



WELCOME NEW TEAM MEMBERS!

- We are thrilled to welcome seven new members to MLPB's **Advisory Board** - thanks to you all for your service and support!



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We're hiring! Check out these new opportunities and spread the word!

Content Lead

Partnership Coordinator

READY, SET, LAUNCH!
NEW PARTNERSHIP TO STRENGTHEN CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH

- Upstream-ing Housing for Health:** MLPB is thrilled to be counted among the community of *Social Determinants Partnership* collaborators recognized by the the [MA Attorney General's Office on January 8, 2019](#). This ground-breaking program promotes health equity across Commonwealth through cross-sector partnerships that include health care providers, social service organizations, and municipal government agencies.

- We are honored to be partnered with project lead [C3](#) as well as the [Boston Public Health Commission](#) and the [Boston Housing Authority](#) to enhance the health of Boston-based pregnant and parenting mothers with young children through the [Healthy Start in Housing](#) program.

[Check out the Press Release](#) or



[Watch the Press Conference](#)



From L-R

Kara Hurvitz, Program Manager - **MLPB**
 Christina Severin, President and CEO - **Community Care Cooperative**
 Jon Santiago, MA Ninth Suffolk State Representative-Elect
 Maura Healey, Attorney General - **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**
 Monica Valdes Lupi, Executive Director - **Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC)**
 Heavenly Mitchell, Program Director - **BPHC**
 Jennifer Lo, Medical Director - **BPHC**

Photo taken at 1/8/19 press conference

DID YOU KNOW . . .

- . . . that many people with **Temporary Protected Status (TPS)** are going to lose that non-immigrant status soon? Concerned about whether any of your patients/clients might be impacted? Check out our new one pager -- [Temporary Protected Status \(TPS\): Updates for Health and Human Service Teams](#)
- . . . that the **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)** -- which funds a range of critical supportive programs for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault -- **expired on December 22, 2018** when the federal government shut-down went into effect? VAWA's expiration jeopardizes the operations and sustainability of many community-based domestic violence/sexual assault service providers, meaning that survivors may have to find shelter, navigate complex legal systems, and seek trauma-informed mental health care without any support.



The stakes for individuals, families, and the health and human services sector couldn't be higher. Check out this Nov. 2018 blog - [Domestic Violence Homicide Doesn't Just Happen: Moving from Physician Bystander to Advocate](#) -- by Jeannine Casselman (MLPB) and Meghan Geary ([RIH Center for Primary Care](#)), now updated with an Authors' Note.

Meghan and Jeannine's blog is a powerful call to action for increasing interprofessional training and partnership around effectively protecting and empowering victims of intimate partner violence. As a medical educator, I am thrilled to see MLPB engaging health care teams and students around this issue and expanding the conversation about the importance of upstream supports for patients that can prevent a tragedy like the one Meghan described in Rhode Island.

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INTERESTED IN NEW APPROACHES TO FURTHERING CHILD & FAMILY HEALTH IN EARLY CHILDHOOD?

- **LEARN FROM DULCE!**

- *Extra, extra, read all about it!* When early childhood systems partner with pediatrics clinics and the legal community, they can make a huge difference for families with newborns: [**DULCE Legal Partners Drive Improvements in Medi-Cal Enrollment in Two California Counties**](#)
- Thank you to the [**Institute for Healthcare Improvement**](#) for featuring **DULCE** at its **2018 National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care**. It was a pleasure to discuss best practices for *Scaling Up Social Determinants of Health Interventions* with the terrific *Learning Lab* participants as well as our co-presenters from [**Health Begins**](#) and the [**Connecticut Hospital Association**](#).

- **LET'S CONNECT!**

- Attending [**Health Action 2019**](#) convened by [**Families USA**](#) in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 24-26, 2019? Let's have a dialogue during [**ACEs as a Social Determinant of Health: Innovations and Interventions**](#).
- Joining the [**Eighth Annual National Summit on Quality in Home Visiting Programs**](#) hosted by [**The Ounce of Prevention Fund**](#) from Jan. 30-Feb.1 in Washington, D.C.? Invested in successful home visiting for **all** families? Let's talk on Jan. 31 during [**Home Visiting and Immigrant Families in a Dynamic Policy Landscape**](#) — featuring [**Healthy Families Massachusetts**](#) and its program enhancement with MLPB, among other innovations in this field!

ON OUR MIND

Do you value a curation of recent scholarship and press relating to SDOH and how people's legal risks, rights and remedies intersect with health and well-being? We do. Check out what was [**On Our Mind**](#) in 2018.

MLPB equips health and human service workforces with upstream problem-solving strategies that improve people's social determinants of health. Leveraging our public interest law expertise, we advance health equity for individuals, families and communities.

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