



Proposed New Board Members
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Michael Curry
President & CEO
Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers
Boston, MA

Michael Curry, Esq. is the Deputy CEO & General Counsel at Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers (the “Mass League”), which represents 52 health centers, serving over 1 million patients out of over 314 practice sites throughout the state. He previously served as Senior Vice President of the Government Affairs and Public Policy Division for the Mass League. Prior to joining the League in 2008, Michael had a 16-year career at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, most of that time as Senior Policy Advisor in the Corporate Affairs Division, which included government, public, internal and community affairs. He has served on the health care transition teams for Governor Deval Patrick and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, as well as the transition team for Brockton Mayor Linda Balzotti, and was involved in the passage of Massachusetts Health Reform and the Affordable Care Act. He also serves on the boards of the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network, and formerly on the Board of Trustees for Roxbury Community College, as well as in the role of Adjunct Professor for the Suffolk University Moakley Center for Public Management. He has received numerous local and national awards for leadership and advocacy.

Curry was also past President of the Boston Branch of the NAACP (2011-2016), and has over twenty years of dedicated service to the NAACP on the city, state-area conference and national levels. He was elected nationally to the NAACP’s Board of Directors in 2014, and reelected twice in 2017 and 2020, and now serves as Chair the National NAACP’s Advocacy & Policy Committee and Vice-Chair of the Political Action and Legislation Committee.

Mr. Curry earned a Bachelor’s of Arts from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from New England Law Boston, and graduated from the inaugural class of the Executive Leadership Council’s Pipeline to Leadership Program.

He is a frequent Political Commentator on WBUR’s Radio Boston, Morning Edition and Week in Review, Boston Public Radio WGBH with Jim Braude and Margery Eagan, WGBH’s Greater Boston, and New England Cable News/NBC Boston, as well as frequently requested to provide reactions to breaking news, presidential and mayoral debates, and state of the union/city addresses.

Based on his close to 30 years of experience in health care and insurance, combined with his advocacy on the issues of health equity and racial disparities, Michael is working on various aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic. He serves on both the City of Boston’s COVID-19 Health

Inequities Task Force and the Massachusetts Public Health Association (MPHA)'s Health Equity Task Force, and coordinating the community health center response to the public health crisis with the state's Attorney General's Office (AGO), Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), various municipalities, and Partners in Health on testing, tracking, contact tracing and treatment.

Cathleen Finn
Community Engagement Director
Verizon
Boston, MA

Cathleen Finn has over 20 years of experience leading community engagement efforts in the information technology industry, fostering mutually beneficial partnerships between the private, nonprofit and public sectors.

As the Community Engagement Director at Verizon, Cathleen leads civic engagement in Greater Boston, addressing community needs while developing awareness and support for Verizon's efforts to bring the next generation of wireless technology to our communities. Cathleen fosters partnerships with schools, nonprofits, businesses and civic organizations by hosting community focus groups, investing resources through grant making, sponsorships, and employee volunteerism. Verizon community investments focus on Digital Inclusion, Climate Protection and Human Prosperity. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic Verizon dedicated \$55 million to relief efforts, including \$7.5 million to LISC to fund the Verizon Small Business Relief Fund which awarded over half a million dollars to 57 Massachusetts companies. In 2020, Verizon has also contributed \$10 million to social justice organizations including The National Urban League and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Prior to Verizon, Cathleen was the IBM New England Corporate Citizenship Manager, leading grant making, employee engagement, strategic consulting engagements, and major events. Cathleen specialized in developing scalable educational initiatives that inspired awareness, interest, and success in STEM careers among students from preschool through post-secondary education. Prior to Corporate Citizenship, Cathleen held positions of increasing responsibility in Information Systems, and as Senior Process Engineering Consultant she completed management consulting assignments locally and internationally.

Cathleen graduated with honors from Boston University with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and Psychology and earned a Master of Arts in Conflict Resolution from the University of Massachusetts Boston, receiving the academic excellence award. Cathleen is a Director for the Center for Collaborative Education, serves on the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Women's Network Advisory Board and is a Massachusetts Leadership Team Member on the Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences National Forum on High School to College Mathematics Pathways.

Dan Rivera
President and CEO
MassDevelopment
Boston, MA

Dan Rivera comes to MassDevelopment after serving seven years as Mayor of the City of Lawrence, Mass. During his time as Mayor, the city saw significant commercial development, record new units of housing, and tens of millions of dollars invested in economic development planning and projects. Dan's focus on economic and community development as Mayor included investments in housing, job creation, downtown redevelopment, transit-oriented development and equity, infrastructure, brownfields redevelopment, placemaking, and quality-of-life improvements, and establishing professional, transparent, modern, and streamlined permitting and licensing processes.

Dan was an invaluable member of the Baker-Polito Administration's Reopening Advisory Board, bringing the municipal viewpoint to the group tasked with developing the Commonwealth's strategy to reopen the economy during COVID-19, and the COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Group. In 2017, Governor Baker tapped Rivera to serve on the newly established Latino Advisory Commission charged with addressing concerns of the Massachusetts Latino community and promoting economic prosperity and well-being.

Prior to his two terms as Mayor of Lawrence, Dan held various positions in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors. Dan is a veteran of the U.S. Army, where he served in the first Gulf War, Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and a graduate of the UMass Amherst and Suffolk University's Sawyer School of Management, where he earned his MBA. Dan lives in Lawrence with his wife, Paula, and their children, Daniel and Charlotte.