Connecticut Association of Health Sciences Librarians Goals & Objectives 2006-2007

The purpose of this Association shall be to stimulate interest in and strengthen health sciences librarianship and libraries in Connecticut. This will be accomplished by:

Promoting an understanding of the health sciences librarian's role and unique abilities in the management of knowledge-based information and eliciting strong support within Connecticut's health care system for the mission of health sciences libraries:

- Continue to promote health sciences librarianship by offering an educational program to CHA members.
- Work with faculty and students of the library science program at SCSU to encourage careers in health sciences librarianship.
- Encourage CAHSL members to offer tours and internship opportunities to any interested students.
- Work with the CSMS to continue to ensure that MLA Standards for Hospital Libraries are met by all Connecticut hospitals.

Continually developing and strengthening the knowledge and skills needed by member librarians to meet the patient care, research, and educational needs of Connecticut's health care providers. This will be done by providing programs of continuing education and professional development.

- Provide regular educational programs to practicing health sciences librarians.
- Provide at least one MLA-accredited continuing education course.
- Continue to notify members of educational and mentoring opportunities within and beyond the Association.
- Encourage and assist members in membership to AHIP.
- Participate in shared programs with other organizations.

Fostering and strengthening the Association's current system of information exchange and shared resources, both among Association members and within the larger consortia and organizations of which CAHSL is a part.

- Use the CAHSL-L, the CAHSL website, the CAHSL blog and any new and appropriate technologies to promote meetings, programs, classes, and news.
- Promote NN/LM's role in information exchange, shared resources, and institutional support.
- Pursue group purchases of electronic resources.