

Western MA COVID-19 Task Force for Housing First Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2020

At the end of yesterday's meeting, the group:

- agreed that it is useful to continue to meet on a regular basis (as community-based work continues in between);
- affirmed its commitment to work together in the effort to develop a coordinated regional approach to ending homelessness; and
- recognized that the influx of federal resources poses an extraordinary opportunity to reshape our system such that temporary emergency shelter provides a pathway to permanent housing.

We know the opportunity is especially great with the just announced addition of \$27 million in Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) funds to MA. I will be in touch with you individually (by community) to determine if and how I can assist with any of your community conversations. And I will be in touch shortly to schedule our next group meeting for a few of weeks from now.