

## Meet The CAB Members



**Name:** Shavel'le Olivier

**Organization:** Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition (MFFC)

**Role:** Executive Director

**Website Link:** <https://www.mattapanfoodandfit.org/>

**Bio:** Shavel'le Olivier is deeply committed to serving the communities she lives, works, and travels in. Her passions include community, youth development, and transportation. In 2019, Shavel'le was named the first executive director of Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition. She also serves as the co-founder and principal of Consult LeLa, a community engagement firm dedicated to bringing joy in neighborhood planning efforts. Shavel'le is a 2014 graduate from Boston College where she earned her Bachelor of Science, double majoring in Marketing and Management & Leadership. In 2019 she received her Master's in Nonprofit Management with a concentration in Organizational Communications at Northeastern University. In 2023, she received a graduate certificate in Public Health from Boston University's School of Public Health. She considers a day successful when she can use her resourcefulness and creativity to make a genuine difference for a single individual, a community, or an organization.



**Name:** Marc-Kendy Paul

**Organization:** We Got Us (WGU)

**Role:** Director of Community Engagement

**Website Link:** <https://www.wegotusproject.org/>

**Bio:** Marc-Kendy Paul is a fierce advocate and initiator of community-centered initiatives, who shares a deep passion for giving back. He is the Director of Community Engagement at We Got Us, a Boston-based non-profit that empowers people from marginalized backgrounds with access to culturally sensitive health information and resources. He has played a pivotal role in expanding WGU's efforts to meet the unique needs of persons experiencing homelessness on Mass&Cass and other communities outside of Boston. With a strong research interest, Marc-Kendy has also held positions with study teams in Massachusetts General Hospital's Neurology Department, Brigham and Women's Infectious Disease Department, and Brigham's Radiology Department. With a deep love and aspiration to serve his community (particularly the Haitian community); Marc-Kendy is always looking for ways to integrate his experiences in research and community engagement for the betterment of people.



**Name:** Dorosella Green

**Organization:** Beyond Patient Health Equity (BPHE)

**Role:** Founder and President

**Website Link:** <https://www.beyondphe.org/>

**Bio:** Dorosella Green is a health equity champion with a passion for community building, health justice, and Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion. As the Founder and President of **BEYOND** Patient Health Equity (BPHE), she works to empower minorities through education, engagement and advocacy for better health futures. She is a strong purveyor of creating equitable patient experiences. In the past, she's developed programming focused on women's health, diversity in clinical trials, rooting out racism in genetics, among various other topics, along with giving community members practical tools to advocate for their health. She also serves as the Director of U.S. Health Equity at Takeda, where she embeds equity across Takeda's DNA to drive impact initiatives, policy changes, and stakeholder partnerships. Dora received her master's degree in Pain Management, Research, Education and Policy from Tufts University School of Medicine in 2014.



**Name:** Clare Louise Okalany

**Organization:** African Community Economic Development of New England (ACEDONE)

**Role:** Chief Operations Officer

**Website Link:** <https://www.acedone.org/>

**Bio:** Clare Okalany serves as the Chief Operations Officer of the African Community Economic Development of New England (ACEDONE), an African-led Community Development Corporation. An immigrant from Uganda, she has been engaged in community driven initiatives from a young age inspired by her family's call to service. From environmental and habitat conservation in Tororo and Budaka in Uganda to spearheading the health equity program at ACEDONE at the height of the pandemic, she sees grassroots empowerment as key to ensuring wellness. In addition to her role with ACEDONE, Clare is a founding partner of [Equity Now & Beyond](#), a coalition of five immigrant service organization in Massachusetts. There, she empowers a young team of 'table shakers' to be part of the dismantlement of systemic oppression.



**Name:** Abayomi Munro

**Organization:** Roxbury YMCA

**Role:** Healthy Living Director

**Website Link:** <https://ymcaboston.org/>

**Bio:** Abayomi Munro was born in Maryland, raised in the twin island republic of Trinidad and Tobago, and moved to the US in 2016 to pursue his bachelor's in marine science at the University of Tampa (UT). Throughout his time at UT, he was involved in research of marine organisms, primarily sygnathids, as well as a participant in multiple human performance studies. He obtained his personal trainer certification and began an internship at the Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA in 2019 at their Downtown Branch. There he eventually worked his way through several roles before becoming the Associate Wellness Director of their Central City Branch. In 2023, Abayomi moved to Boston to begin working as the Healthy Living Director at the Roxbury Y. There he focuses on both managing the fitness floor and programs aimed at bringing health and wellness to members of the community who may require more assistance or guidance to improve their quality of life.



**Name:** Dieufort J. Fleurissaint

**Organizations:** True Alliance Center Inc. (TAC)

**Role:** Executive Director

**Website Link:** <https://www.truealliancecenter.org/>

**Bio:** Dieufort J. Fleurissaint "Pastor Keke" is a Mission-oriented Pastor successful in developing robust youth ministry programs and serving as a positive role model. He studied Business Administration and Accounting at Bunker Hill Community College, then Economics and Theology at Gordon College. Pastor Keke is highly accomplished in helping immigrants and underserved communities strengthen personal relationships with God, while providing advocacy and growth opportunities. He works closely with other existing organizations, local radio shows, and TV programs to host information sessions on immigration issues, foreclosure prevention, affordable housing opportunities, job searches, and job training in the Haitian community. He has also played an instrumental role in meeting the needs of recently arrived Haitian refugees and migrants in Boston and advocating for their rights at the local and state level. In addition to his role with the True Alliance Center, Pastor Keke holds several other positions in his community: Senior Pastor of Total Health Christian Ministries Church in Milton; Chair of Haitian Americans United; Chairman of the Massachusetts Haitian Parent Council; Advisory Board member of Boston Community Capital; to name a few.



**Name:** Leah Gregory

**Organization:** East Boston Harborside Community School (EBHCS)

**Role:** Program Coordinator/Teacher

**Website Link:** <https://www.ebhcs.org/>

**Bio:** Leah Gregory has been working in the adult education field for more than 15 years with experience teaching around the world. She provides consulting in adult education curriculum, professional development, and organizational program support including workshops in digital literacy and program design. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations and Applied Communications and a Master's in Public Policy with a concentration in education. She is also a certified English as a Second Language (ESL) and English as a Foreign Language (EFL) instructor. Leah is passionate about not only her work, but advocating for *change* at a local, state and federal level to better represent and advance adult learners in Massachusetts and the United States.



**Name:** Jenny Fernandez

**Organization:** The Possible Zone (TPZ)

**Role:** Senior Director of Student Support

**Website Link:** <https://possiblezone.org/>

**Bio:** Jenny Fernandez is the Senior Director of Student Support at the Possible Zone, a tuition-free youth development program focused on providing educational programming in the areas of science, technology, engineering, the arts, mathematics (STEAM), entrepreneurship and building social capital. Her goal is to ensure students who enroll in TPZ programs have the key support systems in place to be successful, from start to finish. Prior to TPZ, Jenny served in Boston Public Schools as a Student Engagement Manager and was previously the Youth Program Director for Teens Lead at Work where she advocated for worker rights. She has a Master of Public Health from Emory University and a BS in Environmental Science. Jenny is also an entrepreneur who co-founded a fitness studio, [Fly Together Fitness](#), in Somerville & Watertown, MA!



**Name:** Curtis Santos

**Organization:** Boston LesBiGay Urban Foundation

**Role:** Founder and Executive Director

**Website Link:** <https://www.lesbigayurbanfoundation.org/>

**Bio:** Curtis Santos is the Founder and Executive Director of Boston LesBiGay Urban Foundation, an organization dedicated to creating safe spaces and fostering community for LGBTQIA+ people of color. He brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise with over 10 years in the field as a community advocate and activist. He also has expertise in addressing social determinants of health, and how they impact low-income, at-risk populations in multifaceted cities. He works from a Trauma-Informed Care model of service delivery and believes that providing opportunity for clients in need contributes to building healthy communities.



**Name:** Lenita Reason

**Organization:** Brazilian Worker Center Inc. (BWC)

**Role:** Executive Director

**Website Link:** <https://braziliancenter.org/>

**Bio:** Lenita Reason is the Executive Director (ED) of the Brazilian Worker Center (BWC) in Boston, an immigrant women-led non-profit organization dedicated to defending and advancing immigrants' labor and human rights. Lenita took office as ED in September of 2021, after over 11 years of dedication as a Community Organizer, Office Manager, OSHA-Susan Harwood Outreach Coordinator at BWC and Small Claims Court Advocate for Brazilian workers seeking restitution for wage theft. Lenita is also a seasoned researcher having actively contributed as a field coordinator for various projects. In 2014, she co-founded the BWC's "Building Justice" innovative worker committee, which monitors and takes action on wage theft cases in the community. In 2018, she received a Certificate in Labor Studies from the University of Massachusetts. In addition to her various roles with BWC, Lenita also serves as the co-chair of the Driving Families Forward coalition, which was instrumental in advocating for the passage of the [Work and Family Mobility Act Bill](#) in Massachusetts.



**Name:** Kin Ting Yung

**Organizations:** Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC)

**Role:** Director of Family Services

**Website Link:** <https://bcnc.net/>

**Bio:** Kin Ting Yung works with Asian Americans and new immigrants in the Greater Boston area. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling with a specialization in Music Therapy from Lesley University. She was born and raised in Hong Kong and later moved to the United States. These experiences bring a unique perspective to her work, with a first-hand understanding of the challenges individuals face in new cultures and environments. She is the Director of Family Services at Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, where she leads a team in providing culturally competent and linguistically accessible behavioral and mental health support services to individuals and families, empowering clients to build healthy families, achieve greater economic success, and contribute to thriving communities.



**Name:** Megan Cheung

**Organization:** Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center (GBCGAC)

**Role:** Associate Director and Clinical Director

**Website Link:** <https://www.gbcgac.org/>

**Bio:** Megan Cheung oversees the Adult Day Health programs, Behavioral Health, Social Services, and health promotion programs at GBCGAC. Her long-term commitment is to provide culturally-appropriate services to Chinese-speaking elders so that they can maintain the highest quality of life and comfort for as long as possible. With many years of experience in healthcare, primarily with the geriatric population, she previously worked in home care, rehabilitation centers, and nursing homes. Megan earned a Master's Degree in Social Work from Washington University and a Nursing Degree. In addition to her role with GBCGAC, she serves as the President at the Chinese Women's Association of New England, a board member of the Massachusetts Adult Day Services Association and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England.



**Name:** Paulo De Barros

**Organization:** Cape Verdean Association of Boston (CVA)

**Role:** President

**Website Link:** <https://www.cvaboston.org/>

**Bio:** Paulo De Barros is a long-time leader and advocate for the Cape Verdean Community in Boston (CVA) and nationally. With a background in childhood education and social work, he has a wealth of experience in youth development and social programs. As President of CVA, he oversees their work in the areas of youth leadership development, youth and family stabilization, language and cultural programs, immigrant resources, and community service. Collectively, this organization represents the voices and experiences of over 60,000 Cape Verdeans in the Boston area. In addition to his role with CVAB, he serves as president of the Cape Verdean Community UNIDO, the president of the Strela Negra soccer team, Chair of the New England Luso-American Soccer Association, and Interim President of the board for the National Alliance of Cape Verdean Organizations. In 2001, he founded the Catholic Charities' [Teen Center at St. Peter's](#) Parish in Dorchester, a program that provides over 300 youth in the Geneva-Bowdoin Neighborhood with day programming, sports, and youth leadership opportunities each year.