Quarterly Report

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Project: JoCoHealth.net Community Resource Database

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Reporting Period end date: 12/31/2005

Publicity:
Although publicity and promotional activities were completed for JoCoHealth and MedlinePLUS in general, specific publicity and promotional activities for the NN/LM funded community resource database were not conducted as we are still in the development stage of our project.

Complete an Outreach Reporting Form
No specific outreach activities or exhibits were presented featuring the NN/LM funded community resource database as we are still in the development stage of our project.

Other accomplishments:
We are currently finalizing the testing of the administrative and public interfaces to the community resource database. We encountered some difficulty in the system after moving it from the vendor’s system into a test environment at the library. We are working with the vendor to remedy the bugs, and after the fixes are completed, we will uninstall completely, reinstall the package, and then complete another complete round of thorough testing to ensure that the system can be easily installed and utilized by other libraries or organizations.

Additionally, a weekly meeting is scheduled between the contracted service company and the library in order to track progress and ensure the project is meeting the identified needs.

Target audience:
The needs of the target group have not changed during this reporting period.
Goals, Outcomes, Objectives:
The major surprise during this quarter had to do with the problems we encountered testing the system in the library’s network environment. We are working with the vendor to fix the problems we encountered, and to come up with solutions to avoid these problems in the future.

Evaluation:
The contracted vendor provides a weekly progress update to ensure the database and user interface development are on track.

Impacts and Observations:
The project itself is still in development, but as we discuss the future of the project with partners and community members, we have encountered enthusiasm and encouragement.

Planned Activities:
− Work with the contracted company to complete development of the database and user interface, and to re-install the database on the library’s server to ensure the final version installs easily.
− Develop data formatting standards and content collection procedures.
− Collect community data, assess process for opportunities for improvement, and draft content maintenance procedures.
− We will also ensure that all funds are encumbered by March 31, 2006.