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**Board of Advisors**

**MEMORANDUM**

**Robert Boruch**  
University of Pennsylvania

TO: Board of Advisors of the Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy

**Jonathan Crane**  
Coalition for Evidence-Based  
Policy

FROM: Jon Baron

**David Ellwood**  
Harvard University

RE: Update on our work

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**Judith Gueron**  
MDRC

There have been several press articles on evidence-based policy recently, linked below.

**Ron Haskins**  
Brookings Institution

- [Yesterday's New York Times includes our opinion piece](#) (11/30/2012) proposing that the Obama Administration and Congress make it a priority, in the President's second term, to increase the effectiveness of social spending through evidence-based policy reform.

**Blair Hull**  
Matlock Capital

**Robert Hoyt**  
Jennison Associates

- [David Bornstein's piece in the New York Times](#) (10/17/2012) discussing the increase in demand for better evidence in social policy, including the bipartisan roots of this effort. The piece cites the Coalition's work in this area.

**David Kessler**  
Former FDA Commissioner

**Jerry Lee**  
Jerry Lee Foundation

**Dan Levy**  
Harvard University

- [Jon Baron's guest piece in Education Week's "Sputnik" blog](#) (10/8/2012) discussing what constitutes strong evidence of education program effectiveness, and calling for rigorous evaluations wherever feasible to determine whether a program really works.

**Diane Ravitch**  
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