

AGING AND HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS (HRSN) IN THE OCEAN STATE: REFINING PRIORITIES FOR STRENGTHS-BASED DETECTION, TRIAGE, AND RESPONSE

MLPB is convening a **Learning-and-Action Lab** to inform and improve HRSN screening, referring, and problem-solving strategies impacting older adults who live in Rhode Island. During Phase I, the Lab brought together and honored the perspectives of people with lived experience and professional expertise.

In Phase II, the Learning Lab will expand to include representatives from primary care practices serving older adults, and MLPB will be joined by the **Care Transformation Collaborative (CTC-RI)** to support implementation of practice transformation strategies.



PHASE I (THE LEARNING LAB) ESTABLISHING VALUES AND SETTING PRIORITIES

Over four sessions, members:

- Informed the development of a Charter that will guide how the Lab communicates and how available data and information will inform priority-setting among a landscape of potential health-related social need priorities; and
- Identified and prioritized several health-related needs facing older adults (as well as their related structural drivers) that will animate Phase 2 of the Lab's work, based on learning from external sources as well as Lab members themselves.

Phase 1 intentionally centered both older adult constituents and service organizations serving that population, as opposed to medical providers, who will be welcomed during Phase 2.

PHASE II (THE ACTION LAB) BEST PRACTICES FOR STRENGTHS-BASED SCREENING, TRIAGE, AND RESPONSE

Over five sessions slated to start in fall 2023, the Learning Lab will expand to include representatives from primary care practices serving older adults, and MLPB will be joined by the **Care Transformation Collaborative (CTC-RI)** to support implementation of practice transformation strategies.

[Click here by 7/21 to fill out a short interest form if you would like to participate and/or learn more!](#)

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What Phase II participating members commit to:

- Attending at least 4 of the 5 Phase II virtual meetings and sharing perspectives during those sessions.
- Reviewing background materials shared in advance of each meeting

What MLPB commit to members:

- Facilitating meetings – and all communications – in a manner that promotes respect for all people and perspectives;
- Drafting and sharing a final report on Phase II summarizing knowledge-sharing and spotlighting older-adult attuned HRSN screening, triage, and response best practices as well as key barriers,
- Recognizing members' time, effort, and expertise with compensation of a \$1,500 stipend from MLPB via its fiscal sponsor, TSNE. Each Phase II Lab member will be offered this stipend paid in 2 payments of \$750 each, recognizing that some members may not be permitted to accept it given the terms of their employment. We aim to disburse the first payment to all eligible Lab members by October 1, 2023 and the second by December 31, 2023. A W-9 form will be required for payment, and participants will receive a Form 1099 at year end.

	Date and Time	Tentative Topic(s)
Meeting #5	September 7, 2023 12:00PM–1:30PM	Introductions with the Expanded Lab members, Lab Charter modification to reflect Phase 2 goals
Meeting #6	October 12, 2023 12:00PM–1:30PM	Presentation and discussion on moving from theory to practice on anti-racism in healthcare
Meeting #7	November TBD	Strengths-based screening: Key Elements
Meeting #8	December TBD	Presentation and Discussion: HRSN Priority Setting: Key Elements for Person-Center Triage and Partnership
Meeting #9	January TBD	Putting it All Together in the Context of HRSN Response (interactive refinement)

Please note that while some dates are still TBD, the five meetings will likely be held from 12:00PM - 1:30PM on Mondays or Thursdays