



## **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**

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### **Belmont Safe Housing Planning Committee**

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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 in order 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: Every other month, usually at City Hall.

### **Brookline HDN and Advisor Committee**

**Geographic Area:** Brookline

**Coordinator/Contact (C/C):** Kathy Turner, LICSW, MPH

**C/C Agency Name:** The Brookline Community Mental Health Center

**Address:** 41 Garrison Rd. Brookline, MA 02446

**Phone:** 617-277-8107

**Website:** [www.brooklinecenter.org](http://www.brooklinecenter.org)

**Brief Description:** Task Force meets monthly to discuss cases and share resources. Advisory Committee, larger invited group, meets quarterly to share resources and information.

### **Cape Ann HDN**

**Geographic Area:** Cape Ann, including Rockport, Gloucester, Manchester-by-the-Sea (and surrounding communities). Meets e/o Month, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday.

**Coordinator/Contact (C/C):** Deborah Schwendiman; Linda Baker

**C/C Agency Name/Address:** Senior Care Inc., 49 Blackburn Center, Gloucester, MA 01930

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**Related Group Meetings:** Clutter Bug Support Group, tbd

### **Cape Cod HDN**

**Geographic Area:** Cape Cod

**Coordinator/Contact (C/C):** Erika A. Woods, RS, Environmental Specialist/ Sanitarian

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**Website:** [www.hoardingcapecod.org](http://www.hoardingcapecod.org)

**Brief Description:** Referrals from the community, case review and educational needs of professionals involved in hoarding response.

**Meeting Times:** The CCHTF currently meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every other month.

## **ClearPath**

**Geographic area:** Metrowest and Nashoba Valley

**Coordinator/Contact:**

**Agency name:** Metro Community Development Corporation

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**Website:** <http://strongcommunity.org/clearpath-hoarding>

**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](http://www.falmouthma.gov/human-services)

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

**Meeting Times:** 3 – 4 times per year

## **Framingham Heavy Content TF**

**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 a treatment plan and solution that is specific to each individual and or family. Our goal is to educate the community to recognize that hoarding disorder is a complex mental health issue that affects the community, the family and the individual suffering from Hoarding Disorder.

**Brief Description:** The Framingham Heavy Content Task Force is made up of municipal departments, social service agencies and several housing representatives. The task force provides peer supports groups, trainings and presentations on hoarding disorder for fire departments, housing and social service agencies.

**Meeting Times:** The Task Force meets every last Thursday of the month at the Framingham Fire Headquarters 10 Loring Drive. Framingham MA.

### **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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**Website:** [www.ocesma.org](http://www.ocesma.org)

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 10am–12pm at OCES. (Meets every other month.)

### **Greater Lynn HDN Outreach Partnership Effort (HOPE)**

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

**Coordinator/Contact (C/C):** Christina Murphy, Mobile Mental Health Supervisor

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**Brief Description:** GLSS hosts the collaborative effort/task force HOPE. The Hoarding Outreach Program is also an effort of GLSS, please call the phone number listed above for more information.

**Meeting Times:** The collaboration meets every other month for case consultation, information sharing, and planning

**Related Group Meetings:**

### **Hingham HDN**

**Geographic Area:** Hingham

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### **Martha's Vineyard HDN**

**Geographic Area:** Martha's Vineyard

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**Brief Description:** The MV Hoarding Task Force was formed in 2010. It is made up of social service workers, EMTs, Police, Public Health officials and concerned citizens. Their mission is to raise awareness of compulsive hoarding and to provide education and support for those affected by hoarding through accessible tools, referrals and resources.

### **Mashpee HDN**

**Geographic Area:** Mashpee

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

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**Meeting Times:** not currently meeting

### **Needham HDN**

**Geographic Area:** Needham

**Coordinator/Contact (C/C):** Timothy Muir McDonald, Director of Public Health,  
Tiffany Zike RN, Public Health Nurse

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**Website:** [www.needhamma.gov/health](http://www.needhamma.gov/health)

**Brief Description:** This is an existing task force that 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

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**New Bedford HDN – Fresh Start**

**Geographic Area:** New Bedford

**Coordinator/Contact (C/C):** Cynthia Wallquist, Director, Community Services  
Cherly Duclos

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**North Shore HDN**

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

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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

**Coordinator/Contact (C/C):** Erica Souris, Manager of Social Services

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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

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### **Watertown HDN**

**Geographic Area:** Watertown

**Coordinator/Contact (C/C):** Larry Ramdin, Health Director  
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### **Western Mass HD Resource Network**

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

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*In an ongoing effort to reexamine language and terminology, groups or teams that contain “Hoarding Task Force” will be abbreviated to read “HDN”, Hoarding Disorder Networks.*