

Bold Leadership in Uncertain Times

Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness 9th Annual Regional Gathering

— PROGRAM —

Welcome

Emily English, Program Emcee, Senior Director, Gándara Center

2025 Western Massachusetts Homelessness & Housing Report and Network Priorities

Gerry McCafferty, Director of Housing, City of Springfield;
Administrator, Springfield-Hampden County Continuum of Care

Pamela Schwartz, Director, Western Massachusetts
Network to End Homelessness

Keynote: *Federal Lessons, State Action*

Jeff Olivet, Former Executive Director, United States
Interagency Council on Homelessness, presently Senior
Advisor, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Our Community Member: Bennita Watford

Springfield and recently relocated Pittsfield resident,
Neighbor to Neighbor member

Our Legislators

Senator Adam Gómez, Hampden District

Representative Leigh Davis, 3rd Berkshire District

Our Community Member: Nancy Dorian

Easthampton resident and tenant leader, Pleasant View
Apartments, Springfield No One Leaves member

Our Legislators

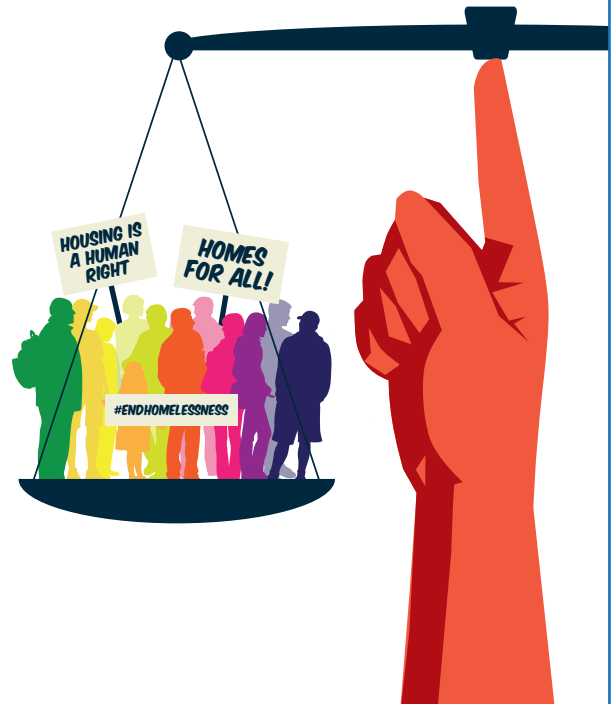
Representative Mindy Domb, 3rd Hampshire District

Representative Natalie Blais, 1st Franklin District

Senator Jake Oliveira, Hampden, Hampshire
and Worcester District

Closing

Shaundell Diaz, Director, Three County Continuum of Care



Friday, May 30, 2025
9:30–11:30am

PeoplesBank Room
Kittredge Center
Holyoke Community College

9:30am: refreshments & networking

10–11am: program

11am: more networking!

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The Leadership Council reflects our region's commitment to the Network's mission to prevent and end homelessness with a Housing First approach that centers racial equity.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

U.S. Congressman Jim McGovern, 2nd District of Massachusetts	State Senator John Velis, 2nd Hampden and Hampshire	State Representative Tricia Farley-Bouvier, 2nd Berkshire	State Representative Susannah Whipps, 2nd Franklin	Mayor Peter Marchetti, City of Pittsfield
State Senator Jo Comerford, State Senator, Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester	State Representative Shirley Arriaga, 8th Hampden	State Representative Michael Finn, 6th Hampden	State Representative Bud Williams, 11th Hampden	Mayor William Reichelt, City of West Springfield
State Senator Adam Gómez, Hampden	State Representative Natalie Blais, 1st Franklin	State Representative Carlos Gonzaléz, 10th Hampden	Mayor Ginny Desorgher, City of Greenfield	Mayor Domenic Sarno, City of Springfield
State Senator Paul Mark, Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire	State Representative Homar Gómez, 2nd Hampshire	State Representative Kelly Pease, 4th Hampden	Mayor Joshua Garcia, City of Holyoke	Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, City of Northampton
State Senator Jake Oliveira, Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester	State Representative Mindy Domb, 3rd Hampshire	State Representative Angelo Puppola, 12th Hampden	Mayor Nicole LaChapelle, City of Easthampton	Manager Paul Bockelman, Town of Amherst
	State Representative Leigh Davis, 3rd Berkshire	State Representative Orlando Ramos, 9th Hampden	Mayor Jennifer Macksey, City of North Adams	Administrator Lisa Wong, Town of South Hadley
	State Representative Patricia Duffy, 5th Hampden	State Representative Lindsay Sabadosa, 1st Hampshire	Mayor Michael McCabe, City of Westfield	

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Tanisha Arena, Executive Director, Arise for Social Justice	Meghan Donnelly, Essential Needs Coordinator, Berkshire Community College	Stephen Huntley, Executive Director, Valley Opportunity Council	Laurie Millman, Executive Director, Center for New Americans	Phil Ringwood, Executive Director, DIAL/SELF Youth and Community Services
Jane Banks, Vice-President of Housing and Homelessness Services, Clinical and Support Options	Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director, Franklin Regional Council of Governments	Denise Jordan, Executive Director, Springfield Housing Authority	Andrew Morehouse, Executive Director, The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts	Kimberly Robinson, Executive Director, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Lev Ben-Ezra, Executive Director, Amherst Survival Center	Emily English, Program Director, Gandara Center	Kathy Keeser, Executive Director, Louison House	Michael Moriarty, Executive Director, OneHolyoke	Julie Schwager, Western Massachusetts Area Director, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health
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Megan Burke, President and CEO, Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts	Maura Geary, Executive Director, MassHire Franklin Hampshire Career Center	Charlie Knight, Former Consumer, Springfield	Ben Ostiguy, Coordinator, Thrive Center, Holyoke Community College	Risa Silverman, Director, Office for Public Health Practice and Outreach, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Dave Christopolis, Executive Director, Hilltown Community Development Corporation	Melanie Gelaznik, Executive Director, MassHire Berkshire Career Center	Jose Lopez-Figuero, Director, Center for Access Services, Springfield Technical Community College	Lizzy Ortiz, Transition of Care Community Health Worker, Health Services of the Homeless	Kate Smith, Interim Executive Director, MassHire Holyoke
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Shaundell Diaz, Director, Three County Continuum of Care, Community Action Pioneer Valley	Michael Hagmaier, Executive Vice President, Soldier On	Gerry McCafferty, Director, City of Springfield Office of Housing	Judy Raper, Associate Dean for Community Engagement, Greenfield Community College	Twjana Williams, Western MA Regional Supervisor, Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development
Dawn DiStefano, President and CEO, Square One	Jeffrey Hayden, Vice-President, Holyoke Community College	Tim McCarthy, Executive Director, Craig's Doors	Charles Redd, DEI Officer, Berkshire Health Systems	
	Clare Higgins, Executive Director, Community Action Pioneer Valley	Deb McLaughlin, Coordinator, Franklin County Opioid Task Force		

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