Massachusetts Local Hoarding Task Forces (TF*)

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Arlington Hoarding Response Team
Geographic Area: Arlington
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Natasha Waden, Director of Public Health
C/C Agency Name: Arlington Board of Health
Address: 27 Maple Street (Senior Center) Arlington, MA 02476
Phone: 781-316-3170
Email: nwaden@town.arlington.ma.us

Bedford Hoarding TF
Geographic Area: Bedford
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Heidi Porter
C/C Agency Name: Bedford Board of Health
Address: 12 Mudge Way, Bedford, MA 01730
Phone: 781-275-6507x4311
Email: heidip@bedfordma.gov

Belmont Safe Housing Planning Committee
Geographic Area: Town of Belmont
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Nava Niv Vogel
C/C Agency Name: Belmont Healthy Housing Planning Committee
Address: 266 Beech Street, Belmont, MA
Phone: 617-993-2970
Email: nnivvogel@belmont-ma.gov
Website: in progress

Berkshire County Hoarding TF (NEW)
Geographic Area: Berkshire County Massachusetts
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Will Turner, Behavioral Health Clinician
C/C Agency Name: Elder Services of Berkshire County, MA
Address: 877 South Street 4E, Pittsfield MA 01201
Phone: 781-361-3170
Email: wturner@esbci.org

Boston Hoarding TF
Geographic Area: City of Boston
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Ruth Harel Garvey
C/C Agency Name: Boston Housing Court Tenancy Preservation Program
Address: 66 Canal Street, Boston, MA 02114
Phone: 617-788-6211
Email: rharel@baycove.org
Website: https://www.baycove.org/bcexternal/index.cfm?objectid=3C4D23A0-162B-11E3-AADB0050569B1DE9
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 Hoarding TF and Advisor Committee
Geographic Area: Brookline
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): 1. Kathy Turner, LICSW, MPH
                  2. Lloyd Gellineau, Director of Race, Inclusion and Community Relations
C/C Agency Name: 1. The Brookline Community Mental Health Center
Address: 41 Garrison Rd. Brookline, MA 02446
Phone: 617-277-8107
Website: 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.

Cambridge Hoarding Coalition
Geographic Area: Cambridge and Somerville
Coordinator/Contact (C/C):
C/C Agency Name: Cambridge Council on Aging
Address: 806 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139
Phone: 
Email: 
Mission Statement: The Cambridge Hoarding Coalition provides community education, training for service providers, and a resource list for clients, providers, and the community. We also work to establish and maintain a hoarding response mechanism. Our primary focus is the senior population of Cambridge (60+). We can however act as a community resource for those under 60.
Meeting Times: Currently have suspended meetings but maintain an active membership with updates and activities.

Cape Ann Hoarding TF
Geographic Area: Cape Ann, including Rockport, Gloucester, Manchester-by-the-Sea (and surrounding communities). Meets e/o Month, 2nd Tuesday.
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Deborah Schwendiman; Tiffany Machado
C/C Agency Name/Address: Senior Care Inc., 49 Blackburn Center, Gloucester, MA 01930
Phone/Email: 978-281-1750 Deborah.Schwendiman@seniorcareinc.org
Related Group Meetings: Clutter Bug Support Group, Weds 1:30-3:00p, thru April
**Cape Cod Hoarding TF**
Geographic Area: Cape Cod  
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Erika A. Woods, RS, Environmental Specialist/Sanitarian  
C/C Agency/Address: Barnstable County Department of Health & Environment  
Phone/Email: 508-375-6620 erika.woods@barnstablecounty.org  
Website: 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 2nd Thursday of every other month.

**Central Mass Hoarding TF**
Geographic Area: Central Massachusetts  
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Diane Sandman  
C/C Agency Name: Community Legal Aid  
Address: 405 Main St., 4th Floor, Worcester, MA 01608  
Phone: (508) 425-2817  
Email: dsandman@cla-ma.org  
Brief Description: Not currently active

**ClearPath**
Geographic area: Metrowest and Nashoba Valley  
Coordinator/Contact:  
Agency name: Marlborough Community Development Corporation  
Address: 40 Mechanic Street, Suite 300, Marlborough, MA 01752  
Email: clearpath@strongcommunity.org  
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 Hoarding TF**
Geographic Area: Town of Falmouth  
Coordinators/Contacts (C/C): Lt. Mel Trott, Fire Prevention Officer  
C/C Agency/Address:  
Phone:  
Email: mtrrott@falmouthfire.us  
Website:  
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
Address: Framingham Fire Dept, 10 Loring Drive, Framingham, MA 01702  
Phone: 508-532-5988  
Email: kch@framinghamma.gov  
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) Hoarding TF  
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Terri Kourtz, Chairperson  
C/C Agency Name: Old Colony Elder Services  
Address: 144 Main Street, Brockton, MA 02301  
Phone: 508-584-1561 x255  
Email: brocktonareahoardingtaskforce@gmail.com; tkourtz@ocesma.org  
Website: 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 Hoarding Outreach Partnership Effort (HOPE)**

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

**Coordinator/Contact (C/C):** Christina Murphy, Hoarding Outreach Specialist

**C/C Agency Name:** Greater Lynn Senior Services

**Address:** 8 Silsbee St. Lynn, MA 01901

**Phone:** 781-586-8621

**Email:** cmurphy@glss.net

**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 monthly for case consultation, information sharing, and planning; the larger group meets twice a year for larger community education events.

**Related Group Meetings:** Declutter support group, on-going peer support group(s)

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**Hingham Hoarding TF**

**Geographic Area:** Hingham

**Coordinator/Contact (C/C):** Susan Sarni

**C/C Agency Name:** Hingham Health Department

**Address:** 210 Central Street

**Phone:** 781-741-1466

**Email:** sarnis@hingham-ma.gov

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

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**Martha’s Vineyard Hoarding TF**

**Geographic Area:** Martha’s Vineyard

**Coordinator/Contact (C/C):** Shirley Fauteux

**C/C Agency Name:** Oak Bluffs Board of Health

**Address:** Town Hall, 56 School Street Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

**Phone:** (508) 693-3554 x116

**Email:** sfauteux@oakbluffsma.gov

**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.

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**Mashpee Hoarding TF**

**Geographic Area:** Mashpee

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

**C/C Agency Name:** Mashpee Human Services

**Mailing Address:** 16 Great Neck Road North, Mashpee, MA 02649

**Phone:** 508-539-1000 x8598

**Email:** qwilson@mashpeema.gov

**Meeting Times:** not currently meeting
**Needham Hoarding TF**
Geographic Area: Needham
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Timothy Muir McDonald, Director of Public Health, Tiffany Zike RN, Public Health Nurse
C/C Agency Name: Needham Health Department
Address: 1471 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02492
Phone: 781-455-7500
Email: tmcdonald@needham.ma.gov; tzike@needham.ma.gov
Website: 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 Hoarding TF**
Geographic Area: Newton
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Pam Weissman, LICSW Director of Social Services
C/C Agency Name: City of Newton, Department of Health and Human Services
Address: 1000 Commonwealth Ave, Newton, MA 02459
Phone: 617-796-1282
Website: http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/health_n_human_services/humansvcs/hoarding/default.asp

**New Bedford and FairHaven Hoarding TF – Fresh Start**
Geographic Area: New Bedford and FairHaven
Coordinator/Contact (C/C) and Agency:
   1. Ann O'Donnell, New Bedford Community Services
   2. Mary Freire-Kellogg, FairHaven Board of Health
Email: 1. Ann.O'Donnell@newbedford-ma.gov
       2. MKellogg@fairhaven-ma.gov
Website: https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/board-health/pages/hoarding-remediation

**North Shore Hoarding TF**
Geographic Area: Peabody, Danvers, Middleton, Salem, Marblehead
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Eileen Dacey
C/C Agency Name: North Shore Elder Services
Address: 300 Rosewood drive, Suite 200, Danvers MA 01923
Phone: 978-624-2207
Email: edacey@nselder.org
Website: www.nsdaler.org
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 Hoarding Response Team**
Geographic Area: Scituate
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Laura Minier, Manager of Social Services
C/C Agency Name: Town of Scituate
Address: 600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Scituate, MA 02066
Phone: 781-378-1653
Email: lminier@scituatema.gov
Website: [www.scituatema.gov/board-of-health/pages/hoarding](http://www.scituatema.gov/board-of-health/pages/hoarding)
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

**Sharon**
Geographic Area: Sharon
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Sheila Miller, Nurse
C/C Agency Name: Town of Sharon
Address: Sharon Health Dept, 90 South Main Street, Sharon MA 02067
Phone: 781-784-1500 x1206
Email: smiller@townofsharon.org
Brief Description: Sharon does not have a formal task force, but depending on the case, Sheila Miller works with the MSW, fire, police, animal control officer and building inspector and other agencies.

**Shrewsbury Hoarding TF**
Geographic Area: Shrewsbury
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Bill Cummins, Captain
C/C Agency Name: Shrewsbury Fire Department
Address: 100 Maple Street, Shrewsbury MA 01545
Phone: 508-841-8522
Email: sfdcapt3@yahoo.com

**Tewksbury Hoarding Response Team**
Geographic Area: Tewksbury
Coordinator/Contact (C/C) Sarah Kinghorn BSN RN, Public Health Nurse
C/C Agency Name: Tewksbury Board of Health
Address: 1009 Main St., Tewksbury Ma 01876
Phone: 978-640-4473
Email: nurse@Tewksbury-Ma.gov
**Watertown Hoarding TF**
Geographic Area: Watertown
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Wil van Dinter
C/C Agency Name: Watertown Health Department
Address: Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown MA 02472
Phone: 617-972-6446
Email: wvandinter@watertown-ma.gov

**Western Mass HD Resource Network**
Geographic Area: Hampshire, Hampden, Berkshire, and Franklin County
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Lee Shuer
C/C Organization Name: Mutual Support Consulting
Phone: 413-961-9264
Email: lee@mutual-support.com

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