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Thanks to everyone who made MLPB's Annual Breakfast
on June 19 a success! You remind us that:

We're all in this together.

All care team members have a role to play in *unlocking access*
to information and tools that can improve people's social,
economic, and environmental health.



Panelists L-R: Moderator **Tara Murphy** (Deputy Director, MassHealth DSRIP Statewide Investments); **Erin Loubier** (Senior Director for Health and Legal Integration and Payment Innovation, Whitman-Walker Health); **Baraka Floyd** (Clinical Assistant Professor, Stanford School of Medicine); **Dayce Moore** (Manager - Business & Service Delivery Development, UMass Medical School Disability Evaluation Service); and **Dannie Ritchie** (Founder, Community Health Innovations of RI & Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, Brown Univ.)



*L-R: **Melissa Shannon** (MLPB Board member and *Vice President for Government Affairs*, Boston Medical Center) connects with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation colleagues **Jennifer Lee** (*Senior Program Officer*) and **Jacquie Anderson** (*Senior Director of Grantmaking*)*



Audrey Shelto (*President, The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation*) eloquently frames the event



Charline Gay (*Senior Project Manager, Brigham and Women's Hospital*) poses a thoughtful question to the panel



*L-R: **JoHanna Flacks** (Legal Director, MLPB) is all smiles with **Maddie Ribble** (Director of Public Policy and Campaign Strategy, Massachusetts Public Health Association)*



*L-R: **Kinzel Thomas** (Behavioral Health Clinician, Family Service of Rhode Island) and **Guillaume Bagal** (MLPB Board member and Diversity & Inclusion Lead, Blue Cross Blue Shield Rhode Island) continue the conversation post-panel*



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WE'RE HIRING

THINK DIFFERENT? LAWYER DIFFERENT.

MLPB's talented team of *upstream lawyers* practice *preventive law* in partnership with innovative interdisciplinary teams based in healthcare, human services, and early childhood. **We're recruiting for a new Legal Advisor** who will help grow our "primary care law" practice — building the capacity of care teams to effectively problem-solve with the people they serve in ways that promote health, prevent disease, and bolster family stability. *Do you identify with the goals of social work, community health work, and public health as much as you do with law? Does being part of this new frontier excite you?* Click below to learn more about this opportunity.

Apply Now!

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Mark your calendars!

August 23 & 26, 2019

Are you a RI-based Community Health Worker?

Join our *Social and Environmental Determinants of Health Training!*

Convened/sponsored by: [ONE Neighborhood Builders](#) (Health Equity Zone)



This exciting 2-part training series - led by MLPB Legal Advisor **Jeannine**

Casselman - will cover:

SDOH Overview

Housing Instability

Utility Needs

Food & Income Insecurity

Transportation Needs

Interpersonal Violence

August 23rd 9am – 12:30pm

August 26th 9am – 12:30pm

@ the Rhode Island Foundation

Union Station, Providence, RI 02903

The Rhode Island Room

Space is limited - register now!

[RSVP here](#) to Laurie Moise (Director of Community Health Integration at ONE
Neighborhood Builders) by **Friday, August 16, 2019**

September 10, 2019

Are you affiliated with the [Boston Medical Center](#) community?

MLPB Legal Director **JoHanna Flacks** and **Renee Boynton-Jarrett** of [BMC Pediatrics](#) will co-present on [A Strengths-based Approach to Screening Families for Health-related Social Needs](#) at the [10th Annual Lynne Stevens Memorial Lecture](#)

12-1pm - FGH Conference Room

Co-sponsored by: [BMC's Department of Family Medicine](#) and
[BMC's Domestic Violence Program](#)



On June 13, several MLPB team members headed to Sturbridge, MA to join in [Healthy Families Massachusetts'](#) annual *Celebration Day*. While the weather outside was cold, rainy and grim, the event inside was anything but. The room was packed with hundreds of dedicated, passionate home visitors who make up the state-wide HFM network. Speakers offered empowering messages of celebration and hope, highlighting the centrality of family support work in building a better world. We certainly came away with a renewed sense of purpose in this valued partnership, and we were honored to be part of this day. Thank you, HFM community, for this inspiration!



*L-R: **Steven Pascal** (Director of Home Visiting, The Children's Trust); **Samantha Morton** (CEO, MLPB); **Craig Andrade** (Director, Bureau of Family Health & Nutrition - Massachusetts Department of Public Health)*

*L-R: **Marissa Daley** (Assistant Director of Home Visiting, The Children's Trust); **Sarita Rogers** (Deputy Director of Programs, The Children's Trust); **Franny Zhang** (Content Lead, MLPB)*



... to our terrific summer intern, **Shreya Huilgol!**



"A sunny San Diego native, I am a rising junior at Wellesley College majoring in Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences and minoring in Health and Society. I joined MLPB through [Wellesley's Lumpkin Summer Institute for Service Learning](#), and I'm interested in the intersections between public health, social justice, and (thanks to MLPB!) law. Health equity is always going to be an important issue, and MLPB's commitment to addressing social determinants of health and health disparities is inspiring to me. This summer has been a transformative learning experience, and I've been so fortunate to work alongside such a dedicated group of individuals!"



Do you value a curation of recent scholarship and press relating to social dimensions of health, emerging social science, and how people's legal risks, rights and remedies intersect with health and well-being? We do.

Recent highlights are below.

For more, head [here](#).

Discrimination, Racism & Health Inequities

- [The Impact of Racism on Child and Adolescent Health](#) (*Pediatrics*, Aug. 2019)
- [Language Access Rights Under Threat](#) (*Health Affairs*, Aug. 2019)
- [Technology Expands Preconception Care Access to Reduce Disparities](#) (*HealthCity*, May 2019)
- [Race and Economic Opportunity in the United States: An Intergenerational Perspective](#) (*Opportunity Insights*, Mar. 2018)

Early Childhood

- [California's 1st Surgeon General Spotlights Health Risks of Childhood Adversity](#) (*NPR*, Jul. 2, 2019)
- [Toxic stress: the other health crisis politicians should be talking about](#) (*STAT*, Jun. 21, 2019)
- [Early Childhood Home Visiting Programs and Health](#) (*Health Affairs*, Apr. 25, 2019)
- [The Effects of Early Care and Education on Health](#) (*Health Affairs*, Apr. 25, 2019)
- [The Opportunity Atlas: Mapping the Childhood Roots of Social Mobility](#) (*Opportunity Insights*, Oct. 2018)

Family Caregiving

- [A 21st Century Job Description for Family Caregiving](#) (*Health Affairs*, Jun. 14, 2019)
- [Paid family care leave: A missing link in the U.S. social insurance system](#) (*Washington Center for Equitable Growth*, Jun. 10, 2019)
- [Work-related Opportunity Costs of Providing Unpaid Family Care in 2013 and 2050](#) (*Health Affairs*, Jun. 2019)
- [In Support of Family Caregivers: A Snapshot of Five States](#) (*Milbank Memorial Fund*, Jun. 2019)
- [Paid Family Leave in the United States](#) (*Congressional Research Service*, May 29, 2019)
- [Paid Family, Medical Leave Teed Up in States Across U.S.](#) (*Bloomberg Law*, Feb. 28, 2019)

Housing Instability

- [Health and stable housing: Taking preventative medicine to the next level](#) (*The Boston Globe*, Aug. 12, 2019)
- [A Scene from “Operation Clean Sweep” in the South End: Crushed Wheelchairs](#) (*Boston Magazine*, Aug. 7, 2019)
- [Three hospitals team up on \\$3m plan to help low-income families pay the rent](#) (*The Boston Globe*, Aug. 6, 2019)
- [Creating Moves to Opportunity: Experimental Evidence on Barriers to Neighborhood Choice](#) (*Opportunity Insights*, Aug. 2019)
- [Finding Shelter and Support Along the Road to Better Health](#) (*Health Affairs*, Aug. 2019)
- [To Improve Outcomes, Health Systems Invest in Affordable Housing](#) (*Health Affairs*, Jul. 2019)
- [Can Housing Assistance Boost Cancer Screening? Not on its Own, Study Suggests.](#) (*HealthCity*, Jun. 17, 2019)
- [Landmark Deal Reached on Rent Protections for Tenants in N.Y.](#) (*The New York Times*, Jun. 11, 2019)
- [Housing Crisis Demands Zoning Fix](#) (*The Boston Globe*, Jun. 6, 2019)
- [Infants Exposed to Homelessness: Health, Health Care Use, and Health Spending from Birth to Age Six](#) (*Health Affairs*, May 2019)
- [Pathways to Stable Homes: Promoting Caregiver and Child Health Through Housing Stability](#) (*Children's Health Watch*, May 2019)
- [New Evidence of Nexus Between Neighborhood Violence, Perceptions of Danger, and Child Health](#) (*Health Affairs*, May 2019)
- [The Growing Shortage of Affordable Housing for the Extremely Low Income in Massachusetts](#) (*New England Public Policy Center/Federal Reserve Bank of Boston*, Apr. 2019)
- [Homelessness Contributes to Pregnancy Complications](#) (*Health Affairs*, Jan. 2019)

Immigration Status & Health

- [Changes to 'Public Charge' Inadmissibility Rule: Implications for Health and Health Coverage](#) (*Kaiser Family Foundation*, Aug. 12, 2019)
- [A Detroit diabetic was deported to Iraq, where he'd never lived. He died from lack of insulin, family says.](#) (*The Washington Post*, Aug. 9, 2019)

- [ICE Raids in Mississippi Leave Fear and Uncertainty in Their Wake](#) (*The New York Times*, Aug. 8, 2019)
- [How Uncertainty Surrounding the 'Public Charge' Rule Leads to Hardship for Immigrant Families](#) (*Urban Institute*, Aug. 7, 2019)
- [Uncertainty About DACA May Undermine its Positive Impact on Health for Recipients and their Children](#) (*Health Affairs*, May 2019)

Also:

An Opportunity to Participate in Innovative Research on Social Dimensions of Health

MLPB is facilitating a research project led by **Garssandra (Garsy) Presumey-Leblanc**. Garsy is a student in [Boston University's Medical Anthropology & Cross-Cultural Practice Master's program](#), and her qualitative study will look at how the discourse around SDOH might be expanded to include historical context. Garsy's research could lead to a better understanding of how to best serve patient populations and how health and human service providers might perceive this and participate in the expansion. **Garsy is looking to interview black female health and human services workforce members who have participated in any MLPB SDOH-related training.** If you would like more information or are interested in participating, please contact Garsy at gleblanc@bu.edu or **650-880-2122**.



About Garsy

Garsy joined MLPB for the 2018-19 academic year as part of a volunteer service-learning internship:

"I grew up in Greenwich, CT and obtained my bachelor's degree in Medicine, Health,

and Society and Religious Studies at Vanderbilt University. I now live in Dorchester, MA and am pursuing a Master's Degree at Boston University in Medical Anthropology and Cross-Cultural Practice. Interning at MLPB is very connected to my future research and career goals. MLPB's work is everything I've wanted to do with my life!"

MLPB believes in the power of justice to advance health. We equip health and human services teams with problem-solving strategies that can disrupt the evolution of a person's social, economic, or environmental need into a legal — and health — crisis. Through robust training and technical assistance, we help workforce partners understand their unique capacities to *unlock access* to a range of health-promoting benefits, services, and legal protections — for which many individuals, families, and populations are eligible.

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