

Linda Shepherd, MEd, LCSW

Linda Shepherd has worked in Health and Human Services for over 30 years. She is presently employed as Regional Director for the MA Department of Public Health, Office of Healthy Communities and has been in this position for over 21 years.

As Regional Director she works with many community groups, organizations and coalitions in the Metro Boston Region. Her primary responsibilities have focused on racial and ethnic disparities, chronic disease, and wellness and strengthening supports to local and municipal health. She is also working with local boards of health in the Metro Boston Region.

Mrs. Shepherd has been the co-chair for the Alliance for Community Health (CHNA 19) for over 16 years. The Alliance is a partnership between MDPH, Boston Public Health Commission, Community Health Centers, Hospitals, and Greater Boston Regional Center for Healthy Communities, as well as community coalition and community residents. The Alliance works with 12 neighborhoods in Boston and the Harbor CHNA, which covers Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. For over 16 years the Alliance and its partners have funded mini-grants to the Boston community neighborhood coalitions. Through a community driven process these grants have addressed health disparities and other relevant health improvement topics that have enhanced and improved the health and welfare within our community and through our neighborhood partnerships. She has recently started working with CHNA 17, 18 and 20.

Mrs. Shepherd also participates on many community coalitions and organizations, including EOHHS interagency working groups.

Linda has a Master's in Education, is a Licensed Certified Social Worker, and has a certificate in Family Therapy. She has been a Boston resident all of her life.