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WE'RE HIRING

*Do you get excited about relationship-building and
data-driven decision-making?*

Join MLPB as our new Partnership Manager!

We're looking for a new colleague who will help take our capacity-building partnerships to the next level. For a full description and to apply, [click here](#).

Deadline to apply is **Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020!**

DID YOU KNOW



- Did you know that [Protecting Patients from Energy Insecurity Requires Universal Screening](#)? MLPB Legal Director **JoHanna Flacks** comments on this in *HealthCity*.

- Did you know that [Family Separation Plans Help Prepare Immigrant Patients for the Unthinkable](#)? MLPB Legal Advisor **Kara Hurvitz** offers her perspective on this high-stakes strategy as part of a news series from the Boston University Center for Innovation in Social Work & Health (CISWH).

WELCOME



. . . to our new Legal Advisor Kate Gannon!

Kate joins MLPB to lead our longstanding, early childhood-focused partnership with [Healthy Families MA](#). To find out more about Kate and her previous work, head over to our [staff page](#)!

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MLPB Spring Breakfast 2020

Mark your calendars! MLPB's annual breakfast will be held on **May 13, 2020** from **8am-11am** in Boston. More details to follow!



(L-R) **Baraka Floyd** (Consulting Lead, MLPB's Unlocking Access Initiative: Clinical Assistant Professor, Stanford School of Medicine); **Erin Loubier** (Senior Director for Health and Legal Integration and Payment Innovation, Whitman-Walker Health); **Dannie Ritchie** (Founder, Community Health Innovations of RI & Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, Brown Univ.); **Samantha Morton** (CEO: MLPB); **Thea James**, (Vice President of Mission and Associate Chief Medical Officer, BMC)

On December 6, 2019, MLPB moderated a [MassHealth DSRIP TA Program "SWI Pop-Up"](#) on *Lessons from Other States: Creating Care Delivery Systems that Recognize and Respond to Member Priorities & Circumstances*. The event featured experts from MLPB's [2019 Spring Breakfast](#) and a lively dialogue on strategies to help operationalize a person-centered culture in accountable care delivery -- including integration of legal problem-solving strategies. Thank you to MassHealth for convening and to MA-based ACOs and CPs for participating!

On Nov. 12, 2019, Legal Advisor Kara Hurvitz presented at the statewide MHVI

Grantees meeting on **Making Sense of Recent Immigration Policy News: Best Practices for Partnering with Immigrant Families**. This training addressed planning for ICE raids, as well as navigating proposed changes to the public charge rule.

Legal Director JoHanna Flacks also presented on Nov 2 at the **Tufts Department of Family Medicine Fall Refresher: Strengthening and Sharing Your Skills with Learners**. As part of a new CME frontier, she covered **DCF Investigations: Considerations for Providers to Support Families**, outlining families' legal risks, rights and remedies over the course of this high-stakes interaction with child protection authorities.



Spotlight #1: Promoting Newborn Enrollment in Medicaid

- Experts are asking important questions about how to best [\[Fill\] Gaps In Postpartum Coverage And Newborn Enrollment](#). If you're invested in finding solutions to this challenge, learn more about **DULCE** and [how it has improved newborn Medicaid enrollment in California!](#)

Spotlight #2: Reducing Housing Instability

- Are you invested in promoting health through expanded access to affordable, healthy and safe housing? Check out these related developments:
 - (1) [Eviction Crisis Act](#) introduced in Congress!
 - (2) New [Housing Opportunity Framework](#) in Rhode Island!
 - (3) New [framework](#) ("Principles for Healthy and Affordable Housing") in Massachusetts!
 - (4) New City of Boston [Action Plan to Reduce Evictions in Boston!](#)

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](#).

Care Transformation: Delivery & Financing for SDOH/HRSN

- [Moving To A Learning Measurement System](#) (*Health Affairs*, Jan. 8, 2020)
- [Health Conundrum: How State Budgets Can Find The Balance Between Social Versus Medical Services](#) (*Health Affairs*, Dec. 12, 2019)
- [Primary Care Physicians' Role In Coordinating Medical And Health-Related Social Needs In Eleven Countries](#) (*Health Affairs*, Dec. 10, 2019) (*subscription required*)
- [Lessons About Leading For Racial Equity From Seattle's Health Care For The Homeless Network](#) (*Health Affairs*, Nov. 20, 2019)
- [Untangling The Relationship between Social Service And Health Care Spending And Health Outcomes](#) (*Health Affairs*, Nov. 18, 2019)

Discrimination, Racism, & Health Disparities

- [Race and Medicine: The Harm That Comes From Mistrust](#) (*The New York Times*, Jan 13, 2020) (*subscription required*)
- [\\$625,000 Settlement for Woman Whose Child Was Torn From Her Arms](#) (*The New York Times*, Dec. 13, 2019) (*subscription required*)
- ['Brown Water for Brown People': Making Sense of California's Drinking Water Crisis](#) (*The New York Times*, Nov. 29, 2019) (*subscription required*)
- [How Racism Ripples Through Rural California's Pipes](#) (*The New York Times*, Nov. 29, 2019) (*subscription required*)
- [New California Data Resource Highlights Need for Bold Action on Health Disparities](#) (*California Health Care Foundation*, Oct. 25, 2019)
- [The Crisis Lurking in Californians' Taps: How 1,000 Water Systems May Be at Risk](#) (*The New York Times*, Jul. 24, 2019) (*subscription required*)
- [They Grow the Nation's Food, but They Can't Drink the Water](#) (*The New York Times*, May 21, 2019) (*subscription required*)

Early Childhood

- [A Roadmap to Reducing Child Poverty](#) (*The National Academies Press*, 2019)

- [The Tax Break for Children, Except the Ones Who Need It Most](#) (*The New York Times*, Dec. 16, 2019)
- [Draconian state child care assistance leaves too many working poor with debt, advocates say](#) (*The Boston Globe*, Dec. 1, 2019) (subscription required)

Family Caregiving

- [A Surprising Finding on Paid Leave: ‘This Is Not the Way We Teach This’](#) (*The New York Times*, Nov 11, 2019) (subscription required)

Food Insecurity

- [Addressing Food Insecurity In Clinical Care: Lessons From The Mid-Ohio Farmacy Experience](#) (*Health Affairs*, Jan. 3, 2020)
- [Hundreds of Thousands Are Losing Access to Food Stamps](#) (*The New York Times*, Dec. 4, 2019) (subscription required)
- [The Effect Of The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program On Mortality](#) (*Health Affairs*, Nov. 2019) (subscription required)

Housing Instability

- [Many Renters Who Face Eviction Owe Less Than \\$600](#) (*The New York Times*, Dec. 12, 2019) (subscription required)
- [Facing Homeless Crisis, New York Aims for 1,000 New Apartments a Year](#) (*The New York Times*, Dec. 12, 2019) (subscription required)
- [Four things the state must do to ease the housing crisis](#) (*The Boston Globe*, Nov 26, 2019) (subscription required)
- [New York to Use 18,000 City Workers to Identify and Help Homeless](#) (*The New York Times*, Nov. 14, 2019) (subscription required)
- [Blue Cross seeks to improve housing, seen as key factor in health](#) (*Providence Journal*, Oct. 30, 2019)
- [Boston Mayor Walsh Expands Assistance for Tenants Facing Eviction](#) (*Boston Real Estate Times*, Jul. 31, 2019)
- [Tenants in eviction cases get powerful Beacon Hill ally in Boston Mayor Marty Walsh](#) (*MassLive*, Jul. 17, 2019)

Immigration Status & Health

- [Assessing The Presidential Proclamation On Visas And Health Insurance](#) (*Health Affairs*, Dec. 17, 2019)

- [Deportation fears linked to high blood pressure among immigrant women](#) (CNN, Nov. 27, 2019)
- [Proclamation On Health Insurance Requirements: The Administration's Latest Attack On Immigration](#) (Health Affairs, Oct. 30, 2019)

IPV

- [Home Is The Most Dangerous Place To Be](#) (Health Affairs, Oct. 2019)

Older Adults

- [Mobilizing Public Health To Support Elders' Longevity And Thriving](#) (Health Affairs, Nov. 15, 2019)

MLPB believes in the power of justice to advance health. We equip health and human services teams with problem-solving strategies that 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 — thereby advancing health equity.

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