NATIONAL NETWORK OF LIBRARIES OF MEDICINE
MIDCONTINENTAL REGION
OPTION YEAR 1 (2012-2013) OBJECTIVES

Assessment and Evaluation

1. Inform NLM of regional, state, and local activities that contribute to improved connectivity, access and health information resources as a result of NN/LM MCR programs.
2. Work with Resource Libraries, including signing and monitoring implementation of subcontracts for basic services, and assess Resource Library and Coordinator experiences.
3. Reconstitute Regional Advisory Board and assess the impact of the Board on RML programming and the experience of Board members.
4. Monitor and evaluate NN/LM MCR programs to assess their effectiveness.
5. Assess needs of health sciences librarians and other organizations in the Region for NLM and NN/LM products and services and share data with NLM and NN/LM.

Library Advocacy

1. Promote advocacy materials to the region.
2. Support member librarians and libraries during organizational restructuring.
3. Support librarians to become change agents in their institutions in health information literacy.
4. Support librarians to become involved in patient safety activities in their institutions.
5. Provide resources for librarians to support and improve their business practices in the hospital setting.

Education

1. Promote history of medicine resources within the region.
2. Identify and contribute classes to the MLA Educational Clearinghouse.
3. Present three sessions on the Exhibitor and Presentation Toolkit.
4. Investigate opportunities for librarians to become expert searchers.
5. Host NLM Training Center workshops at one site annually.
6. Offer e-science education webinars.
7. Teach technology classes and learning sessions.
8. Develop resources and train members on preparing continuity of service plans.
9. Provide training on NLM and NN/LM resources and tools.
10. Manage and promote EBSCO E-Book collection.
11. Submit program proposals at local, regional, state, or national events.
12. Organize and sponsor knowledge sharing workshop.
13. Make online or in person presentations to state refugee coordinators on open source, multiple language resources.
14. Offer classes in statistics, organizational behavior, and evaluation for demonstrating library values.
15. Use the RML communication tools to promote educational opportunities.

Health Information Literacy
1. Work with community organizations.
2. Promote health information literacy awareness through the NLM and NN/LM through various networking and collaborative efforts.
3. Include information about medical libraries and librarianship in the Exhibitor Toolkit.
4. Promote health information literacy awareness through NLM and NN/LM products and services.
5. Exhibit at local, regional, state or national events.
6. Contribute to Bringing Health Information to the Community blog.
7. Offer Training Health Professionals stipends.
8. Encourage and/or support health information literacy collaborations that reach other networks and relevant organizations.
9. Maintain state library collaborations.

Member Services
1. Identify and maintain effective methods of communication.
2. Conduct drills or exercises to test the continuity of service plans on a regular basis.
3. Involve Network members in RML activities.
4. Manage portions of the NN/LM Resource Sharing Plan.
5. Offer funding opportunities.

Technology
1. Investigate and implement communication technologies.
2. Maintain NN/LM MCR web site.
3. Regularly monitor and disseminate technology developments.
4. Technology Working Group members contribute to social media direction for the region.
5. Provide consultations and assist Network members in developing strategies that address barriers to access.
6. Work on the Community-Based Organization Underconnected Pilot Project.
7. Promote and support Network members' involvement in electronic medical record (EMR) projects at their institutions.
8. Support the appropriate personnel at community colleges and regional extension centers (REC), providing health information technology (HIT), programs to integrate evidence based medicine and consumer health information into their program offerings.