

SAVE THE DATES!

<p>Aug. 16</p>	<p>Fall River-area stakeholders, want to be strengths-based when communicating with people about social determinants of health?</p>	<p>Nov. 7</p>	<p>Join us! MLPB's 9th annual conference will be held on Wednesday, November 7 in Boston.</p>
<p>Download the flyer for more information on how to join MLPB and Saint Anne's Hospital for a free, two-hour roundtable on Aug. 16.</p>		<p>Registration details coming soon...</p>	

CAN WE TALK? *Understanding Structural Competence*

- Talking with people about social, economic, and environmental barriers to health requires specific capacity – including **structural competence** - in order for the interaction to be helpful and not harmful. Learn more about this important concept in a **blog** post by MLPB Legal Director **JoHanna Flacks**, published as part of a symposium stemming from **Northeastern University School of Law's** 2018 Annual Health Law Conference: **Diseases of Despair: The Role of Policy of Law**



IN THE NEWS

- MLPB is honored to be part of a **SHIFT-Care initiative** recently awarded to **Steward Health Care Network** by the **Massachusetts Health Policy Commission**. Collaborators will work together in new ways to meet the health-related social needs of people with substance use disorders in Southeast Massachusetts

ON OUR MIND

Care Transformation: Delivery & Financing that Account for SDOH

- [Advancing a Health System Transformation Agenda Focused on Achieving Health Equity](#) (*Health Affairs*, 7/23/18)
- [Impact of Risk Adjustment for Socioeconomic Status on Medicare Advantage Plan Quality Rankings](#) (*Health Affairs*, Jul. 2018)
- [The Future of Healthcare is Already Here](#) (*The Boston Globe*, 07/29/2018)
- [Is It Getting Harder to Care for Poor Patients?](#) (*The New York Times*, 6/26/18)
- [What Barbershops Can Teach About Delivering Health Care](#) (*The New York Times*, 5/21/18)
- [Prioritizing Social Determinants of Health in Medicaid ACO Programs: A Conversation with Two Pioneering States \[MN and RI\]](#) (*Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc.*, 5/2/18)
- [Making the Case for Addressing Health Disparities: What Drives Providers and Payers?](#) (*Health Equity*, 5/1/18)
- [Addressing Social Determinants to Improve Patient Care and Promote Health Equity: An American College of Physicians Position Paper](#) (*Annals of Internal Medicine*, 4/17/18)

Housing Instability

- [Trends in Homeless Children and Young Adults Seeking Shelter in a Boston Emergency Department Following State Housing Policy Changes, 2011-2016](#) (*AJPH*, Aug. 2018/published on-line 7/11/18)
- [Subsidized Housing and Adult Asthma in Boston, 2010-2015](#) (*AJPH*, Aug. 2018/published on-line 7/11/18)
- [Children with Special Health Care Needs and Disabilities: Solutions for Stable Homes](#) (*Children's HealthWatch, Boston Medical Center*, 2018)
- [Housing as a Hub for Health, Community Services, and Upward Mobility](#) (*Brookings*, 3/15/18)

Utility and Transportation

- [Curtailing Medicaid's transportation benefit is 'penny-wise and pound-foolish'](#) (*STAT*, 7/30/18)
- ['Totally Preventable': How a Sick Woman Lost Electricity, and Her Life](#) (*The New York Times*, 7/13/18)
- [Nights are Warming Faster than Days. Here's Why That's Dangerous.](#) (*The New York Times*, 7/11/18)
- [What 'Merle' Taught Me About Energy Insecurity And Health](#) (*Health Affairs*, Mar. 2018)
- [A Scan of Transportation Options Available for Older People in Massachusetts](#) (*Tufts Health Plan Foundation*)

Food Insecurity

- [Targeted Policies Can Reduce the Harmful Consequences of Food Insecurity for Children](#) (*Society for Research in Child Development*, May 2018)
- [Custom meals could help curb hospital stays for people with chronic disease](#) (*STAT News*, 4/2/18)
- [Spooked by Trump Proposals, Immigrants Abandon Public Nutrition Services](#) (*The New York Times*, 3/6/18)

Education & Employment

- [Ready, Set, Learn: Ensuring Children are School Ready](#) (*Community Catalyst*, 7/23/18)
- [School Readiness: The Next Essential Quality Metric for Children](#) (*Health Affairs*, 7/18/18)
- [Improving Individual And Community Health Through Better Employment Opportunities](#) (*Health Affairs*, 5/8/18)

Criminal System Involvement

- [Health Inspectors Visit Prisons After Receiving Complaints About Heat](#) (*The Boston Globe*, 7/13/18)
- [Modern Justice. Using Data to Reinvent America's Crisis Response Systems](#) (*Laura and John Arnold Foundation*, May 2018)

Earned Income Tax Credit

- [A Credit to Health: The Health Effects of the Earned Income Tax Credit](#) (*Massachusetts Budget & Policy Center*, 5/3/18)
- [US Doctors are Offering Free Tax Preparation for Low-Income Families Right in the Waiting Room](#) (*Quartz*, 4/16/18)

Race, Racism & Health

- [Why America's Black Mothers and Babies Are in a Life-or-Death Crisis](#) (*The New York Times*, 4/11/18)
- [What's the Connection Between Residential Segregation and Health?](#) (*RWJF Culture of Health Blog*, 4/3/18)
- [Snapshot: Black Maternal Health in the United States](#) (*National Partnership for Women & Families*, Apr. 2018)
- [Medicare Program Associated with Narrowing Hospital Readmissions Disparities Between Black and White Patients](#) (*Health Affairs*, Apr. 2018)

Immigration Status & Health

- [The Challenges for Doctors Treating Migrant Children Separated from their Parents](#) (*The New York Times*, 6/25/18)
- [Under a Trump Proposal, Lawful Immigrants Might Shun Medical Care](#) (*NPR*, 5/10/18)
- [Living as an Immigrant Family in America: How Fear and Toxic Stress are Affecting Daily Life, Well-Being, and Health](#) (*Kaiser Family Foundation*, 12/13/17)

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