

Approved at February 6, 2007 HLSP Meeting

**SENYLRC Hospital Library Services Program Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting**

October 31, 2006

Present: Frank Appell, Patricia Carroll-Mathes (Liaison), Jesse Caudill, Mary Evans, Maryallison Farley, Kathleen Fiola, Miriam Gurowski, Mary Jo Russell, Twila Snead
Excused: Valerie Roberts
Absent: Sue Ben-Dor, Margaret Cirillo
Guests: Tessa Killian, Stuart Moss, John Shaloiko, Zack Spaulding
Virtual Presenter: Mike Kita from Rittenhouse

Maryallison called the meeting **to order at 9:45 am at SENYLRC.**

Issues Discussed

1. Attendance

Patricia distributed copies of the HLSP Committee Commitment for 2006-2007 and reminded members of their responsibilities regarding attendance.

2. Review of Budget 2006-2007 & Electronic Resources Projections

John, Tessa, Patricia, and the members discussed the 2006/07 Electronic Resources Projections spreadsheet that was handed out, noting that:

- the *STAT!Ref* cost is higher than projected, with a smaller discount offered this year for the second year contract (only 10% vs. 25% in previous years);
- WALDO is handling the McGraw-Hill account and we have negotiated a similar price for 2007 for Harrison's.
- Some reserve funds remain to offset increased costs and New York State budget resulted in a small increase to the HLSP funds. We are planning to use \$7000 from unexpended funds this year, which leaves another \$7000 balance which can be applied next year. Then this money will largely be expended—which will mean an increase in cost shares. One unknown is the future rising costs of online resources, although the LWW contract is set at a 7% annual increase through 2008.

3. New Gateway Pages

Patricia and Tessa indicated that many of the gateway pages are up; exceptions are the Yeager Center, Helen Hayes Hospital, Putnam, Bon Secours, Columbia, and Ellenville. For technical and vendor questions regarding the Gateway licensed resources, contact Tessa who will route them on to Zack if necessary; for content issues (such as news items, new resources, and wording), contact Patricia. Frank asked that members share ideas for changes to the web pages; Maryallison suggested doing this via e-mail. Since the current passwords have been in use for a long time, Patricia stressed again the need for each hospital to have a new password.

4. Future CE Topics

Mary Jo reported that when she recently surveyed the HLSP re CE preferences, *Keeping Patients Safe: Roles for Information Professionals*, got the most votes, followed by *Health Statistics*. Maryallison distributed a list of web-based CE's offered through MLA (October 2006 *MLA News*). Patricia mentioned the possibilities of spending funds in the CE budget on a class (such

as those arranged at SENYLRC) or funding individual members who take CE classes themselves.

Members commented that recent classes have been disappointing, either based on the content being too elementary, or the instructor. All agreed the calibre of the instructor makes a significant difference. There was interest expressed in the course on *The NLM Gateway*, especially if Maureen Czujak could be engaged as the instructor.

5. Electronic Resource Use Statistics

Handouts summarized these figures.

6. Renewal of Specific Electronic Resource Packages: *STAT!Ref*, *Harrison's* & *LWW*

Patricia observed that the discount for *STAT!Ref* had dropped from 25% to 10%, a situation that would have resulted in the need for an additional \$2000 for this resource. Since the cost of *ACS Surgery* is five times that of the Schwartz *Principles of Surgery*, replacing ACS with Schwartz closed this fiscal gap. Also, LWW title changes will require the group to make some decisions; Patricia will handle the discussion via the list and e-mail.

7. R2

Mike Kita from Rittenhouse presented a webinar on their online full-text book resource called *R2*, and provided information packets about the product. He covered many features, indicated that consortial arrangements are possible, and referred to potential discounts and mentioned that there is little overlap in titles between *R2* and *STAT!Ref*.

8. Conference Reports

Mary Jo reported that the poster presentation she and Maryallison did on the Dante-themed marketing campaign (to promote the gateway pages) at the Upstate NY and Ontario Chapter meeting was well received. Mary Jo also distributed a handout on risk management from one of the conference sessions.

Twila reported that, at the NY-NJ Chapter meeting, A. Mercato, a public librarian and former IT person, was an excellent presenter on a panel discussing successful Web sites.

Actions/Recommendations

- Minutes: Frank moved and Twila seconded that the minutes of the August 3, 2006 meeting be accepted with these corrections: Mary Evans was present, and Stuart Moss was a guest. The motion carried.
- *PubMed*: Maryallison will check with Kathel Dunn about the time-outs that members have been experiencing in *PubMed*.
- Gateway Issues: Zack will delete the Quick Links' mouse-over descriptions, as members requested, and look for link-checker programs—a topic to be discussed at the next meeting.
- CE: Kathy will contact Maureen Czujak about *The NLM Gateway*, and other courses that Maureen may be able to present.
- CE Funds: Twila moved and Jesse seconded that CE funds be used by individual librarians toward classes that they want to attend in the area. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 2007 (Snow date: Tuesday, February 13, 2007)
Location: Nathan S. Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research, Health Sciences Library,
Orangeburg

Recorder: Kathleen Fiola