

MidContinental Regional Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2006

Welcome

Wayne Peay, Director of the NN/LM MidContinental Region and of the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, welcomed board members and thanked them for agreeing to advise the program. He stated that this RML is known as the “technology RML” and we’re experimenting with the use of video conferencing to hold our advisory board meeting.

Claire Hamasu, Associate Director, added ground rules such as muting microphones when not speaking to eliminate background noise.

Introductions

Members introduced themselves by stating their names and institutions.

Four advisory board members were asked to provide longer introductions.

Karen Cole is Director of the Archie R. Dykes Library of the Health Sciences University of Kansas Medical Center. Her school of medicine is undergoing curriculum changes that are technology driven and is impacting how professors teach and students learn. The library has been involved in implementing these changes. Although the library does not have its RML position (Kansas/Technology Liaison) filled, the library has been maintaining the relationships established in outreach with the state library, the university’s Health Policy Board, and the Health Career Pathways program.

Linda Cooperstock, Public Health Planner in Columbia Missouri, described a consumer health kiosk project that has been established in a WIC office. This has been an idea that she’s wanted to implement for 10 years. In a needs assessment survey over 70% of the respondents indicated that they would like to have computer access to information in the public health office. Preliminary training has taken place on MedlinePlus. Computers are on order. Funding is coming from the University of Missouri.

Amanda Enyeart is Manager of Library Services at the Children's Hospital in Denver. The hospital is recognized as one of the top ten children's hospitals in America by *U.S. News & World Report*. Children's ranked seventh. The hospital has two libraries; one is the Family Health Library that offers consumer health information and has two librarians. Amanda manages the medical library that is staffed by three librarians. She also provides services to staff at satellite clinics. The hospital is affiliated with the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, so some of the staff has privileges at Denison Memorial Library. The library has successfully argued for its survival following two reorganizations that would have eliminated library services and successfully upgraded a support position to a professional position. The biggest challenge now facing her is moving to a new facility next September.

Roxanna Jokela is the Director of the Rural Health Education Network at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Her program manages rural rotations, family practice rotations and a new emergency medicine rotation. The Network also works with K-12 to encourage students to think of entering a health career. They have found that science teachers are good contacts and are being funded by NIH through a SEPA (Science Education Partnership Award) to improve K-12 and public understanding of the health sciences with tribes in Nebraska and South Dakota.

Regional Advisory Board Outcomes

Stan Penfold, Director of the Utah AIDS Foundation, facilitated the discussion to come up with outcomes for the board. He started by reviewing the four goals for the NN/LM. Betsy Kelly explained that the first 3 goals came from the NN/LM statement of work. Wayne Peay stated that the RML felt that a goal was needed for evaluation and added the last goal.

[Note: The goals are on the first page of Quickplace <http://notesplace.wustl.edu/rml>.]

The list of expectations for the board was also brought up. Stan used expectation #3 (Develop plans to encourage health professionals and health sciences librarians to participate actively in regional and national programs affecting the delivery of health information.) as an example and asked about activities, indicators, outcomes. Betsy thought that the expectations were outcomes. Others contributed that members were already doing things that addressed these expectations but had no place to share what they were doing with other board members or others in the region. Karen Cole suggested that all members submit an activity, a project, or something that they would like to showcase. Claire suggested that items on this list could be used to address expectation #10 (Present information to the region on their organization or area of expertise. This may be an article in the newsletter or a presentation using collaborative software.) Lisa Traditi confirmed that being able to share how projects are being carried out would be helpful to the region. Gene Hainer asked about collecting quantitative data or effects. Stan advised starting with counting and then evolving into collecting changes (outcomes). Amanda asked whether outcomes were part of the RML's logic model. She would like the outcomes related to the board to be consolidated. Betsy replied that the logic model section that applies to the advisory board is to be found in the Assessment and Evaluation section of the logic model. She will verify that other sections of the logic model don't apply to the advisory board.

Action: Stan and Betsy will devise a way to accumulate and distribute efforts that board members suggest.

Betsy will review the logic model for advisory board sections.

The meeting ended at 11:00 am MT

Regional Advisory Board members in attendance:

Jim Bothmer

Karen Cole

Linda R. Cooperstock

Amanda Enyeart
Eugene Hainer
Roxanna Jokela
Michael Karr
Stan Penfold,
Lisa Traditi

Regional Advisory Board members absent:

Ira Combs
Whitney Davison-Turley
Edwin M. Galan
Kathy Tacke
Mary Beth Warren

RML Staff in Attendance

Wayne Peay
Claire Hamasu
Dana Abbey
John Bramble
Siobhan Champ-Blackwell
Sharon Dennis
Mary Henning
Betsy Kelly
Barb Jones
Marty Magee