Potential topics/orgs to talk on education calls

**Covert consolidation**

70 dif. Communities around country—consolidating around the country and circumventing ownership rules and consolidating and not telling FCC

i.e. Hawaii

media ownership review: Who owns the media and where are these regional powerhouses coming from? Who are the key players and what will the impact be on communities.

labor issue/photocopied news

Free Press

Newspaper Guild:  Bernie Lunzer, international president. seeing a bit of stability in revenue situation. Wapo and nyt have broken the 15% in revenue from websites. Traditional media companies have been clustering to build alliances. Trends: more clustering to centralize copy desks. Trying to reach out to freelancers and contracters to engage in pushing for quality standards. Most bankruptcies have pretty much ended. Ousting of dean singleton. Gatehouse is gobbling up small opps, Singleton is working with larger groups. Restructuring of Media News is going to be more consolidation. Singleton is working to gain control of san fran. Trad media centralized (print) to combined facilities. Problem is that we have an idea that moving papers to community hands can make them more stable, but traditional landscape is going to be blocked from innovation because they are greedy for profits. Going to be left to start ups like minnpost. Chicago: Suntimes vs tribune. Suburban papers. Washington DC weeklies are all owned by wapo. If you’re looking for what’s consolidated. Boston area: Gatehouse. Could see sale of the globe in the near future. Been very concerned about diversity and community impact. Any issue isn’t complete unless studying diversity as a part of it. Layoffs and buyouts are killing women in the news room. Gender issues that we thought were completely gone are returning. Right wing influences on public radio and television? The more consolidation, less diversity of ownership. White male trad corps as owners and operators. Employee stock ownership option in Puerto rico. Going to be looking to push more policy on the hill.

Malkia from CMJ: Historical perspective

**LPFM bill**

It passed-but what’s next?

Who got stimulus funding and who didn’t—not part of the lpfm stort, is a part of BTOP.

What will be the progressive/religious /social justice fight over them and will get them? **Movement needs to raise a lot of money to help lefty groups to apply for these stations. Evangelicals got over half the licenses last time because the left wasn’t ready. Soonest that window will open is early 2012. Many of these orgs are volunteer run and use very inexpensive space. Fees: pay to put up station, electricity, annual licensing.**

**Native public media. Really involved with full power window, low power fm isn’t great for Indian country. Works great in a number of cities with large native communities.**

Prometheus: Brandy Doyle 607. 339. 1759, brandy@prometheusradio.org. Danielle Chynoweth, 217.721.7223 is working with outreach. Not an opp for one time coverage, but long term relationships.

1,000 Kites: Andalusia is part time b/w prometh and 1k

(one of the groups who are planning to apply for these stations)

*Hannah at New America Foundation*

*Candace at Free Press*

*Media Access Project*

Betty McCarnell –helping non profit orgs get ready for low power FM. Connected with.

**Mobile Phones/Technology**

Tech/Ownership/Rules

Sub net neutrality-what is the future of mobile techs? What do the companies want to do with technologies?

Text message policies—Public Knowledge (Gigi Sohn)

Donating on mobile phones

CMJ could talk about this as it impacts communities of color and new rules for new/emerging technologies. Continued divide will get worse if open internet rules aren’t applied to mobile. Have policy briefs that could help out.

**Increasing Broadband Access: YOLANDA MIGHT BE ABLE**

What’s happening on the ground: rural communities, connected to economic policies

The rural electification plan of 30/40’s (ensure

National Broadband plan

Universal Broadband—what’s going to happen with it?

Lifeline Linkup—Benton

Dee Davis-Center for Rural Strategies (have done good writing on this: The Daily Yonder)

MAGNET—Amalia

Media Mobilizing Project out of Philly. Mag-Net is part. Bryan

Josh breitbart.

**Wikileaks**—and how and attacking to who publishes leaked docs

Wilileaks/shield laws.

Marvin Ammori ---University of Nebraska

**the shield law (investigate some more)**

Reporters for freedom of the press—lisa (might be to inside the DC)

Society for Professional Law

Online Media Network at Berkman-citizens legal David Ardia

New Media Rights

**Net Neutrality**

The latest on Net Neutrality:

New America Foundation—Sasha or Hannah Sassamen

Free Press

Jamilah King, ColorLines

**On The Ground perspective**

CMJ and MAGNET

New Mexico Media Literacy Project

RECLAIM The Media
Mountain Area Information Network

**Anti-Slapp legislation**

Stop frivolous law suits—local news start up, reporting on a really bad developer, suing for libel and don’t have means to fight it. This legislation applies to activists but groups are trying to get it to work for journalism

Impacts local groups

Southwest organizing project in albaquerque—marjorie childress—can talk about how media consolitation in abqq led to one-sided coverage freedom of speech for non-profits due to conservative media consolidation and slap lawsuits.

**Privacy Policy**

Center for Digital Democracy (Jeff Chester-might not bring him on cause he’s a little crazy—but might have interesting topics on site that could inform them)

**Convo with Cecilia**: Lifeline Linkup. Since national broadband plan was enacted, doing work on getting low income people involved in broadband. Joint board on universal service. FCC is taking some of their recommendations. Policy Analyst Amina Fazlullah amina@benton.org is spearheading this effort. Reclassification and regulation of the internet. Someone has too look out for consumers, public interest. Going to be a huge fight to get fcc to regulate.

Implementation of the Comcast/NBC merger. How do you track local news coverage in the 11 cities that there was overlap.

Spectrum allocation will be an important issue. Harold Feld at Public Knowledge.

Small series of coordinated reporter briefings around the national broadband implementation plan.