

RESPOND *to the*
MOMENT

+ BUILD *for the*
FUTURE

NOVEMBER 2-3 2016 FALL MEETING ST. LOUIS

OUR MEMBERS



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-imagining 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

WIFI INFORMATION

Network:
Westin-Meeting

Password:
EAFALL2016

OUR VENUE

The Westin St. Louis
811 Spruce St
St. Louis, MO

8:00am – 9:00am
Promenade Ballroom

BREAKFAST

9:00am – 9:30am
Promenade Ballroom

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND GENERAL UPDATES

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

9:30am - 10:45am
Promenade Ballroom

BMOC ECOSYSTEM & LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

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 alumni of the Rockwood Leadership Institute.

PRESENTERS

Marcus Littles and Frontline Solutions Team

10:45am-11:00am

BREAK

11:00am – 12:00pm
Promenade Ballroom

COLLECTIVE ACTION PROPOSAL: SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SAFETY AND CLIMATE

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

12:00pm – 1:30pm
Promenade Ballroom

LUNCH & SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS

1. NATIONAL YOUTH ALLIANCE FOR BMOC

National Youth Alliance for BMOC Coordinating Council

2. FAIR CHANCE HIRING TOOLKIT FOR PHILANTHROPY

Michelle Rodriguez – Senior Staff Attorney, National Employment Law Project

3. R.I.S.E. FOR BOYS AND MEN OF COLOR

Shawn Mooring - Associate Consultant, Equal Measure

4. POLICE REFORM – KNOWLEDGE HUB & LOCAL INVESTMENTS

Leonard Noisette – Director of the Justice Fund for U.S. Programs at the Open Society Foundations

Niaz Kasravi – Consultant, Alliance for Safety and Justice

1:45pm – 3:00pm
Promenade Ballroom

MBK AND MBKA BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION

PRESENTERS

Michael Smith - Special Assistant to the President, My Brother's Keeper at The White House

Blair Taylor – CEO, My Brother's Keeper Alliance

10:45am-11:00am

BREAK

3:15pm – 4:30pm
Promenade Ballroom

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

FOUNDATION CEO RECEPTION AND MEETING

For Presidents/CEOs of EA Member Foundations and Invited Guests Only

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