



Knoxville Area Health Science Library Consortium

KAHSLC Business Meeting
Wednesday November 1, 2006
Preston Medical Library, UT

ATTENDING:

Elaine Brekke	Preston Medical Library, UT
Nedra Cook	Ft. Sanders Regional Medical Center/Covenant
Martha Earl	Preston Medical Library, UT
Molly Moore	National Limb Loss Information Center
Sandy Oelschlegel	Preston Medical Library, UT
Willa Reister	Knox County Public Library
Lauren Thompson Rider	Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge/Covenant
Cynthia Vaughn	Preston Medical Library, UT

Presiding: Nedra Cook, President

Recording: Molly Moore, Secretary/ Treasurer

The meeting was brought to order with initial statements by Nedra Cook. KAHSLC thanked Preston Library staff for hosting, providing snacks and giving attendees parking vouchers.

This was the first meeting of 2007 and the new presiding officers were introduced: Nedra Cook, President; Cynthia Vaughn, Vice President/ Program Chair and Molly Moore, Secretary/ Treasurer.

There has been no financial activity since the last report. The balance remains \$597.06. Other formal business was foregone to ensure time for presentations and discussion.

PROGRAM:

Lauren Rider, Rider, presented on her experience with launching MedlinePlus' Go Local (GL) database for the state of Indiana. GL is a comprehensive database of local providers for a variety of health related services and providers. GL content is not a duplication of MedlinePlus content; therefore GL databases contain specific service providers and not health information sources. IN was one of the first states to get GL off the ground. As of now, there are approximately 20 states launching GL. GL is a project that Tennessee libraries are interested in initializing, therefore the groundwork and execution of a GL database is highly of interest.

Lauren emphasized that each state is different, and that her experience with GL in IN may differ from other states. For example, to her knowledge the IN project was fortunate to have both generous funding and staff for a dedicated effort to launch GL. Peggy Richwine, of Indiana University School of Medicine-Ruth Lilly Medical Library in Indianapolis, was the project leader. The NLM grant for this project was over the years 2003/2004 and the total funding was as follows:

\$25,000 NLM Grant

\$50,000 grant from the Indy Foundation (private)

\$ 5,000 from LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act-Digitization grant)

\$2500 from IHSLA (Indiana Health Sciences Librarians Association)

\$500 from CIHSLC (Central Indiana Health Sciences Libraries Consortium)

Note: NLM gives a total lifetime grant of \$25,000 and provides ongoing hosting and system support. Funding beyond that, for the lifetime of the project, is the responsibility of the grant recipients.

A variety of groundwork was needed for the project:

- The team created a manual
- Potential users were surveyed
- Part time staff (Selectors) participated in four training sessions
- Quarterly conference calls with NLM and other active states launching GL
- Quarterly reports to NLM

Uniform data entry is key to the successful outcome of the database. Training for Selectors included: vocabulary (they used taxonomy similar to phone directories- Local Service Terms and Local Health Terms, based on the Airs taxonomy), geography, types of services to include, credential verification, and data entry/ formatting. Lauren's job was to approve each entry (Reviewer). Services were obtained through combing a variety of sources such as the 211 Directory, Web sites and Yellow Pages

Many choices about the final product are decisions unique to each state. It is a state decision whether to include services and providers that do not have a Web site. IN chose to only include services with a Web presence. Likewise, IN chose to include an entry for each individual location for organizations with more than one office. Each address includes a link to a map for their location. Each state has a unique name and logo.

The IN GL team worked collaboratively state-wide with other libraries and health institutions, but chose not to have an authoritative board overseeing the project.

GL is a long-term commitment. NLM requires that an audit be done of content on an annual basis to ensure up-to-date and relevant information.

To summarize, GL is a very detailed project that takes a lot of man-power, both for groundwork and execution.

REPORT:

Sandy Oelschlegel reported on the progress and findings of a state-wide planning committee. The formal presentation "Evaluating Tennessee's Health Information Needs" was handed out to the group to review. To identify current needs and future initiatives, surveys of health professionals, librarians and consumers were performed. A new grant was acquired to continue data collection and investigation of a Tennessee Go Local project.

At the recent MLA Southern Chapter Conference, it was learned that Vanderbilt has applied for a grant from NLM to pursue Go Local for Tennessee. Vanderbilt is acting autonomous from the collaborative group mentioned above. Right now, the collaborative group has lodged a protest against this application.

After the THSLA meeting next week, more will be decided on future actions of the group. Right now options for the group include: becoming uninvolved and leaving the project to Vanderbilt, continuing to protest the grant application of Vanderbilt, or pursue other options such as a collaborative effort with Vanderbilt or the possibility of East, Middle and West Tennessee Go Local efforts.

Outcomes will be reported back to KAHSLC members.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.