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MLPB is hiring a Part-Time Communications Coordinator!

With our growing reach, MLPB is seeking a coordinator who will contribute to and implement a communications strategy across multiple outlets. The coordinator will support MLPB's website, newsletter, blog, social media, and subscription-only Unlocking Access Hub which houses training and educational content.

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SPOTLIGHT ON: RI

Earlier this month MLPB's Law & Policy Director, Jeannine Casselman, and Partnership & Project Manager, Jeff Gilbert, attended the Rhode to Equity conference in Providence.

The <u>Rhode to Equity</u> is an innovative funding opportunity made available through the RI Executive Office of Health and Human Services (RI-EOHHS) Health Systems Transformation Project (HSTP).



The intent of this twelve-month learning and action collaborative is to provide 6 crosssector teams with the opportunity to test and evaluate strategies that will build leadership and operational capacity for clinical-community linkages, and enhance place-based initiative's ability to improve both health and social outcomes. MLPB has been proud to support the Rhode to Equity teams in increasing their capacity to engage in legal problem solving strategies.



The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court issued a decision in early May to make sealing of criminal records mandatory where a person has been acquitted of a crime. For more information about this significant shift in criminal records sealing, check out MLPB's Massachusetts <u>Digital Digest</u>.



In April, MLPB Law & Policy Consultants Nedhi Texeira and Kate Gannon participated in a workshop with <u>GenUnity</u>'s Health Equity Leadership program. Recently, Nedhi was able to attend the celebration for the graduating cohort. We love collaborating with GenUnity, and we admire their innovative work to empower community members to make change in the health equity space.

Thanks to GenUnity for the beautiful photos!





... to our Summer 2023 intern, Serenity Truth!



"I am a rising junior at <u>Wellesley College</u> majoring in Political Science and minoring in Biology, interning at MLPB through the <u>Lumpkin Summer Institute for Service</u> <u>Learning</u>. Through my liberal arts college, I have been able to take classes outside of my major and became interested in the intersection of biology and political science. In particular, I am focusing on health disparities which highlight the complexity of the individual and the necessity to view them holistically. At MLPB, I am excited to learn about legal approaches to immigration, housing, and food insecurity that put the individual first."

