



Fall 2017 Newsletter



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**MLPB'S 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**Rising to the Challenge of Health-related Social Needs:**  
What the Health Workforce Needs to Screen, Problem-Solve,  
and Reality Check in 2017 and Beyond

Monday, October 30, 2017 | 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM | Federal Reserve Bank of Boston



**Featuring among our panel of Plenary speakers and Course Directors:**

**From L-R: Carrie Bridges Feliz, MPH** - Director, Community Health Institute, Lifespan

**Julian Mitton, MD, MPH** - Primary Care Physician, Division of General Internal Medicine, MGH

**Megan Sandel, MD, MPH** - Principal Investigator, Children's Health Watch  
Associate Director, GROW Clinic, Associate Professor, Pediatrics  
Boston University Schools of Medicine and Public Health

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**SUPPORTING INTERDISCIPLINARY CARE IN MASSACHUSETTS:  
MLPB Bolsters Legal Problem-Solving for a Mom with Immigration Concerns**

A hospital-based social worker contacted MLPB about how best to help the mother of two young patients\* with some immigration concerns. Mom had been in the U.S. for a decade and had a green card. The green card had expired, and while Mom was eligible to naturalize (gain citizenship), there was a problem. Due to a developmental disability, she is functionally illiterate — making it virtually impossible for her to succeed on the written portion of the citizenship exam.



MLPB advised the social worker on Mom's legal eligibility for an exemption to the written exam, described the medical assessments that would be necessary to verify her eligibility, and supported the attesting clinician when they had questions about preparing the related paperwork. With support from an interdisciplinary team, ultimately Mom was sworn in as U.S. citizen!

*\*facts have been modified to preserve patient confidentiality*

**ON THE MOVE**

- **Root Cause Coalition 2nd Annual Summit in Louisville Spotlights *DULCE: An Evidence-based Intervention to Tackle SDOH in Pediatrics***  
On October 10th, MLPB joined colleagues Baraka Floyd, MD, MSc and Deneisha Watson in presenting on *DULCE*, an [interdisciplinary innovation](#) being refined through a [national demonstration project](#) convened by the [Center for the Study of Social Policy](#). Addressing SDOH is a team sport!
- **TAANA Foundation honors MLPB with 2017 Community Grant!**  
We were proud to receive this recognition at The American Association of Nurse Attorneys' 35th Anniversary Annual Meeting in Boston on August 3. [Learn more about the TAANA Foundation here!](#)



Pictured L-R: Randi Kopf, RN, MS, JD - President, TAANA Foundation, Inc.;  
Samantha Morton - CEO, MLPB

## IN THE NEWS

### System Transformation

- [Balancing Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\) with HOPE: New Insights into the Role of Positive Experience on Child and Family Development](#) (Casey Family Programs, 2017)
- [Social Determinants of Health in Managed Care Payment Formulas](#) (JAMA Internal Medicine, October 2017)
- [What's wrong with the term 'social determinants of health'?](#) (Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute, 7/27/17)
- [Social justice should be a key part of educating health professionals](#) (Stat, 4/7/17)

### Immigration

- [R.I. governor: Initiative will pay DACA renewal fees for every R.I. 'Dreamer'](#) (The Boston Globe, 9/18/17)
- [Human trafficking must be officially recognized as a medical diagnosis](#) (Stat, 7/25/17)

### Transportation

- [Low Income Transit Riders in Rhode Island Find Their Voice](#) (Center for Consumer Engagement in Health Innovation blog, 8/21/17)

### Employment

- [Protection for Pregnant Workers Bill Signed in Massachusetts](#) (Associated Press, 7/27/17)

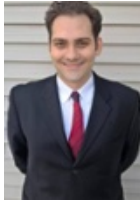
### Housing

- [ACT.md and Boston Medical Center Join Forces with Community Partners Testing Housing Prescriptions as Health Care](#) (PRWeb, 9/14/17)
- [Stable Homes Make Healthy Families](#) (Children's HealthWatch, July 2017)
- [A City Takes Action: Emerging Strategies for Integrating Health and Housing](#) (Urban Institute, July 2017)
- [Window guards are essential to protect children from falls, advocates say](#) (The Boston Globe, 7/5/17)
- [A Different Type of Innovation in Boston: Housing Stability for Children's Health](#) (Build Healthy Places Network blog, 4/21/17)

### Income Supports

- [Many of state's elderly residents struggle to pay their bills](#) (The Boston Globe, 7/29/17)

## NEW TEAM MEMBER



**Anthony Kritikos** recently joined MLPB as a volunteer focused on legal research. He is a graduate of Suffolk University (Political Science and Philosophy) and Chicago-Kent College of Law, where he focused on Intellectual Property and Business Law. During his time at law school, Anthony interned at the Chicago-Kent Entrepreneurial Law Clinic, helping individuals and businesses at all stages of growth. He is passionate about technology, and hopes to build a career helping innovative businesses accomplish their goals. **Welcome Anthony!**

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