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TIDES
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
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016

7:30am – 8:30am BREAKFAST
Ionic Room
EA Members Only

8:30am – 9:00am WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND GENERAL UPDATES
Ionic Room
EA Members Only

9:00am -10:20am COLLECTIVE ACTION PROPOSALS: POLICE REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY
Ionic Room
EA Members Only

PRESENTERS
Tim Silard - President and CEO, Rosenberg Foundation
Niaz Kasravi - Consultant, Alliance for Safety and Justice
Robert Rooks - Organizing Director, Alliance for Safety and Justice
Seema Sandanandan - Partnerships Director, Alliance for Safety and Justice
Lenny Noisette - Program Director, Justice Fund, Open Society Foundations
AJ Jones II - Chief Policy and Communications Officer, W.K. Kellogg Foundation
Safiya Jafari Simmons - Sr. Project Director, Center for Policing Equity
Dwayne Proctor - Senior Advisor to the President, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

10:20am – 10:30am BREAK

10:30am – 12:00pm COLLECTIVE ACTION PROPOSAL: EA PLACE STRATEGY
Ionic Room
EA Members Only

PRESENTERS
Angela Glover Blackwell - Founder and President, PolicyLink
Marc Philpart - Director of Boys and Men of Color Initiatives, PolicyLink
Tonya Allen - President & CEO, The Skillman Foundation
Cory Anderson - Executive Vice President, Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation
James Head - President & CEO, East Bay Community Foundation
12:00pm – 1:00pm  
Corinthian Room

~LUNCH~

PRESENTERS

Trabian Shorters - President and CEO, BMe Community  @JoinBMe @BMeCommunity
Anne Hand - Senior Program Manager, Equity and Leadership, Hispanics in Philanthropy (HIP) @BeHiPGive
David Johns - Executive Director, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans - @MrDavidJohns

1:00pm – 1:50pm  
Corinthian Room

SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS

National Youth Alliance for Boys and Men of Color  #youthleadership

PRESENTERS

Lashon Amado - Program Associate  
Youth Build USA @Lashon_YB @YouthBuildUSA
Darrius Lightfoot - Co-Founder  
Fearless Leading by Youth (FLY) @StopChicago
Antonio Travis - Youth Organizer  
Family and Friends of Louisiana’s Incarcerated Children (FFLIC) @tonystory50 @fflicla

School Discipline and Climate  #schooltoprison

Allison Brown - Executive Director  
Communities for Just Schools Fund @allisonrbrown
John Jackson - President and CEO  
Schott Foundation for Public Education @SchottFound

RISE for Boys and Men of Color  #RISEBMOC #BMOC

Shaun Harper - Co-Director  
RISE for Boys and Men of Color @DrShaunHarper

Narrative Change  #NarrativeChange

Alexis McGill Johnson - Executive Director  
Perception Institute @alexismcgill

Ban the Box Philanthropy Challenge  #banthebox #fairchancehiring #fairchance

Daryl Atkinson - Second Chance Fellow  
US Department of Justice
Maurice Emsellem - Program Director  
National Employment Law Project (NELP) @MEmsellem @NelpNews
James Bell - Founder, Executive Director and Board President, The W. Haywood Burns Institute

James Bell is the Founder and Executive Director of the W. Haywood Burns Institute (BI). Since 2001, Mr. Bell has been spearheading a national movement to address racial and ethnic disparities in the youth justice system. The BI, which is named after civil rights pioneer W. Haywood Burns, was recently awarded the prestigious MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions. The award is presented to select organizations worldwide that have made a “remarkable impact in their fields.” Mr. Bell guides the BI’s Community Justice Network for Youth (CJNY), a national network of programs working successfully with young people of color.
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016

8:00am - 12:00pm

CAT CO-CONVENERS AND CONSULTANTS MEETING
Special Meeting for Leaders of Collective Action Tables
Breakfast and Lunch Provided

Open Society Institute-Baltimore
201 N. Charles St.
Baltimore, MD
(Board Room - 13th Floor)

1:00pm – 5:30pm

POST-EA CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES PRESENTED BY ABFE
(Optional) - All Guests – EA Members and Partners

Lord Baltimore Hotel
20 W, Baltimore St.
Baltimore, MD

1:00pm – 4:00pm

COMMUNITY LEARNING TOURS
A Westside Story:
The Role of Community Anchors, a Journey through Baltimore’s Unrest

The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum Presents:
Civil Sites, Civil Rights: The Eastside Story

1:00pm – 4:00pm

SPECIAL CONVENING
Black Social Change (BSC) Funders Network Planning Meeting

4:00pm – 5:30pm

FUNDERS BRIEFING
Beyond Plight: Defining Pathways to Optimal Development for Black Men and Boys

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