RESPOND to the MOMENT

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NOVEMBER 2-3 2016 FALL MEETING ST. LOUIS
Dear Executives’ Alliance colleagues:

Welcome to the Executives’ Alliance Spring 2016 meeting. This meeting marks the third anniversary of the Alliance’s initial organizing session. And it comes at a critical juncture in our collective efforts to expand opportunity for our nation’s sons and brothers.

Well-publicized killings of people of color by police officers and vigilantes have reinforced our sense of urgency. In response, activists across the nation, often under the banner of the Movement for Black Lives, are engaging in a radical re-imagination of traditional concepts of justice, safety and community. Meanwhile, the usual rhetoric of the political season has given way to vitriol and violence, threatening to wedge Americans against each other in ways that can only harm communities of color. And even as more attention has been focused on boys and men of color, the waning months of the Obama Administration present new questions about the sustainability of government involvement as well as philanthropic energy, focus, and, yes – funding.

Against this backdrop we take on the challenge of how to not only sustain a growing field, but also how to elevate its practice and discourse so that interventions treat young men of color as vibrant, thoughtful, and talented young leaders with a voice and vision of their own – not as passive and voiceless recipients of services. We are also challenged to advance policy and systems change solutions that can bring results that programmatic interventions alone could never hope to accomplish, while at the same time respecting those existing efforts.

We gather this week not to lament these challenges, nor to claim a mission accomplished. Instead, we gather in the belief that we have strength in our numbers, in the knowledge that individual philanthropic practice is enhanced through shared understanding and deeper connection and proximity to the boys and men of color whom we hope to serve, and in our aspiration that through collective action we can move the needle of progress much further together than any of us could on our own. Indeed, it is our #Moment4Action. Let’s get moving.

In solidarity,

Damon T. Hewitt
Executive Director
Executives’ Alliance for Boys and Men of Color
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<td><strong>WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND GENERAL UPDATES</strong></td>
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<td>EXECUTIVES’ ALLIANCE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS: Tonya Allen – President and CEO, Skillman Foundation and Dr. Robert Ross – President and CEO, The California Endowment Damon Hewitt – Executive Director, Executives’ Alliance</td>
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<td>9:30am – 10:45am</td>
<td><strong>BMOC ECOSYSTEM &amp; LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS</strong></td>
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<td>MEETING FACILITATOR: Greg Hodge – Owner and Principal Consultant, Khepera Consulting Gregory Hodge is a social change activist and organizational development consultant with Khepera Consulting. Khepera helps people and organizations strategically think, connect and act in the relationships that spark transformative change. Working as a strategist, meeting designer, facilitator and coach, Gregory works with a range of groups from small non-profits and foundations to public agencies. He has served as lead consultant on the Equal Voice for America’s Families Campaign, an initiative of the Marguerite Casey Foundation, and the 2025 Campaign for Black Men and Boys, two national initiatives. His clients include The California Endowment, ABFE, California Executive’s Alliance for Boys and Men of Color, and Oakland Unified School District’s Office of African American Male Achievement. Greg is a Fulbright-Hayes Fellow, recipient of the Gerbode Fellowship and alumnus of the Rockwood Leadership Institute. PRESENTERS: Marcus Littles and Frontline Solutions Team</td>
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<td><strong>COLLECTIVE ACTION PROPOSAL: SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SAFETY AND CLIMATE</strong></td>
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<td>EA Members Only MODERATOR: Allison Brown – E.D., Community for Just Schools Fund SPEAKERS: Judith Browne-Dianis – E.D., Advancement Project Jonathan Stith – Coordinator, Alliance for Educational Justice Antonio Travis – Youth Organizer, Family and Friends of Louisiana Incarnated Children Campaign/ National Youth Alliance</td>
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<td><strong>MBK AND MBKA BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION</strong></td>
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<td>PRESENTERS: Michael Smith - Special Assistant to the President, My Brother’s Keeper at The White House Blair Taylor – CEO, My Brother’s Keeper Alliance</td>
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COLLECTIVE ACTION PROPOSAL:
PLACES OF OPPORTUNITY STRATEGY

PRESENTER
Angela Glover Blackwell - CEO, PolicyLink
Marc Philpart - Senior Director, PolicyLink

BALTIMORE, MD:
Joe Jones – President and CEO, Center for Urban Families (CFUF),
Dayvon Love – Director, Research and Public policy, Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle
Patrick McCarthy – President and CEO, The Annie E. Casey Foundation

OAKLAND, CA
George Galvis - Executive Director, Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ)
Daniel Mendoza - Community Organizer, Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ),
Ray Colmendar – Director, California Endowment

4:30pm
Promenade Ballroom

CLOSING

5:30pm – 8:30pm
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FOUNDATION CEO RECEPTION AND MEETING
For Presidents/CEOs of EA Member Foundations and Invited Guests Only

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Marcus Littles, Frontline Solutions
Maranda Richardson, MWR Consulting
Maisha Simmons, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Montague Simmons, Organization For Black Struggle (Former ED)
Jordan Thierry, PolicyLink
Edgar Villanueva, The Schott Foundation for Public Education
Calvin Williams, National Youth Alliance for BMOC