



Massachusetts Local Hoarding Disorder Networks (HDN)
formerly Hoarding Task Forces

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Arlington HDN Response Team

Geographic Area: Arlington

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Bedford HDN

Geographic Area: Bedford

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Berkshire County HDN

Geographic Area: Berkshire County Massachusetts

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Boston HDN

Geographic Area: City of Boston

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Mission: The Boston Hoarding Task Force seeks to build and maintain a community network of trained professionals to provide information, education, support, and consultation in hoarding cases throughout the City of Boston. We accomplish this through committing to the use of best practices and by sharing responsibility for community education.

Meeting Times: Quarterly

Brookline Clutter & Hoarding Evaluation and Support Services

Geographic Area: Brookline

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Kathy Turner, LICSW, MPH;
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C/C Agency Name: Brookline Health Department

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Brief Description: Meets monthly to discuss cases, share resources, develop policies and address complex community/public health challenges. The Hoarding Task Force is moving toward an updated program: CHES Clutter & Hoarding Evaluation and Support Services. Interagency collaboration continues with Council on Aging, First Responders (Fire Department, Ambulance, Police), Mental Health, Environmental Health, and additional agencies as possible.

Cape Cod HDN

Geographic Area: Cape Cod

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Erika A. Woods, MS, RS, Deputy Director, BSDHE

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Brief Description: Referrals from the community, case review and educational needs of professionals involved in hoarding response. Our mission is to provide education, collaboration, and support to those who are affected by clutter and hoarding. We accomplish this by providing access to available resources, and by supporting an informed response by individuals and organizations who are charged with addressing this emerging concern impacting our community.

Meeting Times: We are not meeting currently but hope to get back to that soon.

ClearPath

Geographic area: Metrowest and Nashoba Valley

Coordinator/Contact:

Agency name: Metro Community Development Corporation

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Brief description: Peer supports groups based on Buried in Treasures, Family support group, In-home sorting and discarding, Public education, Monthly public presentation, Case consultation for participating cities/towns and agencies.

Falmouth HDN

Geographic Area: Town of Falmouth

Coordinators/Contacts (C/C): Suzie Hauptmann

C/C Agency/Address: Falmouth Human Services

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Website: www.falmouthma.gov/human-services

Brief Description: Multi-disciplinary case assessment, community resource development

Meeting Times: 3 – 4 times per year

Framingham Heavy Content Task Force

Geographic Area: Framingham/Metro West

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Kelly Hagerty, MS, Crisis Intervention Responder

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Mission Statement: The Framingham Hoarding Task Force is committed to addressing the issue of hoarding disorder with safety as our top priority. Our intent is to develop treatment plans and solutions that are specific to each individual and family. Our goal is to educate communities throughout Massachusetts while guiding municipalities in the implementation of Task Forces for the populations they serve.

Description: The Framingham Heavy Content Task Force is made up of municipal departments, legal, social service and housing agencies. The task force provides peer supports groups, trainings for municipalities, fire departments, housing and social service agencies.

Meeting Times: The Task Force meets every last Thursday of the month at 113 Concord St. Framingham MA. 10am -11am.

Greater Brockton Area (GBAH) HDN

Geographic Area: 23 communities of Old Colony Elder Services – Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, Carver, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Easton, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Kingston, Lakeville, Marshfield, Middleboro, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rockland, Stoughton, Wareham, West Bridgewater & Whitman.

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Terri Kourtz, Chairperson **C/C**

Agency Name: Old Colony Elder Services

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We can also be found on Facebook, under Brockton Area Hoarding Task Force (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greater-Brockton-Area-Hoarding-Task-Force/430164637075485>)

Mission: To educate ourselves and the community at large about hoarding, and available resources. To educate each other in general about the agencies where we work and the regulations, codes, restrictions and limitations we face when dealing with a hoarding case.

Goals:

- Develop a resource book to help those in our community dealing with hoarding to refer clients to get help
- Develop a resource card for first responders identifying who should be called when hoarding is encountered
- Invite speakers to our group to educate the group as to the parameters of agencies and to expand the group's knowledge about hoarding
- Become a resource for the community when it comes to hoarding cases, (i.e group brainstorming, assessment, etc.)

Meeting Times: Last Thursday of the month from 9am–11am at OCES. (Meets every other month.)

Greater Lynn HDN Outreach Partnership Effort (HOPE)

Geographic Area: Lynn, Lynnfield, Saugus, Swampscott, Nahant

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C/C Agency Name: Greater Lynn Senior Services

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Brief Description: GLSS provides consultations, resources, support, education and referrals to clients and collaterals.

Hingham HDN

Geographic Area: Hingham

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Susan Sarni

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Mashpee HDN

Geographic Area: Mashpee

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Gail Wilson, Director

C/C Agency Name: Mashpee Human Services

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Meeting Times: not currently meeting

Needham HDN

Geographic Area: Needham

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Tiffany Zike RN, Assistant Director of Public Health/RN; Ginnie Chacon-Lopez RN, Public Health Nurse

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Brief Description: This is an existing task force that works with our Community Crisis Intervention Team and discusses cases, does education for the committee and talks about appropriate referrals as needed.

Meeting Times: Every other month

Related Group Meetings: We do not have a support group at this time but involve Riverside Community Care, Springwell and others as needed.

Newton HDN

Geographic Area: Newton

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Director of Social Services

C/C Agency Name: City of Newton, Department of Health and Human Services

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Phone: 617-796-1282

Website:

http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/health_n_human_services/humansvcs/hoarding/default.asp

New Bedford HDN – Fresh Start

Geographic Area: New Bedford

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Cynthia Wallquist, Director, Community Services; Cheryl Duclos

C/C Agency Name: FreshStart

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North Shore HDN

Geographic Area: Peabody, Danvers, Middleton, Salem, Marblehead

Coordinator/Contact (C/C):

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Brief Description: The North Shore Hoarding Task Force has been meeting since the spring of 2010. The current goals of the task force are to build community relationships, case presentation/discussion, resource sharing, create community resources, create a process by which hoarding is identified/ addressed in all systems, provide community and professional education, create an intake and assessment process, data collection.

Meeting Times: Bi- Monthly Task Force, Bi-Monthly Steering Committee

Related Group Meetings: Hoarding & Clutter Support Groups available

Scituate HDN Response Team

Geographic Area: Scituate

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Brief Description: The mission of the Scituate Hoarding Response Team is to achieve a comprehensive, informed response to hoarding and related needs in the community by developing a multi-disciplinary protocol and providing resources, education, and consultation.

Meeting Times: Monthly intra-departmental meetings

Shrewsbury HDN

Geographic Area: Shrewsbury

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Tewksbury HDN Response Team

Geographic Area: Tewksbury

Coordinator/Contact(C/C) Ashley Pavlakos, BSN, RN, Public Health Nurse

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Watertown HDN

Geographic Area: Watertown

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Western Mass HD Resource Network

Geographic Area: Hampshire, Hampden, Berkshire, and Franklin County

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