



March 2025

Message from the Chair

Greetings Everyone. As we celebrate National Social Work Month, we have another opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to all those who dedicate their energy and expertise to serving our communities.



This year's annual MASSB conference theme, Rising to the Challenge: Strengthening Local Boards Through Advocacy, recognizes that our impact extends beyond direct service.

Best,
Tony

Reminder!
Our e-mail has changed to massbtrustee@gmail.com
Our new contact for financial matters is Nate Poerio, massbftreasurer@gmail.com.

National Social Work Month



It's time to say "THANK YOU" to our hardworking, caring and compassionate DSS workers. The lovely poem "Who Am I?" provides just a glimpse into this noble profession.

Who Am I?
by Terricka Hardy, LCSW, ACSW
Who am I? I'm glad you asked
I'm the one who's willing to advocate, no matter how hard the task
To some I'm an educator, to others a broker
I wear many hats, I'm a Social Worker!
Many fail to realize the impact of this great profession
Promoting human well-being, Social Work has contributed to our world's progression
Held to strong ethical standards, inspired to serve
Social Workers fight hard to promote the social justice everyone deserves
Valuing the human relationship, respecting the worth of the individual
A true Social Worker is selfless, putting people first is a ritual
Vowing to remain competent in all we do, we strive to uphold integrity by staying committed to you.
So, who am I, again? Well, I'm glad you asked
I'm a proud, dedicated Social Worker, that's who.
Thank You, DSS!

Quick Tip! Wish your board had a website? Now you do! Follow the template developed by Howard County's board to let your community know about your meetings and activities.

Community Connection
Elaine Wilson
Chair, Talbot County Advisory Board

We are grateful to Talbot County's Board Chair, Elaine Wilson, for sharing the unique connection the Talbot board has with the County's Children's Advocacy Center and the nonprofit, Talbot Community Connections.

The Talbot County Department of Social Services (TCDSS) Advisory Board's role is to provide advisory, advocacy, oversight, community education, and resource development for the Talbot County DSS.

The TCDSS Board Chair also serves as the Board representative to the Talbot County Children's Advocacy Center (TCCAC) Advisory Committee. The TCCAC serves children who have been sexually abused and their non-offending caregivers in a multi-disciplinary environment.

Talbot Community Connections (TCC) is a non-profit organization which raises funds to support the Talbot County Department of Social Services to help meet the unmet needs that are fundamental to the safety, security, health and well-being of Talbot County's children and adults.



Mini-Grant Opportunity for MASSB Boards!
Grants up to \$2500 are now available for local boards. The funds are intended to address community needs or kick-start larger initiatives for which boards lack funding. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.
For more information and to apply click here.

Save the Date
Fall Conference October 16-17, 2025
Rising to the Challenge:
Strengthening Local Boards Through Advocacy
Host: Howard County

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 25	• Community Meeting: 12pm-1pm, Virtual
SEPTEMBER 5	• Community Meeting: 12pm-1pm, Virtual
OCTOBER 16-17	• Fall Conference: Howard County

The MASSB Foundation

The MASSB Foundation was formed in 2007 to enable fundraising by Department of Social Services Advisory Boards for social services programs that are not governmentally funded.

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