

2021 Student Forum Speaker Biographies

Michael Doonan, PhD, Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

Michael Doonan is an associate professor and Director for the Masters of Public Policy Program, Schneider Institute for Health Policy at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University. He is the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Health Policy Forum. His Ph.D. from Brandeis is both in Political Science and Health Services Research. His research and publications focus on issues related to access to health care reform, federalism, Medicaid, federal/state relations, public health and the politics and economics of health system change. He speaks widely on state and national health care reform. He is author of *American Federalism in Practice: The Formulation and Implementation of Contemporary Health Policy*, published by the Brookings Institute Press in 2013.

Michael worked as program specialist for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), in the area of Medicaid managed care and state health care reform. He served as a member of President Clinton's Health Care Taskforce working primarily on the Low-Income and Working Families work group, and as a member of the Taskforce Speakers Bureau. Michael also worked as a fellow for the U.S. Senate Finance Committee as they considered national reform in 1994. He began his career as a legislative aide for Senator John Kerry where he worked on health and environmental issues.

In 1984, Governor Michael S. Dukakis appointed Phil the Secretary of Health and Human Services in Massachusetts. As Secretary, he was responsible for the administration of seventeen state agencies

in the health and human services field, which comprised over fifty percent of the state budget. Just prior to his appointment as Secretary, Phil had begun his fifth consecutive term as an elected State Representative from the Fourth Plymouth District of Massachusetts.

Philip W. Johnston, Chairman, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

Philip W. Johnston is the President and Founder of Johnston Associates, LLC, a communications and public affairs consulting firm founded in 1996. Phil began his career by founding and serving as Executive Director of the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps, one of the top juvenile justice and social services agencies in the country.

In 1984, Governor Michael S. Dukakis appointed Phil the Secretary of Health and Human Services in Massachusetts. In 1991, Phil served as the Executive Director of Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights, in Washington, D.C. In 1992, he was appointed by President Clinton to serve as the New England Administrator of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He served in that role until 1996 when he became a Democratic candidate for the US Congress in the 10th District of Massachusetts.

In 2002, he was appointed to Chair the Board of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation. He has served on many Boards including Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, University of Massachusetts and Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights. Phil is the Board Chair of the Massachusetts Health Policy Forum, an organization funded by Massachusetts

health providers and payors, which serves both as a health policy research organization and as a convener of key players in the health field to address health policy issues confronting the state and the nation. The Forum is affiliated with Brandeis University.

Phil received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst (Honors in History) and a Master of Arts degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Representative Denise Garlick, Vice Chair, House and Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Massachusetts State House

Denise Garlick was elected to the House of Representatives in 2010, representing the 13th Norfolk District, composed of Needham, Dover and Medfield. She is a registered nurse with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Currently, she serves as the Vice Chair of the House and Joint Committees on Ways and Means, which is responsible for crafting the state's annual budget and considering all legislation affecting the finances of the Commonwealth. She has previously served as the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, Chair of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs, Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee on Education and on the Joint Committees on: Public Health, Healthcare Financing and Mental Health and Substance Abuse. Before serving in state government she was a member of a number of elected and appointed boards. Previously serving on Needham's Board of Selectmen, she was responsible for municipal issues of education, public safety, public works and public health, and helped to manage a budget of more than \$100 million. She also served as the Chair of the Needham Board of Health and as a Town Meeting Member.

In 2006, Denise founded and chaired the Needham Coalition for Suicide Prevention, which continues its work today and serves as a model for communities across the United States. She also chaired the Needham Senior Center Exploratory Committees, which lead the charge in constructing a \$8.2 million Senior Center. Denise and her husband, Russell, are long-time residents of Needham, Massachusetts. They are the proud parents of four children.

**Christie Hager, JD, MPH
Associate Vice Chancellor and Managing Director, University of Massachusetts Medical School—Commonwealth Medicine**

Christie Hager, a public health lawyer, is an Associate Vice Chancellor and Managing Director of health law and policy research and evaluation at Commonwealth Medicine, the public service consulting and operations division of University of Massachusetts Medical School. Christie has spent most of her career in state and federal government service. She was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as the Regional Director of Region I of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where she oversaw the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in the six New England states from 2010-2014. Prior to her service in the Obama Administration, she was Chief Health Counsel to the Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives during the development, drafting, and first three years of implementation of the Massachusetts health reform law enacted in 2006. She also previously served in senior executive roles at Beacon Health Options, a national managed behavioral health organization, focusing largely on behavioral health and substance use disorder services for publicly insured populations. Christie's first post-graduate position was Research

Assistant to the editorial leadership at the New England Journal of Medicine, and since then she has held research and operations positions at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in the Division of Public Health Practice, and at the Schneider Institute for Health Policy at Brandeis University's Heller School, where she was appointed the first Senior Fellow. She has served as Chair of the American Public Health Association's Health Law Forum, President of the Massachusetts Public Health Association, and Co-Chair of the Health Law Section of the Boston Bar Association.

**Sarah Sabshon, Healthcare Policy Analyst,
Office of House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo,
Massachusetts State House**

Sarah Sabshon serves as the Healthcare Policy Analyst for Massachusetts House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. She previously served as Chief of Staff for State Representative Jeffrey Sánchez, during his appointment as House Chair of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing. Sarah began her career at the State House as a research analyst for the Joint Committee on Public Health. In her various roles, she has worked on education and housing policy, and a variety of healthcare policy issues, including hospital financing and provider price variation, Medicaid managed care, opioid and substance use disorders, compounding pharmacy standards, violence prevention, women's health, long-term care, and tobacco regulation. Before her time in the legislature, Sarah worked for several years in healthcare policy consulting. She is also a former ORISE Fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Sarah holds an MPH from Boston University School of Public Health and a BA with honors in Public Health and Creative Writing from Johns Hopkins University.

**Martha Kwasnick, General Counsel,
Senate Committee on Ways and Means,
Massachusetts State House**

Martha Kwasnik serves as General Counsel to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and is responsible for overseeing legislation before the committee. Prior to becoming General Counsel, Martha was Health Policy Director for the committee, responsible for overseeing healthcare legislation and policy matters before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, including policy considerations related to the state Medicaid budget. Previously, Martha served as a Legal Fellow in the Governor's Office of Legal Counsel, under former Governor Deval Patrick. Martha is a graduate of Boston College Law School where she completed a fellowship through the Boston Children's Hospital's Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) program.

**Brian Rosman, Legislative Director, Senator
Jo Comerford**

Brian Rosman has had a long career promoting progressive public policy in Massachusetts. Before joining Senator Comerford's staff, Brian was the Policy and Government Relations Director of Health Care For All (HCFA), the leading Massachusetts non-profit organization advocating for health justice by promoting health equity, affordable coverage and quality care for everyone in Massachusetts. At HCFA for 15 years, he managed legislative strategy, drafted bills and testified frequently before the legislature and state agencies. He played a major advocacy role in passing the state's 2006 health reform law that became the basis for the Affordable Care Act, as well as key delivery system reform, MassHealth coverage expansion,

oral health, children's health and public health initiatives.

While at HCFA, Brian also taught health policy to Masters students at Brandeis University and nursing students at Regis College. Before joining HCFA, Brian was a policy researcher on federal health care issues at Brandeis University.

He was a senior staffer in the Massachusetts State House from 1989-1993 and 1995-1998, serving the Senate Ways and Means and Health Care committees, where he led efforts to expand Medicaid to low-income children, the model for the federal CHIP law. He got his start in policy work as Policy Director for California Congressman Tom Lantos, where he helped pass an expansion of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and start the Congressional Human Rights Caucus.

Brian has a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania and was an undergraduate at Stanford. He grew up in Tucson, Arizona, is a huge Bruce Springsteen fan, and is excited to be a grandfather.

Timothy O'Neill, Committee Director, Joint Committee on Health Care Financing, Massachusetts State House

Timothy O'Neill is the Committee Director for the Massachusetts state legislature's Joint Committee on Health Care Financing. An experienced manager of legislative and committee affairs, Timothy has served in senior staff positions in both the Massachusetts House of Representatives and State Senate. As Committee Director, he is responsible for the development and implementation of the Committee's legislative agenda, which includes health care cost and quality reform; patient safety

and health care consumer rights; professional scope of practice and the realignment of the health care workforce; chronic disease prevention, management and wellness initiatives; local and regional public health governance; emergency planning and cross-jurisdictional response coordination; biotechnology and life science priorities; and economic and tax policies related to healthcare. In addition to the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing, Timothy has managed committee affairs for the Joint Committee on Energy, the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, and the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security in the Senate, and the Joint Committee on Public Health in both the Senate and House of Representatives. A graduate of Marquette University, Timothy lives in the State House but maintains a residence in Hingham, Massachusetts with his wife Elizabeth and their daughters Claire and Eleanor.

**Cecilia Nava, Fiscal Policy Analyst, House Committee on Ways & Means
Massachusetts House of Representatives**

Cecilia Nava is a Senior Fiscal Policy Analyst for the House Committee on Ways & Means. She helps craft the Massachusetts state budget for the Department of Public Health and Department of Mental Health accounts. Previously, Cecilia worked in both scheduling and constituent services with former House Ways & Means Chair Jeffrey Sánchez. With a B.A. in Intercultural Studies from Hope International University, Cecilia believes in listening to all parties involved in community decision-making to incorporate locals and those normally overlooked. She is a writer and artist.

Kate Alicante, Research Analyst, Joint Committee on Public Health, Massachusetts State House

Kate serves in the Joint Committee on Public Health at the Massachusetts State House as a Research Analyst. She summarizes, analyzes, and makes recommendations on pending public health legislation and meets with stakeholders, lobbyists, and advocates regarding matters before the Committee to inform her analysis and recommendations. In addition, she independently researches a variety of current health issues by attending conferences and forums and reviewing the news and reports.

Prior to joining the Committee, Kate researched housing as a public health issue with Boston University School of Public Health and Massachusetts Law Reform Institute and served as a Government Relations intern with Fenway Health and the Perinatal Neonatal Quality Improvement Network.

Kate earned her MPH from Boston University School of Public Health with a concentration in Health Law & Policy and her B.S. in Health Sciences with a concentration in Public Health from the University of Florida.

Elizabeth M. Ganz, Legislative Director and General Counsel, Office of Senator Julian Cyr

Liz has spent her legal career advocating to improve health care for Massachusetts residents. Most recently, she worked as a staff attorney at Health Law Advocates providing free legal representation to low-income clients experiencing challenges accessing health care services. Joining Senator Cyr's office marks a return to the State House for Liz who worked as a Research Analyst for the Massachusetts

Legislature's Joint Committee on Health Care just after graduating from law school. She has also worked at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and as a certified SHINE counselor helping clients understand their health insurance options under Medicare and Medicaid. Liz holds a J.D. with a Health Law Concentration from Boston University School of Law and a B.A. in International Studies from Dickinson College.

Senator Joanne Comerford, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Public Health, Massachusetts State House

Jo Comerford represents the Hampshire, Franklin, Worcester district in the State Senate. Jo previously worked for the Center for Human Development leading a crisis intervention outreach team through the focus on addressing the myriad and often intersecting root causes of crisis. She then organized for seven years as the director of the western Massachusetts American Friends Service Committee, before moving to direct the programs of The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts where she worked to meet the immediate demands of hunger. After The Food Bank, Jo led National Priorities Project, a national budget and tax priorities research organization, as its executive director. NPP garnered a Nobel Peace Prize nomination in Jo's final year. After NPP, Jo was a Campaign Director for MoveOn focusing on a range of issues from gun safety to health care. Jo is the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Health, and the Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Higher Education.

Ray Campbell, Executive Director, Center for Health Information and Analysis

Ray Campbell is the Executive Director of the Center for Health Information and

Analysis, an independent state authority charged with collecting data and conducting analyses on the Massachusetts healthcare system. Prior to joining CHIA, Ray was at the state's Group Insurance Commission in a variety of capacities, including acting Deputy Director and interim Executive Director. In addition to stints working as an independent consultant, from 2005 through 2012 Ray was the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Health Data Consortium, a multi-stakeholder non-profit comprised of virtually every organization in Massachusetts active in using health IT and health data to improve healthcare. While at MHDC he was involved in a wide range of public and private initiatives, both locally and nationally, relating to health IT, health information exchange, health data, administrative simplification, and payment reform. Ray's other public sector experience includes service as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Corporation for Educational Telecommunications, as the General Counsel of the Massachusetts Information Technology Division, and the Director of Special Projects at the Massachusetts Executive Office for Administration and Finance. Over the years Ray has served on numerous public and private boards, committees, and workgroups. He has an MPA from the Kennedy School of Government, a JD from Suffolk University Law School, and a BA from Bates College.

Audrey Morse Gasteier, Chief of Policy and Strategy, Massachusetts Health Connector

Audrey Morse Gasteier serves as Chief of Policy and Strategy at the Massachusetts Health Connector. She leads policy development and strategy related to the Health Connector's role as a state-based health insurance marketplace, program and

product design, policy research, government affairs, and outreach and communication efforts aimed at engagement with consumers and employers. Prior to joining the Health Connector in 2012, she served as Director of Health Systems Policy at the Massachusetts Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, where she managed implementation of key regulatory elements of state health reform and led health coverage research initiatives and policy analysis. She also served as a Policy Analyst at the Association of Community Human Service Agencies in Los Angeles, California. Audrey holds a MS in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and a BA from Mount Holyoke College.

Dan Tsai, Assistant Secretary for MassHealth and Medicaid Director, Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Daniel Tsai is the Assistant Secretary for MassHealth and Medicaid Director for the Commonwealth. Tsai was appointed in January 2015 by Governor Charlie Baker to oversee the state's Medicaid program, which covers over one in four residents in the Commonwealth, including some of its most vulnerable citizens. He is responsible for developing new policies, payments, models, and operational processes that ensure a sustainable MassHealth program and improve the way health care is delivered to each of its 1.8 million members. During his time as Assistant Secretary, MassHealth has undergone the most significant restructuring since the 1990's with the implementation of its Accountable Care Organization Program. The agency has also contained spending growth from historical double digits to single digits while maintaining robust coverage for members.

Before joining HHS, Tsai was a Partner and leader in McKinsey & Company's Healthcare Systems and Services practice. He has significant experience on the design and implementation of innovative, state-wide health care payment systems for Medicaid, Medicare, and Commercial populations, and has worked closely with multiple state Medicaid programs, private payers, and health services companies. He received a Bachelor of Arts in applied mathematics and economics from Harvard University.

Assistant Secretary Tsai lives with his wife and son in Cambridge. He volunteers at a local community health center in Boston's South End.

David Seltz, Executive Director, Health Policy Commission

David Seltz is the first Executive Director of the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission. Prior to this role, Mr. Seltz was the chief health care advisor for then-Senate President Therese Murray and served as the Special Advisor on health care for former Governor Deval Patrick (MA). Through these positions, Mr. Seltz advised the passage of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006 and Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012. Mr. Seltz is a 2003 graduate of Boston College and originally from Minnesota. He was a recipient of Modern HealthCare's 2015 Up and Comer Award, which recognizes young executives that have made significant contributions in the areas of healthcare administration, management, or policy.

Brooke Doyle, M.Ed., LMHC, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

Brooke Doyle was appointed Commissioner for the Department of Mental Health on October 30, 2020. A Licensed Mental Health

Counselor (LMHC), Commissioner Doyle has both clinical and management experience, and is a long-time champion for mental health parity and mental health access. Her experience in the fields of homelessness and substance use disorders is critical as we continue to reduce barriers to service access. Prior to being appointed as Commissioner, she served as the Deputy Commissioner for Mental Health Services where she oversaw DMH's adult service delivery system, led inter-agency planning and projects, and provided administrative and clinical leadership for all aspects of DMH statewide service compliance monitoring. Commissioner Doyle is an alumna of the University of Massachusetts where she received both her M.Ed. in Rehabilitation Counseling and her B.A. in Psychology.

Alan Sager, Ph.D., Boston University, School of Public Health

Alan Sager is a professor of health law, policy, and management at the BUSPH, where he has taught for 75 semesters. His courses on health finance, policy, planning, and management have won fourteen awards. He directs the School's Health Reform Program.

In 1979, he designed a "time banking" method of mobilizing voluntary aid for disabled citizens by creating a parallel economy of good deeds. Volunteers could contribute time by helping others and then withdraw it when they needed support.

His ongoing analyses of hospital closings in 52 U.S. cities over 80 years have shown that neighborhood race and hospital size predict survival but efficiency does not. Closings undermine access while boosting cost substantially.

He suggests that U.S. prescription drug prices and out-of-pocket payments must be cut to make needed meds affordable for all Americans—and that this can be done by paying prizes to reward drug makers that actually innovate. Alan Sager holds an undergrad degree in economics from Brandeis and a doctorate in city planning from MIT.

Martha Bebinger, Reporter, WBUR

Martha Bebinger covers health care and other topics at WBUR, the NPR affiliate in Boston. She has won dozens of regional and national awards in 20 years as a reporter, including the Nieman Fellowship for Journalism at Harvard University. Bebinger has a BA in Art and Semiotics from Brown University and an MA in English from Boston University. She is the mother of three adventurous young men.

Amy Rosenthal, Executive Director, Health Care for All

Amy Rosenthal has more than 25 years of expertise in health care, public policy, politics, and philanthropy and a wide variety of prior experience in multiple sectors – hospitals, state government, political campaigns, a foundation, and non-profit advocacy organizations. She worked previously as the Director of External Affairs & Campaigns at Community Catalyst (CC), where she held several key positions since 2006. Amy has played a leadership role within Protect Our Care, a coalition of national organizations engaged in the current health care defense efforts; worked with the White House and Health and Human Services during the Obama Administration on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA); led CC's federal agenda and work with other national

organizations and Congressional offices and co-led CC's campaign to pass the ACA.

Amy has a Master in Public Health degree from Harvard University, a Master in Public Affairs degree with a concentration in Non-Profit Management from Indiana University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Studies from Northwestern University.

Michael Caljouw, Vice President of Public, Government, and Regulatory Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

Michael Caljouw is Vice President for State Government and Regulatory Affairs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts where he leads the largest Massachusetts health plan's regulatory, policy and legislative agenda. He also leads the company's Contracts and Governmental Mandates divisions where he has overseen the plan's implementation of all COVID-19-related laws and regulations since March.

Prior to Blue Cross, Mr. Caljouw was Senior Counsel at the international law firm, Holland and Knight, advising clients on regulatory compliance, administrative law and insurance law. Mr. Caljouw was the Deputy Director, General Counsel and Chief of Staff for the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation where he supervised the regulation of health plans, insurance companies, banks, energy and telecommunication companies. His administrative simplification work received the Better Government Award during this tenure. Mr. Caljouw was General Counsel to the Massachusetts Division of Insurance where he led the implementation of new health care laws and reviewed high-profile corporate mergers and acquisitions and contentious insurance rate filings. Mr.

Caljouw previously directed the Office of the Senate Minority Leader as Chief of Staff and Legal Counsel at the Massachusetts State House.

Mr. Caljouw graduated from Boston Latin School, Williams College and Suffolk University Law School, where he was an Editor of the Law Review and earned his Juris Doctorate *cum laude*. He taught at Boston University School of Law and appears often as a guest lecturer and expert on topics of interest to the health care, legal and public policy community. Most recently, he has lectured and written extensively on health care reform, policies related to drug costs and pricing and cost containment efforts affecting Massachusetts and the nation. He has been profiled in the *Boston Sunday Globe* and *Suffolk Law Alumni Magazine*.

He is a Director of the Massachusetts Health Policy Forum, Families First Massachusetts and is a Trustee of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation. He serves on the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission's Advisory Council and the Board of Advisors for the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy where he mentors emerging leaders in health law and public policy. He has received Suffolk University Law School's Outstanding Service Award. Mr. Caljouw and his wife Ann-Margaret reside in Milton, Massachusetts.

Secretary Marylou Sudders, Massachusetts Secretary of Health and Human Services

Marylou Sudders serves as the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, overseeing 12 agencies and MassHealth, with a combined budget of \$24 billion and 22,000 public employees delivering essential

services that touch the lives of 1 in 4 state residents.

Since joining Governor Baker's cabinet in January 2015, Sudders has advanced strategic policy priorities, including: restructuring MassHealth into a population-based health coverage system, reforming the child welfare system, addressing the opioid epidemic, integrating physical and behavioral health care, and strengthening community-based services.

Sudders co-chairs the Governor's Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness, the Governor's Interagency Council on Aging, and chairs the Autism Commission and the board of Massachusetts Health Connector, the state's health insurance marketplace.

Sudders has held leadership roles across the public and private sectors, including serving as the Massachusetts Commissioner of Mental Health, a non-profit CEO, and associate professor and program chair at Boston College School of Social Work, a top ten nationally-ranked program.

Sudders holds a bachelor's degree with honors and a master's degree in social work from Boston University, and honorary doctorates from the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology and Bridgewater State University. She is the recipient of many civic, social work, and professional honors.

Lindsey Tucker, Associate Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Lindsey Tucker serves as the Associate Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, responsible for the Department's Bureaus of Community

Health and Prevention and Family Health and Nutrition and the Office of Problem Gambling.

As Associate Commissioner, Tucker helps to oversee the agency's 3,000 member public health workforce and promote its mission to prevent illness, injury, and premature death; ensure access to high quality public health and health care services; and promote wellness and health equity for all people in the Commonwealth.

Tucker has over 15 years of experience leading health care reform efforts and working to eliminate health disparities and promote health care access and health equity. She previously held leadership positions in the Vermont Department of Health Access and was the founding chief executive of Vermont Health Connect, a state-operated health insurance marketplace. In Massachusetts, her background includes work for Health Care For All and the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation.

Tucker holds a master's degree from the Harvard School of Public Health and a BA from Yale College.

Rachael Cain, Assistant Director of Programs and Services, Office of Problem Gambling Services, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Rachael Cain, DrPH, is the Assistant Director of Programs and Services in the Office of Problem Gambling Services at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In this role, Dr. Cain leads the implementation and evaluation of more than twenty programs. Dr. Cain has a decade of public health experience working in government and nonprofits, including

serving as the Deputy Executive Director for the Delaware Public Health Institute and a Senior Public Health Associate with the Town of Needham, Massachusetts. Dr. Cain also taught and supported graduate public health courses at Boston University and Drexel University. She is a Doctor of Public Health graduate from Boston University School of Public Health and holds a Master of Public Health degree from Drexel University's Dornsife School of Public Health.

Nicole Daley, Director, Division of Violence and Injury Prevention, Bureau of Community Health and Prevention, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Nicole Daley is the Director of the Division of Violence and Injury Prevention at the MA Department of Public Health. She served as Program Director of the Start Strong: Building Healthy Teen Relationships Initiative at the Boston Public Health Commission for over 8 years and the Director of Evaluation and Engagement at the One Love Foundation for 2 years. She holds a BA from Wesleyan University and an MPH from Boston University School of Public Health. Her expertise is in the field of teen dating violence prevention, healthy relationship promotion, program and partnership development. She has led teams to develop innovative curriculum for teens and adults on healthy relationships, teen dating violence, media literacy, and healthy break-ups. She has a passion for supporting young people in being change agents in addressing teen dating violence. Her work has been featured in the Boston Globe and The New York Times.

Jessica Del Rosario, Director, Community Initiatives, Bureau of Community Health and Prevention

Jessica del Rosario has close to twenty years of experience in the nonprofit, philanthropic and public sector. Jessica has a diverse background in organizational development and subject matter content in the areas of emergency/basic needs, food systems, health, and housing and community development. Currently, Jessica is a Director of Community Initiatives at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In this role she oversees the Mass in Motion Municipal Wellness and Leadership Initiative, working with 27 partners, who collaborate with a diverse network in 70 cities, towns, and neighborhoods throughout the Commonwealth to implement proven policies and practices that create environments supportive of healthy living. Previously she was the Project Director for the Massachusetts Convergence Partnership, a public/private funder collaborative and worked at the Boston Foundation as an Associated Grant Makers Diversity Fellow then as a Program Officer. Earlier in her career, Jessica held various positions at hunger relief organizations (two food banks, a food pantry, and a soup kitchen) and private sector firms (human resources, technology, management, and policy).

Jessica received her bachelor's degree in sociology and political science from the University of Connecticut and a Master of Public Administration from Seton Hall University. Jessica's work is guided by an inquisitive nature as a lifelong learner and a belief that her leadership is at its best when bringing people together to achieve common goals. She lives in Randolph with her partner Tim.

**Kirby Lecy
Project Coordinator, State Office of Rural Health, Bureau of Community Health and Prevention, Massachusetts Department of Public Health**

Kirby Lecy is the Project Coordinator for the State Office of Rural Health, Bureau of Community Health and Prevention at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. She received her MPH from UMass Amherst School of Public Health & Health Sciences and Bachelor of Arts from Franklin Pierce College.

Sharon Lee, Environmental Analyst/Program Manager, Environmental Public Health Program, Bureau of Environmental Health, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Sharon Lee is a Senior Environmental Analyst in the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Health's Environmental Epidemiology Program. Sharon earned a Bachelor of Arts from Colby College and a Master of Public Health as a Community Scholar from Boston University School of Public Health. She has over 15 years of experience assessing indoor environmental conditions and exposure concerns at schools and public buildings throughout the Commonwealth. Since becoming Program Manager for Massachusetts Environmental Public Health Tracking, Sharon has focused on enhancing communication materials and tools built specifically for local planners and public health practitioners. She is excited to add more environmental datasets to the Tracking website and focus on collaborative projects that bring data to action.

**Ben Wood, MPH, Director, Division of
Community Health Planning and
Engagement, Bureau of Community Health
and Prevention, Massachusetts Department
of Public Health**

Ben Wood is the Director of the Office of Community Health Planning and Engagement for the MA Department of Public Health, Division of Prevention and Wellness. In that role, he works with communities, state agencies and other stakeholders to increase knowledge of how policies, projects and plans of all types impact health and to develop capacity for collaborative community health improvement planning. This work includes building capacity for the practice of Health Impact Assessment with a focus on built environment related issues, oversight of the Mass in Motion Municipal Wellness and Leadership Program and the development and implementation of tools for the Community Health Initiative component of the Determination of Need program. Previous to working for MDPH, Ben was most recently the Director of Public Health for the City of Northampton. Among other accomplishments he led Northampton's participation as a beta-test site for the newly formed Public Health Accreditation Board. He has significant experience in community health assessment, health improvement planning and policy development. He has presented at numerous state and national public health conferences on topics ranging from emergency preparedness and aging and disability issues and Health Impact Assessment. He was a member of the executive leadership team of the first permanent steering committee of the Society of Practitioners of Health Impact Assessment and received the Public Service Award from the Massachusetts Public Health Association in in 2015. He received

his MPH from the University of Michigan, School of Public Health and a Bachelor of Arts from Hampshire College. Ben lives in Northampton, Massachusetts.