

The mission: Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness creates collaborative solutions across Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire Counties to prevent and end homelessness through a Housing First approach that centers racial equity.

## **Network Leadership Council «** → Continuums of Care (CoCs) The Network provides an umbrella for coordination between the 100 elected and community leaders two CoCs in the region and funds their racial equity work. signed on to the Network's mission CoCs provide the vehicle for federal homelessness dollars in the region. funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). **Steering Committee** Chaired by CoC Directors and 20 community leaders. charged with budget and policy decision-making for the Network **Hampden County Three County Continuum of Care** Continuum of Care Western Massachusetts Task Force for Housing First Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire Counties lead agency: A monthly convening of western Massachusetts legislators, City of Springfield lead agency: city and town officials and shelter and housing providers Community Action Pioneer Valley **Network Committees CoC Select Projects** in collaboration with CoCs in collaboration with the Network **Family Services Veterans** Coordinated Committee Racial Equity Work Group<sup>3</sup> Entrv<sup>1</sup> Youth and Individual Career **Young Adult** Services Services Committee Services

- 1 Coordinated Entry is the implementation of a uniform assessment tool and "by-names" list for all people experiencing homelessness, ensuring the best possible allocation of housing resources.
- <sup>2</sup> Youth Homelessness: Each CoC was awarded HUD funds for a Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) to prevent and end youth homelessness in Hampden County and Franklin County.
- <sup>3</sup> Each CoC is producing a racial equity work plan, funded by the Network to address the disproportionate impact of homelessness on people of color.