



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

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Arlington HDN Response Team

Geographic Area: Arlington

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Natasha Waden, Director of Public Health

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Bedford HDN

Geographic Area: Bedford

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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

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Website: in progress

Berkshire County HDN

Geographic Area: Berkshire County Massachusetts

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Will Turner, Behavioral Health Clinician

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Boston HDN

Geographic Area: City of Boston

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Ruth Harel Garvey

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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

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, 2nd 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

C/C Agency/Address: Barnstable County Department of Health & Environment

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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.

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

Phone: 508-548-0533 x16

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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 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

Address: 144 Main Street, Brockton, MA 02301

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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.)

Hingham HDN

Geographic Area: Hingham

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Susan Sarni

C/C Agency Name: Hingham Health Department

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Martha's Vineyard HDN

Geographic Area: Martha's Vineyard

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Shirley Fauteux

C/C Agency Name: Oak Bluffs Board of Health

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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

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): Timothy Muir McDonald, Director of Public Health,
Tiffany Zike RN, Public Health Nurse

C/C Agency Name: Needham Health Department

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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 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

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 HDN – Fresh Start

Geographic Area: New Bedford

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

C/C Agency Name: FreshStart

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North Shore HDN

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

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Karen Sullivan

C/C Agency Name: AgeSpan

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Website: www.agespan.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 HDN Response Team

Geographic Area: Scituate

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

C/C Agency Name: Town of 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

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Bill Cummins, Captain

C/C Agency Name: Shrewsbury Fire Department

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Tewksbury HDN Response Team

Geographic Area: Tewksbury

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

C/C Agency Name: Tewksbury Board of Health

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Watertown HDN

Geographic Area: Watertown

Coordinator/Contact (C/C): Larry Ramdin, Health Director
Deanna Mazina, Chief Environmental Officer

C/C Agency Name: Watertown Health Dept

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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

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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.