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Quarterly Report

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Reporting Period end date: 03/31/06

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. We did purchase bottles of hand-sanitizer, customized with the JoCoHealth logo, to use when we are ready to promote the JoCoHealth database.

Outreach:

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 finalized 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, and we worked with the vendor to remedy the bugs. After the fixes were complete, we reinstalled the package and completed another round of thorough testing to ensure that the system can be easily installed and utilized by other libraries or organizations.

Now that the initial hurdles encountered through work with the database vendor have been overcome, we are working on the data collection and entry.

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 worked with the vendor to fix the problems we encountered, but the testing and re-testing took considerable staff resources, and all of our efforts had to be concentrated on the database testing rather than data collection and entry.

Evaluation:

The contracted vendor provided a weekly progress update to ensure the database and user interface development are on track. However, all work over the last quarter was focused on testing and re-testing to clear the system of bugs and to ensure the interface was working properly.

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:

Collect community data, enter the data, customize the interface to look like the JoCoHealth Web site, and make the site live to the public.