

Connecticut Association of Health Sciences Librarians Goals & Objectives 2003-2004

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 knowledge-based information through HSLC to CHA members, serving to highlight the health sciences librarian's skills.
- Work with the CSMS to ensure that the MLA Standards for Hospital Libraries are met by all Connecticut hospitals.
- Initiate a recognition awards program.
- Evaluate use of and response to our CAHSL brochure.

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 opportunities within and beyond the Association.
- Encourage attendance at the annual NAHSL conference.
- Encourage and assist members in applying for membership in AHIP.
- Explore the development of a shared program with SLA.
- Publicize and promote mentoring programs, including those of MLA, CLA, and SLA.

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.
- Pursue group purchases of electronic resources.

