



#GIVING TUESDAY

Identifying barriers to people's social, economic, and environmental health is one thing. Helping people tackle those barriers is quite another.

And successfully navigating legal risks, rights and remedies is central to that.

Today, on **#givingtuesday**, you can *advance health through justice* by giving to MLPB. We equip health and human service workforces with upstream problem-solving strategies that improve people's social determinants of health. Leveraging our public interest law expertise, MLPB advances health equity for individuals, families and communities. And we can't do this work without your support.

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9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE: BEYOND SCREEN AND REFER - WHAT SDOH CARE TEAMS SERVING IMMIGRANTS NEED TO KNOW TODAY

Thank you to all who attended [MLPB's 9th Annual Conference](#) on November 7! Panelists and participants engaged deeply on [\[h\]ow best to meet the health needs of immigrant families](#) in the current law and policy climate, including engaging in [strengths-based screening](#), understanding [What You Can Do When There's Nothing to Do](#), and developing patient-centered protocols on organizational documentation practices – such as that shared by [Boston Medical Center](#) at the event.



Plenary Panel A: Immigration Status as a Social Determinant of Health

- (L-R) **Pablo Buitron de la Vega, MD, MSc** – Associate Program Director, BU School of Medicine, Preventative Medicine Residency Primary Care Provider, Boston Medical Center
- Kara Hurvitz, JD, MSW** – Program Manager, MLPB
- Khanh Dinh, PhD** – Professor of Psychology, UMass Lowell
- Leah Zallman, MD, MPH** – Asst. Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School Director of Research, Institute for Community Health Internist, Cambridge Health Alliance
- Halim Moris, JD** – Attorney, Moris & O'Shea, LLC

REMINDER: If you are interested in submitting individual or organizational **comments on the proposed changes to the Public Charge rule** (deadline Dec. 10, 2018), check out this [guidance](#) highlighted at the conference or this Nov. 2018 [American Academy of Pediatrics Public Charge Advocacy Toolkit](#).



Conference participants also grappled with the unique legal risks and remedies impacting immigrant survivors of domestic violence. Check out this [blog](#) co-authored by **Meghan Geary, MD** and **Jeannine Casselman** – inspired by the death of one of Dr. Geary's patients.

LET'S CONNECT!

- Interested in screening people for social determinants of health in a strengths-based way that minimizes harm to them? And in building your capacity to surface actionable information that will support effective problem-solving with your patient/client, including potential legal strategies? Join MLPB and **Saint Anne's Hospital** in Fall River for a **training on Thursday, December 6, 2018** - [register now!](#)

- Will you be at [Putting Care at the Center 2018](#) in Chicago in early December? Connect with MLPB at [this December 5 preconference!](#)
- Attending the [IHI National Forum](#) in Orlando in mid-December? Connect with us and other members of the [DULCE](#) national team at the **December 10 Learning Lab on *Scaling Up Social Determinants of Health Interventions!***
- Joining the [Eighth Annual National Summit on Quality in Home Visiting Programs](#) in late January in Washington, DC and invested in successful home visiting for *all* families? Let's talk at the Jan. 31 panel on ***Home Visiting and Immigrant Families in a Dynamic Policy Landscape!***

ON THE MOVE

- Thank you to these colleagues for including MLPB in critical recent conversations:
 - The [Massachusetts Public Health Association](#), which welcomed Dan Hyman at its 2018 Annual Conference & Expo on Nov. 15 as a presenter on *Immigration as a Social Determinant of Health (SDOH): A Quick Primer on Policy Evolution.*
 - The [Care Transformation Collaborative - Rhode Island](#) (CTC-RI), which hosted Jeannine Casselman on Nov. 1 at its Annual Conference as a co-presenter on *Better Care and Lower Costs: Partnering in the Community to Meet Health-Related Social Needs.*
 - [SPH Reads](#), which featured JoHanna Flacks – MLPB's Legal Director and a [2018 Top Women of Law honoree](#) – as part of a lively Oct. 9 panel discussing *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. This 2017 Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Matthew Desmond shines a light on, among other things, [\[t\]he Hidden Health Crisis of Eviction](#).
 - The [Rhode Island Department of Health](#), which welcomed Jeannine Casselman alongside colleagues from [Connect for Health](#) at its [2018 Health Equity Summit](#) in Providence, RI on Sep. 20 – *Innovating SDOH Responsiveness in Primary Care Settings: The MLPB-Connect for Health Partnership that Builds Capacity in Care Teams.*
 - The [Tarrant County Infant Health Network](#), which featured a keynote by Samantha Morton at its [17th Annual Infant Health Summit](#) on Sep. 13 in Fort Worth, TX – *How Beautiful Communities Grow: A Medical-Legal Partnership Success Story.*



NEW TEAM MEMBER



Garssandra (Garsy) Presumey-Leblanc recently joined MLPB for the academic year as part of a volunteer service-learning internship.

I grew up in Greenwich, CT and obtained my bachelor's degree 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!

ON OUR MIND

The New "SDOH Care Team"

- [Why providers, lawyers and community-based workers are the public health dream team \(*FierceHealthcare* 10/8/18\)](#)
- [Immigration-Informed CHWs Link Families to Economic, Social, Legal Supports \(*Salud America!* Sep. 25, 2018\)](#)
- [Who are Community Health Workers, How Do They Treat Patients? \(*Patient Engagement HIT* Jul. 31, 2018\)](#)
- [Community Health Workers are Effective But How to Scale Up? \(*AJPH* Jun. 9, 2018\)](#)

Immigration Status & Health

- [Immigration-related References from MLPB's 9th Annual Conference](#)
- [Medicaid Expansion Improved Health Insurance for Coverage for Immigrants, But Disparities Persist \(*Health Affairs* Oct. 2018\)](#)
- [In New York City, Addressing the Mental Health of Migrant Children Separated from their Parents \(*Health Affairs* Aug. 17, 2018\)](#)
- [Undocumented Immigrants on Dialysis Forced to Cheat Death Every Week \(*CNN* Aug. 2, 2018\)](#)
- [New Dangers for Immigrants and the Health Care System \(*Health Affairs* Apr. 20, 2018\)](#)

Discrimination & Health Disparities

- [Organization of HIV Care Linked to Providers' Moral Judgments of Their Patients \(*BUSPH* Oct. 19, 2018\)](#)
- [Stigma Against Gay People Can be Deadly \(*The New York Times* Oct. 9, 2018\)](#)
- [From Disparities to Discrimination: Getting at the Roots of Food Insecurity in America \(*Children's HealthWatch* Aug. 2018\)](#)

The Opioid Crisis

- [Embracing the Needs of Pregnant Women and Infants in Our Nation's Battle Against the Opioid Crisis \(*Health Affairs* Sep. 24, 2018\)](#)
- [Social determinants are threatening patient outcomes, burnout is a scourge but opioid scripts are down, physicians say \(*Healthcare Finance* Sep. 20, 2018\)](#)
- [Implementing an Integrated Medication-Assisted Treatment Program at Community Health Centers: Lessons from a Pilot Project in California \(*The Urban Institute* Sep. 2018\)](#)
- [Treat Addiction Like Cancer \(*The New York Times* May 19, 2018\)](#)

Housing Instability

- [With Market Hot, Landlords Slam the Door on Section 8 Tenants \(*The New York Times* Oct. 12, 2018\)](#)
- [Timing and Duration of Pre- and Postnatal Homelessness and the Health of Young Children \(*Pediatrics* Oct. 2018\)](#)
- [Rx for Health: A Place to Call Home \(*Health Affairs* Aug. 27, 2018\)](#)
- [How Housing Mobility Efforts are Advancing Health in Dallas \(*Health Affairs* Aug. 20, 2018\)](#)
- [Mapping Out Inclusionary Zoning at the Local Level: City Leadership, Housing, and Health \(*Health Affairs* Aug. 20, 2018\)](#)
- [The Impact of Housing Assistance on the Mental Health of Children in the United States \(*J. of Health and Social Behavior* Aug. 1, 2018\)](#)
- [Why Boston Medical Center is Investing in Housing \(*WBUR CommonHealth* Jun. 27, 2018\)](#)
- [Housing Mobility Programs and Health Outcomes \(*Health Affairs* Jun. 7, 2018\)](#)
- [Housing and Health: An Overview of the Literature \(*Health Affairs* Jun. 7, 2018\)](#)

Income and Health; Transportation Needs

- [Health, Income & Poverty: Where We Are and What Could Help \(*Health Affairs* Oct. 4, 2018\)](#)
- [Effects of Minimum Wages on Population Health \(*Health Affairs* Oct. 4, 2018\)](#)
- [The Earned Income Tax Credit, Poverty, And Health \(*Health Affairs* Oct. 4, 2018\)](#)
- [Shifting Non-Emergency Medical Transportation to Lyft Improves Patient Experience and Lowers Costs \(*Health Affairs* Sep. 13, 2018\)](#)
- [Income Supports for Pregnant Women Improve Outcomes: What Will it Take to Spread the Model? \(*Health Affairs* Aug. 21, 2018\)](#)
- [Most Common Bundles of Public Assistance Benefits for Low-Income Massachusetts Families: A Technical Research Brief \(*UMB Center for Social Policy* Jul. 2018\)](#)
- [Women with Breast Cancer Delay Care When Faced with High Deductibles \(*The New York Times* May 4, 2018\)](#)

- [Supplemental Anticipatory Guidance For Children and Adolescents Experiencing Homelessness \(Health Care for the Homeless Clinicians Network 2018\)](#)

- [Pervasive Income-Based Disparities in Inpatient Bed-Day Rates Across Conditions and Subspecialties \(Health Affairs Apr. 2018\)](#)

Care Transformation: Delivery & Financing that Account for SDOH

- [Optimizing Upstream Health in the Community-Oriented Integrative Domain \(Health Equity Oct. 24, 2018\)](#)
- [Every Older Patient Has a Story. Medical Students Need to Hear It. \(The New York Times Oct. 12, 2018\)](#)
- [Healthcare Anchor Network members addressing the social determinants of health \(Healthcare Anchor Network Oct. 8, 2018\)](#)
- [Maryland Health Enterprise Zones associated with reduced hospitalizations and costs \(Healthcare Finance Oct. 2, 2018\)](#)
- [Medicare Beneficiaries Living in Housing with Supportive Services Experienced Lower Hospital Use Than Others \(Health Affairs Oct. 2018\)](#)
- [Children's Hospital will offer more assistance to families \(The Boston Globe Aug. 28, 2018\)](#)
- [Social Determinants as Public Goods: A New Approach to Financing Key Investments in Healthy Communities \(Health Affairs Aug. 2018\)](#)
- [Supporting Social Service and Health Care Partnerships to Address Health-Related Social Needs: Case Study Series \(Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc. Aug. 2018\)](#)
- [Care that Works: Support and Services at Home \(SASH\) \(Center for Consumer Engagement in Health Innovation Aug. 2018\)](#)
- [Advancing a Health System Transformation Agenda Focused on Achieving Health Equity \(Health Affairs Jul. 23, 2018\)](#)
- [Impact of Risk Adjustment for Socioeconomic Status On Medicare Advantage Plan Quality Rankings \(Health Affairs Jul. 2018\)](#)
- [Rhode Island Aims to Expand Value-Based Care in Medicaid Program \(Health Payer Intelligence May 23, 2018\)](#)
- [A Balanced Investment Portfolio for Equitable Health and Well-Being is an Imperative, and Within Reach \(Health Affairs Apr. 2018\)](#)
- [Addressing \[SDOH\] Through Medicaid Accountable Care Organizations \(Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc. Apr. 2018\)](#)

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