Shawn Dove, Chief Executive Officer, Campaign for Black Male Achievement

*Based in NYC

Bio: Shawn has served as CEO for the CBMA since January 2015. He joined the Open Society Foundations (OSF) in May 2008 to launch and lead the Campaign for Black Male Achievement. He has created the Institute for Black Male Achievement (BMA), which is a national network designed to strengthen the infrastructure and impact of the BMA field. Shawn is also the founding publisher of Proud Poppa Publication, a ground-breaking community empowerment publication created to celebrate, elevate, and replicate fatherhood success principles in the Black community.

Before joining OSF, Shawn served as Director of Youth Ministries for First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens. He also served as Vice President for MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership, where he was responsible for the leadership and management of The Mentoring Partnership of New York (MPNY). He launched the Male Mentoring Project, a public awareness and recruitment strategy to increase the number of African American and Latino male mentors. Shawn has also served as Creative Communities Director for the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts. He was a Program Director at Harlem Children’s Zone, where he worked at one of New York City’s first Beacon Schools that is operated by Harlem Children’s Zone: the Countee Cullen Community Center in Central Harlem. Shawn was the founding editor-in-chief of Harlem Overheard, an award-winning youth-produced newspaper.

Shawn holds an undergraduate degree in English from Wesleyan University. He is a graduate of Columbia University Business School's Institute for Not-for-Profit Management and a 1994 recipient of the Charles H. Revson Fellowship at Columbia University.

Shawn expects revenue of about $4.5M this year for the CBMA and plans to offer up to $2M in capacity-building grants to organizations that promote an “asset based” approach to funding programs for young black men and has said that “it’s not about looking at black men and boys as something to be fixed but as assets and individuals in a group with potential.” Shawn defines the movement for black male achievement as America’s unfinished business. His mantra is that “there is no cavalry coming to save the day for black men and boys in America – we are the iconic leaders that we have been waiting for.”

- Shawn Dove speaks about Black Male Achievement: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omTmcPoI9OA&feature=youtu.be