Breaking Down Independent/Community News Silos

IDEA 1: Summit with forward-thinking leaders of selected independent/community news orgs leading to a national conference where orgs could share best business/editorial practices, followed by dedicated funding to follow up on collaborative editorial projects and business partnerships that emerge. [Jo Ellen Green Kaiser with addition of summit by John Rudolph]

IDEA 2: Summit with forward-thinking leaders of selected independent/community news orgs to discuss what we mean by diversity in media and to figure out how to break silos. [Michelle Ferrier]

IDEA 3: Don’t talk; act. Fund collaborative editorial projects between community and independent media right away. [Juana Ponce de Leon]

NEXT STEPS

1. Gather Information and Reach out to Relevant Parties (by June 15)

* Talk to Sandy Close and New America Media (Jo Ellen to do; scheduled for June 10)
* Talk to Jehangir at CUNY (death in his family means this can’t happen for a while)
* Go to NNPA to meet with black publications (Jo Ellen to do)
* Liaison with Latino publications (Ivan? Jo Ellen? Their conf is in the fall)
* Jennifer Preston interested in funding map of space via university

1. CONVENE Committee to decide which idea to pursue (by June 30)

Jo Ellen, Juana, Ivan, Chris, Richard (Pocantico); Michelle Ferrier; NAM, CUNY, NNPA, NAHP reps?

1. Write and Submit LOI (by August 1)