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AGENDA



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Network:
EA Fall
Meeting 2017

Password:
bmoc

OUR VENUE

The W Hotel Seattle
1112 4th Ave
Seattle, WA 98101
202.260.6000

OUR MEMBERS



Dear Executives' Alliance colleagues and partners:

As 2017 draws to a close, "chaos theory" is in full affect. Governance by chaos is the order of the day. Political alliances are being tested and reshaped. Agendas that were once on the verge of success have seen deep retrenchment. Protests are drowned out by counter-protests. Traditional notions of coordination and alignment are either elusive or irrelevant. Some are making policy happen; others are seeing policy "happen" to them. All the while, the faces that were at the "bottom of the well" last year remain in much the same place. Boys and men of color, their families, and their communities are still struggling, striving, hoping, and dying.

With such confusion on so many fronts, it can be difficult for funders and advocates to maintain our bearings and keep our eyes on the prize. **In times like these, we need a strategic compass to help guide us.** For us, that means re-focusing on the *why*, the *what*, and the *how* of our collective work on behalf of boys and men of color. Why are we engaged? What are we fighting for and against? And how are we advancing the cause for the short-term and the long-term?

At our Spring 2017 Executives' Alliance meeting, we spent time focusing on the *why* and the *what*, using the metaphor of a climb up a tough "mountain" to success for boys and men of color. We were clear that we are fighting for liberation, and that we do it out of a profound love and compassion.

During this week's meeting we will focus on the *how*. In many ways, how we do the work of supporting boys and men of color matters just as much as what we do and why we do it.

Last year, a group of young leaders pushed us with this question of how. They challenged funders in the Executives' Alliance network to focus on the voices, lived experiences, and leadership of young men of color. They told us there can be "**nothing about us without us.**" They helped us understand that any strategy devised by foundation executives would be incomplete, and ultimately unsuccessful, if it is not deeply informed by young men of color.

In response, Executives' Alliance members provided \$3 million in seed funding for the **National Youth Alliance for Boys and Men of Color**, which has re-granted funds to local youth-led campaigns, created a fellowship program to develop young leaders,

and served as a key partner on various facets of our operations and philanthropic strategy.

Yes, we have done something on the question of *how*. But we can do more. Let's challenge ourselves to answer the following questions about how we are doing the work, individually and collectively:

- Have we transformed the BMOC field into one that not only lifts up young men of color as assets, but also works to change the policies, systems, and structures that impede their success?
- Are we imagining that we can change life cycles through grants, or are we leveraging our fiscal and reputational capital to build political will, leverage public resources, and change policy for boys and men of color?
- If we believe the dominant narratives about boys and men of color are false and deficit-based, are we willing to reconsider our own thinking and actions, which are also impacted by those dominant narratives?
- If we know that some of the work of well-intentioned colleagues actually promotes counter-productive narratives, are we willing to insist that they change course?
- Have we heeded the cry from young men of color that their liberation is inextricably linked to the liberation of their sisters, mothers, and partners?
- If we believe in young men's promise and potential, are we willing to not only invest generously in their development, but also **trust their leadership as the architects of their own liberation**?

Answering these questions requires us to be clear about our *how*. The process may be uncomfortable at times. But we must be honest, transparent, and reflective about what we are willing to do, and what we are willing to do differently, to help boys and men of color achieve liberation by their own design.



Damon T. Hewitt
Executive Director
Executives' Alliance for Boys and Men of Color

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017

Pre-Function Area
8:00am – 5:00pm

HIS STORY NARRATIVE EXHIBIT

The Executives' Alliance is proud to present a pop-up exhibition and story booth in conjunction with the printed release of ***His-Story: Shifting Narratives for Boys and Men of Color***, a resource guide produced by the Executives' Alliance and written by Perception Institute. The exhibition features images and quotes by members of the Executives' Alliance and current change makers in literature, journalism, art, film, public policy, philanthropy, and grassroots organizing.

8:00am – 9:00am
Studio 1,2,3

BREAKFAST

9:00am – 10:00am
Great Room 1 (A&B)
Second Floor

OPENING

MEETING FACILITATOR

Greg Hodge - *Owner and Principal Consultant, Khepera Consulting* @gregoryehodge

NATIONAL YOUTH ALLIANCE FOR BOYS AND MEN OF COLOR

CO-CHAIRS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tonya Allen - *President and CEO, The Skillman Foundation* @allen_tonya

Dr. Robert Ross - *President and CEO, The California Endowment* @CalEndow

Damon Hewitt - *Executive Director, Executives' Alliance for Boys and Men of Color* @DamonTHewitt

10:00am – 11:45am
Great Room 1 (A&B)
Second Floor

BUILDING POLITICAL WILL, LEVERAGING PUBLIC RESOURCES AND SHIFTING POLICY

MODERATOR

Marc Philpart – Senior Director PolicyLink @mphilpart

PRESENTERS

Brent Jones – Chief Strategy and Partnership Officer, Seattle Public Schools @seapubschools

Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr. – Representing the 59th California Assembly District @jonessawyer59

Senator John McCoy – 38th District @jrm38ld

Dr. Edwin M. Quezada – Superintendent of Schools, Yonkers Public Schools @quezada1229

Respondents from the Executives' Alliance Network

11:45am – 1:15pm
Great Room 1 (A&B)
Second Floor

LUNCH

Lunch Buffet Break (11:45am – 12:30pm)

UPDATES ON COLLABORATION IN ACTION

COMMUNITIES TRANSFORMING POLICING FUND + RESOURCE HUB

Tim Silard – President and CEO, Rosenberg Foundation @timsilard

Tanya Coke – Senior Program Officer, Ford Foundation @tanyacoke

CLOSING YOUTH PRISONS

Katayoon Majd – Program Director for Youth Justice, Public Welfare Foundation @publicwelfare

NATIONAL YOUTH ALLIANCE CAMPAIGN FUND

Jamal Jones – Executive Director, Baltimore Algebra Project/ National Youth Alliance @410blackman

Antonio Travis – Executive Director, Black Men Rising, FFLIC/ National Youth Alliance @tonystory50

NAACP MOVES FORWARD

Derrick Johnson – President and CEO, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People @DerrickNAACP

1:15pm – 1:30pm

TRANSITION BREAK

1:30pm – 3:30pm
Studio 4&5
Third Floor

FOUNDATION CEOS-ONLY SESSION

1:30pm – 3:15pm
Studio 1

INCUBATION LABS - CONCURRENT SESSIONS

INVESTING IN TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP

Lashon Amado – *Program Associate*, National Youth Alliance/
Youth Build USA @lashon_YB

William P. Jackson – *Chief Dreamer*, Village Wisdom @PPeriod

DeMar Pitman – *Founder*, Discriminology.com @demarEdward

Tiffany Thompson – *Senior Associate*, Echoing Green @tiffthomp

Calvin Williams – *Senior Associate*, Movement Strategy Center,
Coordinator, National Youth Alliance @calvinwilliams3

Studio 2

INFUSING SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Jason Baker – *Director*, Office of Sustainability and Special Assistant to the Mayor

Rev. Dr. Jim Bostic – *Executive Director*, Nepperhan Community Center @bostic12

Mike Brady – *CEO*, Greystone Social Enterprise

Shawn Dove – *CEO*, Campaign for Black Male Achievement @dovesoars

Adam Jackson – *CEO*, Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle @smartblackman

Jamal Jones – *Co-Executive Director*, Baltimore Algebra Project/ National
Youth Alliance @410blackman

Dayvon Love – *Director Public Policy*, Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle @dayvonlove

Dr. Edwin Quezada – *Superintendent of Schools*, Yonkers
Public Schools @quezada1229

Studio 3

HIS STORY: NARRATIVE CHANGE IN ACTION

Ben Alex Dupris – *Filmmaker, Poet, Producer of Akicita* @benalexdupris

Crystal Echo Hawk – *President*, Echo Hawk Consulting @CrystalEchoHawk

Alexis McGill Johnson – *Executive Director*, Perception Institute @alexismcgill

Oronde Miller – *Program Officer*, W. K. Kellogg Foundation @orondemiller

Toya Randall – *Senior Director of Community Initiatives*, Casey Family
Programs @CaseyFamilyPrograms

Michael Roberts – *President and CEO*, First Nations Development Institute

3:15pm – 3:45pm

NETWORKING BREAK

3:45pm – 4:45pm
Great Room 1 (A&B)
Second Floor

OUR LIBERATION, OUR NARRATIVE

MODERATOR

Calvin Williams – *Senior Associate,*
Movement Strategy Center,
Coordinator, National Youth Alliance
[@calvinwilliams3](#)

PRESENTERS

David Celedon – *Organizer,*
National Youth Alliance for BMOC;
Resilience OC/Sons & Brothers

Greg Hodge – *Owner and Principal*
Consultant, Khepera Consulting

Jamal Jones – *Co-Executive*
Director, Baltimore Algebra Project/
National Youth Alliance
[@410blackman](#)

Andres Pacificar, *Outreach*
Coordinator, F.I.G.H.T.

Lateefah Simon – *President,*
Akonadi Foundation [@lateefahsimon](#)

4:45pm – 5:00pm
Great Room 1 (A&B)
Second Floor

CLOSING

5:30pm – 6:15pm
Studio 4&5
Third Floor

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

6:30pm – 8:00pm
Von's 1000 Spirits
1225 1st Ave
Seattle, WA 98101

OPTIONAL DINNER CONVERSATION

CHANGING NARRATIVES ABOUT
MOVEMENTS FOR GIRLS & BOYS
OF COLOR

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GO ALONE.**

**IF YOU WANT TO GO FAR,
GO TOGETHER.”**