



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: ROB RESTUCCIA
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RE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
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I hope everyone is well. As some of you from the area have experienced, we are recovering from a brutal winter. For many days getting to One Federal Street was a challenge with some staff having to wait hours for public transportation and/or walk miles on snow covered streets. It was great to see how the staff pulled together through a trying time. Today the sun is shining and the temperature is above freezing so our moods have improved with the weather.

At the same time we are mourning the loss of Andy Hyman from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a good friend of the organization and one of the strongest proponents of health care for all. He will be missed – a tribute is on our [blog](#).

Since our last meeting we have had a few staff transitions and one hiring:

Marcia Hams has transitioned into a new role at Community Catalyst, as the half-time Senior Policy Analyst for the Value Advocacy Project. Marcia will work closely with policy staff and collaborating partners to provide tailored policy support on health system transformation issues to Value Advocacy Project grantee sites and the larger learning community.

Tera Bianchi has been reclassified as a Senior State Advocacy Manager. This is in recognition of her leadership within the Substance Use Disorders team as well as her thoughtful engagement across the organization

Emily Polak has accepted the position of Associate Director for the State Consumer Health Advocacy Program, effective March 1st. In her new role, Emily will help guide and shape the program and help us meet our goals and deliverables. Emily will play a lead role in our peer-to-peer learning community, help develop strategies to strengthen our TA and train new staff.

Jack Cardinal, Communications Manager

Jack serves Community Catalyst as a Communications Manager, providing strategic communications support to state advocates and federal partners across a range of Community Catalyst projects. Prior to joining Community Catalyst, Jack oversaw communications for a Massachusetts State Senate office. Before that, Jack served as Head Writer of the Michigan House Democratic Caucus and as a Policy Director in the Michigan State Senate where he focused on tax policy. He holds a bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College.

We are moving on some internal organizational issues and have hired Root Cause, a management consulting firm, to help us develop a more effective management structure. We have had a number of staff discussions related to the issues surrounding Ferguson and the implications for our work. In my January memo I provided some highlights of the work of the organization and Susan's program memo provides a more comprehensive overview our projects. Also, Kathy and Diane report on Communications and Development respectively.

We have included some information in the packet that we will not have time to discuss. First, is a presentation of the ACA Implementation Fund including a list of grantees and funded amounts and our 2015 fund targeting strategy. Also, we have provided information on our 2015 anticipated outcomes for the organization. We are holding ourselves accountable for achieving them by December 2015.

Because we have shortened the length of the Board meeting we will have a full but somewhat truncated agenda. Following my report and acceptance of the minutes of last meeting, the Finance Committee will report on the end of the year financials.

We will then review our projects in incubation to provide an understanding of potential new areas of work at Community Catalyst. At the last meeting we reported that the Ford Foundation indicated that it is going to provide another year of support for *In the Loop*. Since that time Amy Rosenthal began discussions with leaders at Health and Human Services about federal government support of *In the Loop* through a contract to provide enhanced support to a wide-range of enrollment specialists. Amy's report in the packet provides further information on this potential project. At the Board meeting we will report on the latest discussions with HHS and the implications project for CC if a contract is awarded.

As you heard earlier this week we just received word that we were awarded a 14.8 million grant from the Atlanta Philanthropies to create the Center for Consumer and Community Engagement. Kudos goes to Diane for leading this effort and a special thanks to our AP program officer, Sara Kay. The grant creates a high bar for the organization and we will want the Board to be fully engaged in its implementation. We are devoting some of the meeting to discuss the grant and the Board's involvement.

Following the programmatic discussion the Governance Committee will propose a change to the by-laws and discuss potential new members.

Finally, you will go into executive session to discuss my self-evaluation and goals for the next two years.

Next Board Meeting:
June 5, 2015; 10:00-3:00 PM