November 30, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Advisors of the Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy
FROM: Jon Baron
RE: Update on our work

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

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.