Massachusetts Local Hoarding Task Forces

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**Arlington Hoarding Task Force**
Geographic Area: Arlington
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Natasha Waden, Health Compliance Officer
C/C Agency Name: Arlington Board of Health
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Email: nwaden@town.arlington.ma.us

**Bedford Hoarding Task Force**
Geographic Area: Bedford
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Sue Baldauf
C/C Agency Name: Bedford Youth and Family Services
Address: 12 Mudge Way, Bedford, MA 01730
Phone: 781-275-7727
Website: [www.bedfordma.gov/hoarding](http://www.bedfordma.gov/hoarding)

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

**Boston Hoarding Task Force**
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](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 Task Force 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](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.

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**Cambridge Hoarding Coalition**

Geographic Area: Cambridge and Somerville  
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Liz Seelman  
C/C Agency Name: Cambridge Council on Aging  
Address: 806 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139  
Phone: 617-349-6048  
Email: eselman@cambridgema.gov  
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.

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**Cape Ann Hoarding Task Force**

Geographic Area: Cape Ann, including Rockport, Gloucester, Manchester-by-the-Sea (and surrounding communities). Meets every other month, 2nd Tuesday.  
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Deborah Schwendiman; Tiffany Machado  
C/C Agency/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

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**Cape Cod Hoarding Task Force**

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](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 2nd Thursday of every other month.
Central Mass Hoarding Task Force
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 Boston
Coordinator/Contact: Martha Shea
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](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 Task Force
Geographic Area: Town of Falmouth
Coordinators/Contacts (C/C): Lt. Mel Trott, Fire Prevention Officer
C/C Agency/Address:
Phone:
Email: mtrott@falmouthfire.us
Website:
Brief Description: Multi-disciplinary case assessment, community resource development
Meeting Times: 3 – 4 times per year

Framingham Hoarding Task Force
Geographic Area: Framingham/Metro West
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Kelly Hagerty, MS, Community Intervention Specialist
Address: Framingham Town Hall, 150 Concord Street, Framingham, MA
Phone: 508-532-5471
Email: kch@framinghamma.gov
Mission Statement: The Framingham Hoarding Task Force is committed to addressing the issue of hoarding with safety being our top priority. Our intent is to develop a treatment plan and solution that is specific to each individual and or family in our community. Our goal is to educate the community to recognize that hoarding disorder is a complex mental health issue that affects not only the individual but the family members and community as well. In addition, hoarding presents a health and safety risk for the public and first responders
Brief Description: The Framingham Hoarding Task Force is compiled of a diverse group of Municipal Departments including Fire, Police, Council on Aging, Veterans, Water and Sewer and
the Building Dept. Several other social service agencies and Metro West Legal Services are also represented in this task force.

Meeting Times: The Task Force meets every last Thursday of the month at Town Hall to address goals, barriers, case management, consultation and education.

**Greater Brockton Area Hoarding (GBAH) Task Force**

**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

**Address:** 144 Main Street, Brockton, MA 02301

**Phone:** 508-584-1561 x255

**Email:** brocktonareahoardingtaskforce@gmail.com; tkourtz@ocesma.org

**Website:** We can be found on Facebook, under Brockton Area Hoarding Task Force (https://www.facebook.com/pages/Greater-Brockton-Area-Hoarding-Task-Force/430164637075485); www.oldcolonyelderservices.org

**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.

**Greater Lynn Hoarding Outreach Partnership Effort (HOPE)**

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

**Coordinator/Contact (C/C):** Michele Martindale, Hoarding Outreach Specialist

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

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

**Phone:** 781-586-8621

**Email:** mmartindale@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)
**Martha’s Vineyard Hoarding Task Force**  
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.

**Mashpee Hoarding Task Force**  
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: gwilson@mashpeema.gov  
Meeting Times: not currently meeting

**Needham Hoarding Task Force**  
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@needhamma.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 Task Force**  
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 Hoarding Task Force
Geographic Area: New Bedford
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Gail Joseph, Sanitarian
C/C Agency Name: New Bedford Health Department
Address: 1213 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740
Phone: (508) 991-6199 ext. 124
Email: Gail.Joseph@newbedford-ma.gov

North Shore Hoarding Task Force
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.nселder.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
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
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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 Task Force**
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 Task Force**
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 MA Hoarding Task Force**
Geographic Area: Hampshire, Hampden, and Franklin County
Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Kathryn Berthiaume
C/C Agency Name: Center for Human Development
Phone: 413-439-2221
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