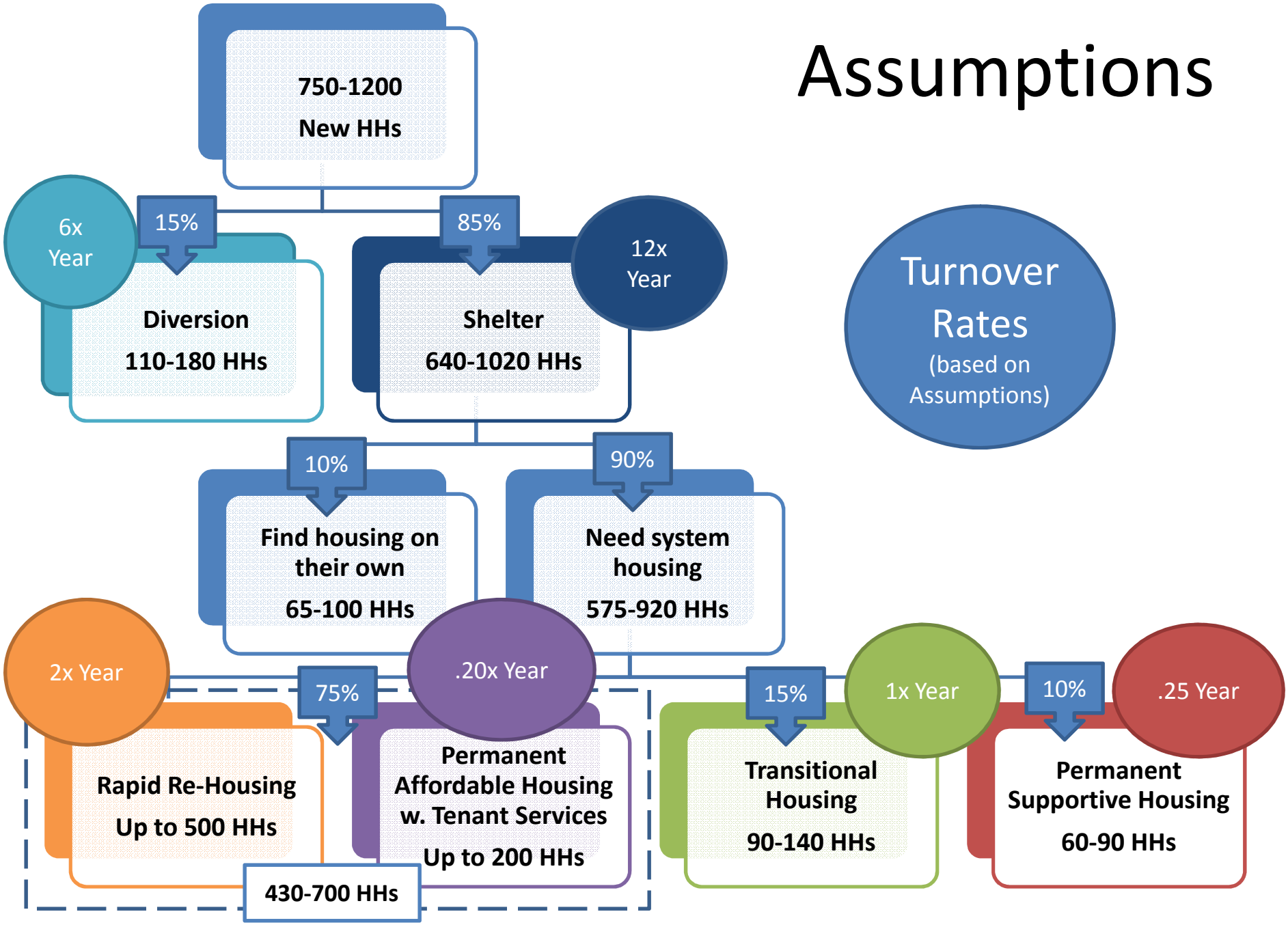

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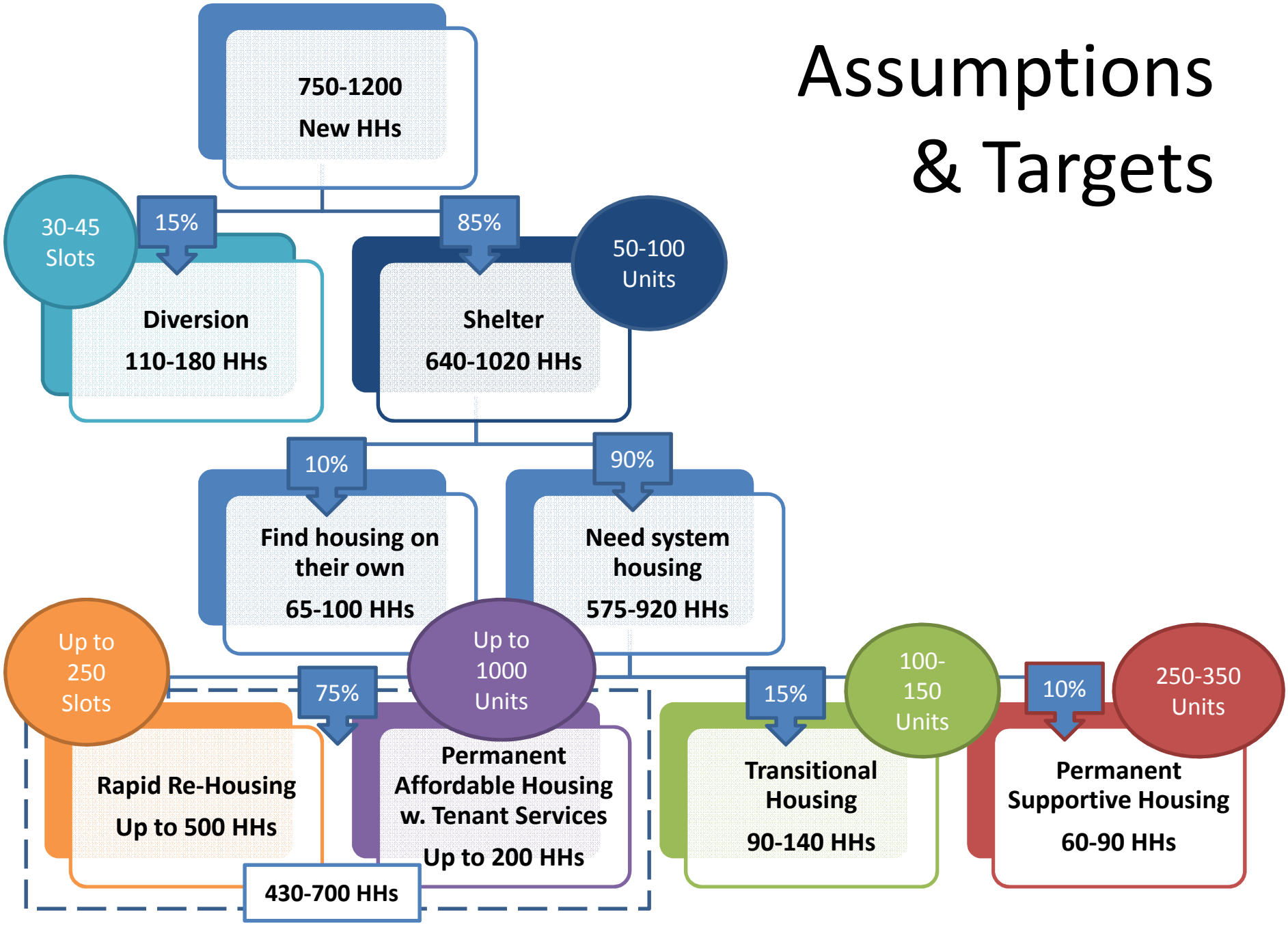
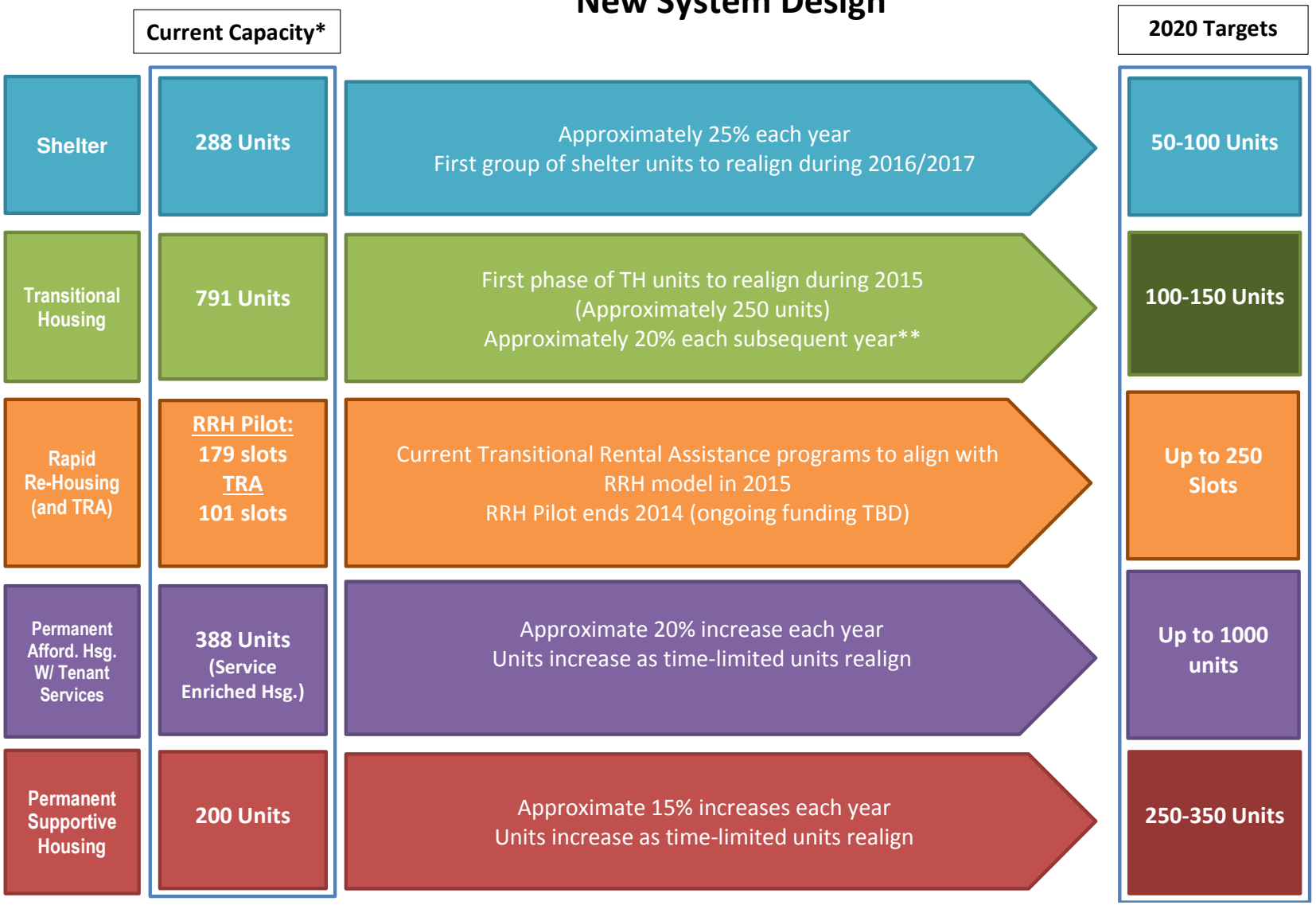


New System Design



* Current capacity- estimate based on 2013 CEH System Map & HMIS Data.

**Transitional housing units realign to non-time limited projects.

Impacts on Targets

- ❑ What funding will allow
- ❑ Actual costs of each intervention
- ❑ Regional lens based on existing and needed interventions

⇨ We don't have a crystal ball

⇨ We will likely need to make adjustments/refine plan

➢ Continuous learning & ongoing evaluation

- Performance, RRH model, culturally specific needs & special subpopulations, emerging data from national efforts, etc.

Next Steps

- Discuss & affirm system targets at June IAC
- Partner with Funders on 1v1s with agencies for Phase 1
- Broader stakeholder communication on right-sizing our interventions to meet families needs
- Continue to work on system level costs
- Develop performance benchmarks