



Piece of the PI: Newsletter

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Executive Director's Letter

This time of year has us thinking of things like Christmas blessings and reflecting on the year in review.

In fact, Facebook jarred me for a moment with how it captured SO MANY major life events that happened in my family in a mere few photos. With my 2018 FB year in review video, I posted this: "Wow - it's been a really full year! I became executive director of



Prosperity Indiana, one nephew graduated high school, another nephew was baptized, my dad retired from his job of 29 years, my kid cracked his skull, one cousin got married in Philly, we caught up with another cousin we hadn't seen in many moons, plus I traveled on vacation to Michigan with Colman & E, with my sisters to Nashville, TN, to a nearby KOA for a small gathering of college friends over the summer, and with the whole Barnes side to Blue Ridge Mtns over Thanksgiving! Oh - and there's a Disney on Ice pic in there for kicks as well! What a great look back!"

I wish Facebook would be so kind to summarize Prosperity's year through a series of photos as well. But without that available, I'll take my best stab at a look back and provide some hints of things to come! Take a look at the Year in Review timeline provided.

And if my timeline is too much to follow, I'll tell you this: it mostly highlights the new members who joined our team and the continued and expanded member engagement we've offered, especially related to public policy, with the addition of Policy & Pizza and QAP events. Plus - we MOVED!

What can't be captured in a timeline like this is the passion and drive and commitment of our team, our excitement around having new capacity to join us in meeting our mission, our work to build out a consulting pool to provide members with more assistance than ever, our efforts to build new and renewed partnerships that will benefit our members, the confidence and reliance we've had in the continuation of Kathleen Lara

Prosperity Indiana's Year in Review:

January 23 – Statehouse Day, PI's Convening of Hospital Community Benefits Officers, Andy Fraizer's farewell event

January 24 – 2018 Prosperity Indiana Summit, focused on the intersection of community health and community development

January 25-26 – PI hosts Midwest Caucus for National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations

January 27 – Entire staff is sick/recovering from a whirlwind week! Whew!

January-February – Transition Committee meeting regularly, interviewing candidates, ED selection made

February 20 – Carey Craig assumes new National Service Program Manager position

February 28 – Jessica Love announced as new Executive Director

March 5 – Jessica Love's first official day as ED (whirlwind ensues)

April 17 – Southwest (Evansville) member meeting

April 23 – Rita O'Donohue fills Relationships Manager position (membership position had been empty since August 2017) – relief sets in!

April 26 – Northeast (Ft Wayne) regional meeting

May 8 – Northwest (Hammond) regional meeting & Lifting

as our Policy Director and the additional work she's done – even, or especially, in this year of transition!

Also not captured in the timeline are the hours spent providing consulting services for our members and the many, many meetings that I or others on our team have had with members this year to learn about how we can be even better at serving our network. (And if we haven't met with you recently, [reach out!!](#) We want to hear from you, and we want to meet with you! And we're trying to get to as many places as possible to make sure that's happening.) What else is not adequately reflected in the timeline? The diligence of our board that has really rallied around our efforts to change and grow over this year.

And as a result of what you can and can't see in our timeline, we have *even better* things to come next year! We're excited to host our [Statehouse Day](#) on January 29 – please come and meet your legislators or get to know them better and share policy concerns and interests; our [annual Summit](#) on January 30 – where we'll have a big announcement that will benefit members (you'll want to be there, and you'll want to be a member when you attend!); and we've added a half-day [Opportunity Zone workshop](#) on January 31st, done in conjunction with our [Opportunity Investment Consortium](#) partners, to capitalize on our members being in town for the Summit. (Also, there should be new OZ regs coming out in January to discuss!)

We'll also soon be releasing our webinar schedule for the year; we're working with partners to develop and provide new trainings for 2019, including training on Opportunity Zones, housing development, outcomes measurement, comprehensive community development, and more; and we have plans to revive our podcast, to provide you with the best information possible to inform your work and connect you to others in the field.

So, be IN! Be in our [membership](#) in 2019 (includes one free summit registration this year)! Be IN attendance at our [Statehouse Day](#) (we'll give you everything you need to speak up and speak out)! Join IN our [Summit](#) festivities and learning opportunities (why not, at least one registration is already included with your membership renewal?! Be IN the crowd for the [Opportunity Zone workshop](#) (don't be left out of the loop regarding this new tool to transform communities)!

Community and Member Voices for National Housing Week of Action

May 31 – PI strategic planning process established

June 26 – PI offices relocated from Platform (after 5-1/2 years!) to Landmark Center

June 29 – Northwest (South Bend) regional meeting

July 1 – Member Capacity Builder AmeriCorps Kaytlin Eastes becomes Operations & Impact Manager

July 19 – Policy & Pizza (Lafayette)

July 30 – Logan Charlesworth starts as Resources & Network Manager (A&O Network position had been vacant since Sept 2017!) – things are starting to really come together with our team!!

August 1 – Policy & Pizza (Fort Wayne)

August 7 – Policy & Pizza (Indy)

August 15 – PI Steering Committee (strategic plan) kickoff

August 22 – Policy & Pizza (South Bend)

August 27 – Policy & Pizza (Evansville)

August 28 – Central Indiana (Indianapolis) regional meeting & PI Open House

September 17 – Michelle Johnson hired as Administrative Assistant (more relief sets in!)

December 6 – QAP member feedback session (South Bend)

December 7 – QAP member feedback session (Evansville)

And if you do all of this, if you're IN for 2019, you'll learn. You'll learn from us. You'll learn from other experts in the field. And you'll learn from each other – experts in your own right, especially with regard to the people and places you serve. And you can even go one step further – invite someone else IN! (If an organization or individual who hasn't been a member in the past three years joins, we'll sweeten the deal for you – ask me how!).

And together, with everyone all IN, we'll resolve in the new year to Strengthening our Communities with renewed fervor and the know-how to get the job done!

And I thank you, as always, for being a Piece of the PI network!

Happy Holidays!



Jessica Love

Executive Director

This month's Piece of the PI: RESOURCES



We provide the expertise, training, and resources you need to strengthen your community.

This month we have lots of opportunities to learn! Be sure to register for the events below to take advantage of these events!

Upcoming Opportunities to Advocate, Learn, and Engage

[STATEHOUSE DAY, January 29](#)



December 14 – QAP member feedback session (Indianapolis)

Upcoming Events

[January 25: UrbanPlan Interactive Workshop \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[January 29: Prosperity Indiana Statehouse Day \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[January 30: Prosperity Indiana Summit \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[January 30: A&O Network Breakfast \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[January 31: Opportunity Zones Workshop \(Indianapolis\)](#)

[February 7: Grantwriting 101 \(Webinar\)](#)

[February 8: Training - Working with Difficult Clients \(Online\)](#)

[March 27-29: 2019 NLIHC Housing Policy Forum \(Washington, DC\)](#)

[April 9-12: Preserving Historic Places Conference \(Evansville\)](#)

[April 30-May 2: Supportive Housing Summit \(Indianapolis\)](#)

Social Media Recap

[We are so THANKFUL for all the amazing work our members are doing across the state to strengthen our communities! Happy Thanksgiving from Prosperity Indiana!](#)

[@INCommDev Policy Director, @KatLaraIN joins panel @ High Cost Lending Summit in DC to discuss state coalition efforts pushing back against predatory lending that](#)

Meet with legislators and make sure your voice is heard on issues that are relevant to your work!

[A&O BREAKFAST, January 30](#)

Before the Summit, come see what the Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network has in store for 2019!



[2019 PROSPERITY INDIANA SUMMIT, January 30](#)

Connect with peers and learn about diverse strategies for building individual, organizational, and community wealth!

[OPPORTUNITY ZONES WORKSHOP, January 31](#)



Join us for a half-day workshop the day after the 2019 Summit to learn more about how this new tool can transform your community!

Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership!

2018 Membership benefits end February 1, 2019. Make sure to renew your organization's membership and get one **FREE REGISTRATION** to the 2019 Prosperity Indiana Summit.

[Click here to renew and learn more about this special offer!](#)

Congratulations to the Prosperity Indiana Annual Award Nominees!

Each year during the Prosperity Indiana Summit, we honor outstanding individuals and programs in community economic development. Award nominees for the 2019 Awards are listed below. Winners will be

[devastates communities, borrowers and working towards a payday rate cap #36isthefix](#)

[Calling all community development professionals working in Indiana! We need YOUR HELP to help create a State of the Industry Report. Take the survey at \[surveymonkey.com/r/CEDIndustryReport\]\(https://surveymonkey.com/r/CEDIndustryReport\) to make sure your organization is represented!](#)

[Excellent member feedback yesterday in South Bend on Indiana's QAP plan and how to best expand and preserve affordable rental housing throughout the state! Thanks, @INCommDev members for your engagement and dedication to building stronger communities. #hoosiers4affordablehousing](#)

[Don't miss the A&O Breakfast the morning of the 2019 Prosperity Indiana Summit! Come see what the Indiana Assets & Opportunity Network has in store for 2019.](#)



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announced during the luncheon at the Prosperity
Indiana Summit.

**Key Award for Supportive Services Program of the
Year**

Holding Hands with Our Future, *Rose of Hope
Foundation - Butler University*

Indiana Supportive Housing Institute, *CSH and IHDA*

Robert O. Zdenek Staff Member of the Year

Evan Tester, *King Park Development Corporation*

Leigh Riley Evans, *Mapleton Fall Creek Development
Corporation*

Christal Stephenson, *New Albany Housing Authority*

Judith Essex

Jeffrey Sparks, *Sagamore Institute*

Stephanie Roland, *Old National Bank*

George Okantey, *Purdue Extension*

Erin Macy, *Indiana Institute for Working Families*

John Niederman Rural Development Leadership

Brenda Myers, *Hamilton County Tourism, Inc.*

David Miller, *Hoosier Uplands Economic Development
Corporation*

**Michael Carroll Community Economic Development
Leadership**

Michael Howe, *Community Alliance of the Far Eastside*

Tom Fodor, *Morning Light Inc.*

John Franklin Hay, *Near East Area Renewal*

Sister Dorothy Rasche, *The Connecting Link*

Make Your Voice Heard at the 2019 Statehouse Day!

Join us on January 29th for Statehouse Day to meet with your legislators to and urge support our [2019 priorities](#), such as expanding resources for affordable housing, working to enhance tenant protections for renters and expanding consumer protections to help more low-income households build assets. Registration is free for members and we will arrange the meetings and provide materials, but we need your voice to ensure state lawmakers move forward on these critical issues!



We Want to Hear from You! 2019 Industry Report

Curious about the state of the community economic development industry in Indiana? We are too! Prosperity Indiana is working to create a 2019 Industry Report to provide a snapshot of our industry which will help us advocate for YOU, our members, with policy makers, funders, and others. We will also share this report with you to help you tell the story of the industry and your work!

[Take the survey here](#)

Make sure your organization is counted! Responses are due by January 4.

Join Us in Urging Congress to Pass Full-Year FY19 Spending Bills



If Congress fails to pass additional funding measures by December 21, the federal government will be forced to shut down. Congress has failed to pass numerous full-year funding bills for FY19, including those for Transportation-HUD and USDA. Those programs have been operating under short-term stopgap measures (continuing resolutions). The current CR expires in mere days and current negotiations are mired in border security funding debates.

[Learn more and find out how you can take action on our Policy Blog.](#)

Opportunity Investment Consortium of Indiana Launches to Support Projects in Opportunity Zones

The [Opportunity Investment Consortium of Indiana](#) has officially launched in efforts to intentionally champion the transformation of Opportunity Zone neighborhoods into vibrant places for residents and businesses. The Consortium released an [online portal](#) to aid in matching projects in need of funding in these specified census tracts to potential investors. Additionally, Consortium partners will convene regularly in an effort to build cross sector capacity in this new federal reinvestment tool to

advance best practice through collaboration, support, and training opportunities.

[This handout provides background information on the Consortium.](#)

Lt. Governor Crouch Announces 2018 Stellar Designees

On December 11, Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch announced the two regions who are designated a 2018 Stellar Community: the [Health and Heritage Region](#) made up of Greenfield, Fortville, and Hancock County, and the [New Allen Alliance](#) make up of Grabill, Leo-Cedarville, Monroeville, New Haven, Woodburn, and Allen County.

Each designated region will receive \$4.5 million from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, and will receive additional set amounts from the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Indiana State Department of Health, and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority.

Visit [in.gov/ocra/stellar](https://www.in.gov/ocra/stellar) for more information, including details about the 2019 Stellar Communities Program.

Almost 70% of Nonprofit "Income" is Earned

Nearly 70% of the \$1.4 trillion in annual nonprofit revenue is earned and not donated. Whether it's charging rent, or selling advertisements in a newsletter, Charitable Allies' Zac Kester breaks down how charities may benefit from an [additional revenue stream](#) or [setting up a blocker corporation](#).



IBJ Reports on the Racial Wealth Divide in Indianapolis

Even when born into households of similar income levels, white and black children earn vastly different incomes as adults. White adults in Indianapolis on average out-earn black adults whether both groups were born to poor, middle class or wealthy parents, according to an IBJ analysis of new U.S. Census Bureau data that tracked children born from 1978 to 1983.

[Read the full Indiana Business Journal article here.](#)

Thrive Indianapolis Plan Open for Public Comment

The City of Indianapolis has released its draft sustainability and resilience action plan, Thrive Indianapolis, for public comment. The plan aims to chart a course for an Indianapolis that is equitable, healthier, and prepared for the challenges of the 21st century.

The plan will be available for comment until December 26.

[Comment on the plan here.](#)

Latest News & Resources in Asset Building

Check out the [Indiana Assets & Opportunity blog](#) for articles such as:

[Asset Building Opportunities Lag for 15 Million Single Women](#)

[How to Develop Work Based Learning Experiences](#)

[United States Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Releases Minority Staff Report Grading CFPB](#)



IHCDA 2018 HOME Program Policy & Application Now Available

IHCDA's 2018 Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Rental Policy, Application Form, and additional application documents are now available on [IHCDA's HOME website](#). Certified CHDOs may also now request HOME funds. Application and required documentation can be found on the [IHCDA CHDO website](#).

IHCDA will also be hosting a webinar to provide an overview of the application forms and policy on January 8. [Click here to register.](#)

Call for Proposals: 2019 IEDC Annual Conference


The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) is hosting its 2019 Annual Conference in Indianapolis from October 13-16, 2019. IEDC is seeking compelling session proposals to ensure a comprehensive program. The conference theme is "Driving Growth: the race for talent innovation & place."

Session proposals should address trends and topics that reflect the wide-ranging needs and interests of IEDC's diverse membership. Sessions will be organized into five tracks:

1. Livability
2. Future Business, Future Worker
3. Housing and Infrastructure
4. Talent Partnerships
5. Business Clusters (The Circle of Friendship and Prosperity)

[Submit session proposals here.](#) Deadline for submission is January 11.

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