

The Milbank State Leadership Network

The Milbank State Leadership Network (MSLN) is a bipartisan group of more than 700 executive and legislative state leaders who are working to improve population health. The network supports members by:

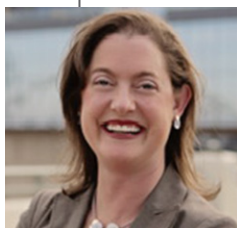
- Sharing sound evidence, best practices, and peer experiences that legislators and executive branch officials and staff can apply as they shape and implement policy
- Supporting political depolarization by fostering productive conversations among people with different life experiences who share an interest in improving health for all
- Expanding their network of colleagues from states across the country

The Fund has been convening state health leaders and modeling bipartisan cooperation since 1992. Today, the Fund supports two 10-month leadership programs for state and local government officials: the Milbank Fellows Program for senior leaders and the Emerging Leaders Program for early- and mid-career officials.

Members of MLSN receive:

- Invitations to state officials-only virtual briefings featuring subject matter experts and experienced state officials on relevant topics such as health care affordability, primary care access, Medicaid innovations, and public health priorities
- A monthly MLSN newsletter, which summarizes timely insights and resources for state health officials
- Policy briefs and reports on best practices for states, and articles that show how peer officials are achieving success
- The opportunity to request or participate in forums with peers and/or experts that provide technical assistance forums covering issues such as maternal health, rural health innovation, and Medicaid budgeting

Morgan McDonald, MD
National Director for Population Health
Milbank Memorial Fund



"The states are really where health policy action is. There are 50 state labs, plus DC, plus the territories, and they're innovating in a thousand different ways. To be able to bring state leaders together to enhance their leadership potential is where we feel like the greatest difference can be made in population health and health equity."

**Chimene Liburd, MD**

Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health Care Finance
District of Columbia

"Having conversations with both sides of the aisle puts human faces on issues of health care access. I am learning how to gain allies in the legislature and across the aisle. For me, that approach has been most beneficial."

**Zakiya Summers**

State Representative
Mississippi

"I brought evidence-based resources shared by my peers and subject matter experts to the Mississippi Public Health Committee, and it informed how we approached a bill on reducing homelessness in Mississippi."

**Kimberly Moser**

Chair, Health Services Committee
Kentucky General Assembly

"It has been so valuable to have a nonpartisan 'think space' with experts from state executive and legislative branches across the country. I have had a place to share and refine policy, and they've become my cheering squad."

**Jenna Takenouchi**

State Representative
Hawaii

"It has been incredibly helpful to hear from peers in the executive branch—it gives me insight into how to collaborate more effectively across roles back home."

**If you are currently in state government, join
the MLSN mailing list by visiting milbank.org.**



The Milbank Memorial Fund is a foundation that works to improve population health and health equity by collaborating with leaders and decision makers and connecting them with experience and sound evidence. Founded in 1905, the Milbank Memorial Fund advances its mission by:

- Identifying, informing, and inspiring current and future state and local health policy leaders to enhance their effectiveness as population health and health equity leaders
- Convening and supporting state health policy decision makers to advance progress in selected areas important to population health and health equity, including primary care and sustainable health care costs
- Publishing evidence-based blogs, issue briefs, and reports and *The Milbank Quarterly*, an editorially independent peer-reviewed journal of population health and health policy