

Connecticut Association of Health Sciences Librarians Goals & Objectives 2004-2005

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:

- Offer, if possible, knowledge-based information through HSLC to CHA members that highlights health sciences librarian's skills.
- Work with the CSMS to continue to ensure that MLA Standards for Hospital Libraries are met by all Connecticut hospitals.
- Initiate a recognition awards program.
- Work with faculty and students of the library science program at SCSU to encourage careers in health sciences librarianship.
- Provide free student memberships for library science students living or working in Connecticut, and evaluate initiative after one year.

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 and the CAHSL website to promote meetings, programs, classes, and news.
- Promote NN/LM's role in information exchange, shared resources, and institutional support.
- Explore with partners, such as HealthNet and CLA, ways to promote access to and use of quality consumer health information.

- Explore improved communication and information exchange through the use of Blog and Chat applications.

Pursue group purchases of electronic resources.