**Collaborative Media Project   
July 11, 2017 Update**Submitted by Manolia Charlotin  
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* Short Term: To encourage local Chicago media to participate in On the Table;
* Mid-Term: To encourage local Chicago media to report on the outcomes of the relationships developed at particular On the Table events;
* Long-Term: To foster new and substantive relationships among media outlets that serve different communities within Chicago.

As of July 17, the actual On the Table events have been concluded; the reporting on outcomes of On the Table events is well underway; and most excitingly, new relationships are forming as a result of this project among outlets and communities that had never worked together before.

Our final meeting with these outlets will take place on July 14, 2017. At this meeting, we expect to hear details of On The Table stories the outlets are still reporting and learn more about relationships that are forming. We will be engaging the outlets in strategies to continue and deepen these relationships once this project ends. This is one of the rare projects that will successfully meet its immediate goals and provide a long tail of impact.

In the meantime, here are specific numbers on our achievements to date.

**1. Brought together 15 local media outlets that serve different communities**

Contexture Media

El Beisman

Repensar Films

In These Times

Chicago Defender

Chicago Reporter

The Intersection

The Triibe

Gozamos

City Bureau

Hoy

Yollocalli

Black Youth Project

WVON

Chicago to the World

**2. Involved 10 outlets in 7 On The Table events, including 3 created as a result of this project**

* Contexture Media and The Intersection co-hosted and covered OTT in south side on Black girls
* El Beisman Repensar/Domingos en Vocalo co-hosted and covered OTT in Pilsen that highlighted the Trans Latinx community
* In These Times hosted OTT in Logan Sq on issues facing neighborhoods on the west side
* Black Youth Project’s Cathy Cohen participated in OTT co-hosted by Illinois Humanities at ThoughtWorks
* WVON covered OTT throughout the city, providing information on how people can participate
* The Triibe covered OTT at Vice Brewery about equity and inclusion, arts and culture in the South Loop
* Chicago to the World’s Amara Enyia participated in OTT hosted by UChicago on the cost of segregation

**3. Facilitated the production of 3 On the Table stories, with more to come.**

<http://www.intersection.tv/ott-special-report>

<http://www.contexture.tv/ott-glmp>

<http://www.elbeisman.com/article.php?action=read&id=1441>

**4. Inspired Chicago media serving different, diverse communities to work together for the first time.**

* The Chicago Defender and The Triibe are working out a formal agreement to produce stories collaboratively for the next year. Here we have the oldest newspaper serving the African American community in Chicago (and throughout the country) in partnership with the newest multimedia platform dedicated to serving Black millennials. This collaboration bridges several generational gaps and puts an established audience in conversation with an emerging one.
* Hoy Chicago is hosting youth journalists from the Yollocalli program of the Mexican Art Museum. This provides a group of emerging storytellers the opportunity to have a voice in one of the main platforms serving the Latino community.