Family Services Committee Minutes - 10/13/26
In attendance: approximately 20 community providers

Presentation on Renew Collaborative
Matt Pritchard, Executive Director and President of HomeStart, Inc. https://www.homestart.org/about attend the meeting to share about its innovative homelessness prevention program, *Renew Collaborative* https://www.homestart.org/renew , which has demonstrated significant effectiveness in preventing homelessness across several communities around the country, including several communities in Massachusetts. Matt is interested, through a planned for expansion, in potentially piloting the Renew Collaborative homelessness prevention model in Western Massachusetts. Matt reached out to gauge the community's interest in this project and to explore potential implementation partnerships for the Western Mass region.

In short: we expressed great interest! Matt will follow up with Way Finders and TPP and the Three County CoC to learn more about potential partnerships; we also suggested reaching out to Springfield Housing Authority for housing provider partnership. And we are thrilled at the prospect of bringing these resources to western Mass. We will all stay tuned, and thank you, Matt!

EA shelter updates
New EA shelter contracts start on November 1. Providers are in the process of adjusting to shifts in bed capacity and stabilization services.

HCECs/RAFT
Hampden/Hampshire Counties (Way Finders): walk-ins are at 170/day last week alone; RAFT had about 800 applications last week. 1,800 applications are in process.

Network update
Pamela shared her news about transitioning from the Network leadership. Please read more here!

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 11