

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Building Local Alignment Initiative Phase One

Meet the Grant Advisory Committee (GAC)

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Renée Boynton-Jarrett (she/her)

Founding Director, Vital Village Network

Associate Professor, Boston University School of Medicine/Boston Medical Center

Renée Boynton-Jarrett, a pediatrician and social epidemiologist, is an associate professor at Boston Medical Center and Boston University School of Medicine. She is founding director of the Vital Village Network. The Boston organization uses a trauma-informed lens to improve communities' capacity to promote child well-being and advance equity, with a focus on collaborative partnerships, research, data-sharing, and community leadership development. Renee is nationally recognized for her work at the intersection of community violence, intimate partner violence, child abuse and neglect, and related neighborhood factors.



Matthew Broad (he/him)

Senior Program Manager, Trenton Health Team

Matthew Broad joined the Trenton Health Team in January 2017. The organization has been serving the city of Trenton, New Jersey, for more than a decade as a community health care collaborative dedicated to improving access to quality health care for residents. Prior to joining the Trenton Health Team, Matthew worked at the Rutgers Center for State Health Policy. Matthew is passionate about combating food insecurity, advancing school health and wellness, and transforming the built environment. He co-chairs the Trenton Food Stakeholders, a collaborative of more than 50 organizations working to address food issues facing the region.



Sneha Dave (she/her)

Executive Director, Generation Patient

Sneha Dave created Generation Patient and its program, the Crohn's and Colitis Young Adults Network (CCYAN), with support from foundations such as the Helmsley Charitable Trust and Arnold Ventures. Generation Patient is a youth-led organization that creates support systems for adolescents and young adults with chronic medical disabilities across the U.S. and internationally. For her work, Sneha was selected as one of the most influential teenagers in 2018 by the We Are Family Foundation and was recognized as an American Association of People with Disabilities Emerging Leader in 2020.

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Jane Erickson (she/her)

Director of Learning & Impact, The Rippel Foundation

Jane Erickson leads The Rippel Foundation's work to measure, evaluate, and understand efforts for stewarding collaborative, equitable system change across the country, including its ReThink Health initiative, which works with national and regional stewards to discover what it takes to produce better health and well-being for all. Jane has worked with national philanthropies to advance social change for over a decade. She draws on rich experience in facilitation, program design and evaluation, applied research, and organizational strategy. Jane has also worked to foster civic engagement across communities in the U.S. and internationally.



Tia Sherèe Gaynor (she/her)

*Founding Director, Center for Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation
Associate Professor, Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota*

Tia Sherèe Gaynor, Ph.D., is a community-engaged scholar immersed in equity and inclusion. Her work explores the intersection of social justice, local government and identity. More specifically, she focuses on the ways in which identity-based narratives, negative social constructions, and decision-making lead to inequitable outcomes for people of color, those who identify as LGBTQIA, and people at the intersections of these and other identities. Her most recent work sits at the nexus of mindfulness, intergroup dialogue, and racial healing to explore avenues toward equity and justice.



Kishor Malavade (he/him)

*Vice Chair and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Population Health,
Maimonides Medical Center*

Kishor Malavade, M.D., serves as medical director of Community Care of Brooklyn. Led by Maimonides Medical Center, the network of more than 1,000 health and social service organizations works to improve health and well-being for over 600,000 Medicaid beneficiaries. Kishor previously served as vice chair in psychiatry at Maimonides. He was chief medical officer for a Maimonides initiative that received a Health Care Innovation Award from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation in 2012. The initiative developed a model to coordinate care for individuals with serious mental illness through community-based care management.

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Artrese Morrison (she/her)

Senior Director of Programs, Bay Area, Health Leads USA

Artrese Morrison joined Health Leads in 2020. She facilitates program design, development, implementation, and operations for the organization across the San Francisco Bay Area. Guided by a vision of health, dignity and well-being for every person in every community, Health Leads works with communities and health systems across the U.S. to address systemic causes of inequity and disease. Artrese has more than 25 years of experience managing and leading government and nonprofit programs. Before joining Health Leads, she directed programs for the Alameda County Community Food Bank and was a senior leader for Project Open Hand.



Ngozi Moses (she/her)

Executive Director, Brooklyn Perinatal Network, Inc.

Ngozi N. Moses, MSc, has led Brooklyn Perinatal Network, Inc. (BPN) since its inception in 1988. An organizational strategist and community health advocate, she developed BPN from a community taskforce of health service providers to a collaborative of community health organizations targeting disparities in infant and maternal health. Ngozi entered public service in 1984 with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. She is a founding member of the Commission on the Public's Health System, an advocacy organization known for challenging public policies that compromise public health for New York City residents.



Melissa Rudnick (she/her)*

Former Director of Program & Grantmaking, Headwaters Foundation for Justice

Melissa Rudnick worked for seven-and-a-half years at Headwaters Foundation for Justice, a community foundation that invests in grassroots groups working for justice in Minnesota. She led HFJ's grantmaking, programs, rapid response, and support beyond the dollars. During her time at Headwaters, she formed strategic philanthropic partnerships and facilitated multi-racial, cross-class cohorts as part of the [National Giving Project Network](#). Before joining HFJ in 2015, she worked in senior organizing positions with Jewish Community Action and Bend the Arc: A Jewish Partnership for Justice. Melissa is committed to the power of philanthropy to invest in movements for justice, celebrate community wisdom, and amplify change makers.

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Monique Shaw (she/her)

Senior Program Officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Monique Shaw joined the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) in 2019. A committed public health practitioner, she draws on her work in health education, health policy research, program coordination, and community outreach to transform systems and achieve the RWJF vision of a “Culture of Health” for all. Previously, Monique was assistant program director at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, and program coordinator for the University of Pennsylvania’s MPH program. She is a trained full-spectrum doula committed to supporting and advocating alongside birthing people and families furthest from opportunity throughout their reproductive health journeys.

** Melissa replaced Maria De La Cruz, former President of Headwaters Foundation for Justice, who served as a GAC member from May 2022 to July 2022.*

*** Dawn Phillips, Executive Director of Right to the City, served as a GAC member from May 2022 through October 2022.*