

**NATIONAL NETWORK OF LIBRARIES OF MEDICINE  
MIDCONTINENTAL REGION  
OPTION YEAR 2 (2013-2014) OBJECTIVES**

**Assessment and Evaluation**

1. 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.
2. Monitor and evaluate NN/LM MCR programs to assess their effectiveness in improving access to health information.
3. 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.
4. Prepare reports for NLM site visit and participate in the NER site visit team.
5. Reconstitute Regional Advisory Board and assess the impact of the Board on RML programming and the experience of Board members.
6. Work with Resource libraries, including signing and monitoring implementation of subcontracts for basic services, and assess Resource Library and Coordinator experiences.

**Education**

1. Develop and teach a class for faith community nurses.
2. Write and distribute articles for faith community nurses.
3. Manage and promote EBSCO E-Book collection.
4. Develop resources and train members on preparing continuity of service plans.
5. Investigate opportunities for librarians to become expert searchers.
6. Promote history of medicine resources within the region.
7. Offer "Measuring your Impact" class online.
8. Identify and contribute classes to the MLA Educational Clearinghouse.
9. Provide training on NLM and NN/LM resources and tools.
10. Submit program proposals at local, regional, state, or national events.
11. Use the RML communication tools to promote education opportunities.
12. Provide training on NLM and NN/LM resources and tools to public library audiences.
13. Teach technology classes and learning sessions.
14. Establish a work group to research e-science current practices for librarians and prepare an article for publication.

## **Health Information Literacy**

1. Award public libraries who have had the best K-12/public library partnerships involving health information.
2. Contribute to "Bringing Health Information to the Community" blog.
3. Exhibit at local, regional, state or national events.
4. Become further involved in the Health Care Education Association.
5. Promote the use of NLM resources to support K-12 school health curriculum.
6. Inform refugee health staff about multiple language resources.
7. Encourage and/or support health information literacy collaborations that reach other networks and relevant organizations.
8. Maintain state library collaborations.

## **Library Advocacy**

1. Provide resources for librarians to support and improve their business practices in the hospital setting.
2. Support librarians to become change agents in their institutions in health information literacy.
3. Support librarians to become involved in patient safety activities in their institutions.
4. Investigate the value of librarian services in the cost of patient care.
5. Support member librarians and libraries through publications appropriate for and communications with health care organization administrators.
6. Working group members contribute gaming paths for the region.

## **Member Services**

1. Conduct drills or exercises to test the continuity of service plans on a regular basis.
2. Involve Network members in RML activities.
3. Manage portions of the NN/LM Resource Sharing Plan.

## **Technology**

1. Provide consultations and assist Network members in developing strategies that address barriers to access.
2. Support the appropriate personnel at Community College Health Information Technology (HIT) institutions to integrate evidence based medicine and consumer health information into their program offerings.
3. Investigate and implement communication technologies.
4. Regularly monitor and disseminate technology developments.
5. Process data and report on the community based organization under-connected pilot project.
6. Maintain NN/LM MCR web site.