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**Publicity:**
Marketing for training sessions was handled in a variety of ways. Brochure were distributed to healthcare providers, clinics and hospitals and community groups and organizations. We used organizational champions to promote training activities among their memberships.

**Outreach Sessions:**
1. Fitzgibbon Hospital, Marshall, Missouri February 24 & 25, 2003
   Advanced searching for medical professional
   Seven physicians, seven nurses and a dietician participated

   PubMed and MEDLINEplus demonstration
   Session participants included: dentist, two public health nurses, physician and two director's of local public health departments

3. Missouri Rural Health Association, Capital Region Medical Center & Linn Tech Community College Jefferson City March 21, 2003
   MEDLINEplus session for general public
   Twelve consumers participated

**Other accomplishments**
We have partnered with the Missouri Rural Health Association (MRHA) for a variety of activities:

4. training on MEDLINEplus for consumers
5. PubMed training for healthcare providers
6. Information and training sessions on NLM databases and products are scheduled for presentation at regional meetings
7. We have also partnered with the Missouri Institute for Community Health
8. Presented informational session on NLM databases and products to Health Communications Workgroup

**Target audience**
1. Our target audiences for these training sessions are usually health care providers working in rural and medically underserved areas. This is the same group we planned to target in our proposal.
2. In addition we held informational sessions for members of Missouri Institute for Community Health (MICH) highlighting NLM databases PubMed and MEDLINEplus. MICH is made up of members from local community public health departments, employees of the Missouri Department of Health, Missouri Academy of Family Physicians, University of Missouri Outreach & Extension and leadership of community groups involved in health care.

Goals, Outcomes, Objectives:
1. I had expected to provide training sessions at both Hermann and Callaway Hospital's. To date I have had no success in getting training session scheduled at either site so far. I plan to continue trying next quarter.
2. Our partnership with Missouri Rural Health Association developed into a closer collaborative. In February we submitted a joint Internet Access to Digital Libraries proposal to NLM to develop online communities of experts in the field of mental health, oral health and elderly and aging issues. The task for these groups is to develop white papers which will be used by MRHA to initiate community outreach. We just received word that we made it through the first round of evaluations and have been assigned a score of 172. We are hopeful this project may come to fruition.

Evaluation: Participants complete evaluation forms at the end of each training session. We use these evaluations and conversations with participants to tweak our training sessions. We distributed a library resources and services evaluation to all health care providers involved in past training sessions. Results are being compiled and interpreted.

Impacts and Observations:
1. I think our relationships with our partners have been strengthened by this outreach funding.
2. The continuity of services has been enhanced by our repeated training at Fitzgibbon Hospital. The physicians and nurses know that they have a living, breathing librarian that does provide informational support.
3. I get frequent requests for journal articles, additional training sessions and mediated searching from health care providers at this site.

Planned Activities:
Upcoming Training Sessions:
1. Internet searching for medical professionals - Salem Memorial Hospital (April)
2. Internet searching for medical professionals - Phelps County Regional Medical Center (April)
3. Internet searching for medical professionals - MRHA, Jefferson City (April)
4. Internet searching for medical professionals - Great Mines Health Center, Austin Plaza Family Care, Potosi, MO (May)
5. Internet searching for medical professionals - Fayette Family Care (May)
6. Internet searching for medical professionals - Sedalia Free Clinic (May)
7. Internet searching for medical professionals - Fitzgibbon Hospital (June)