The Steering Committee of the Health Sciences Library Co-op met April 9, 1975, at Eastern Maine Medical Center at 10:30 a.m. Those attending: Catherine Smith, EMMC; Cora Damon, Bangor MHI; Nancy Greenier, Knox; Becky Larson, Thayer; Rachel Dutch, Regional Memorial; Art Limacher, EMMC; Chris Lavin, Co-ordinator.

The meeting was called to talk with Chris Boys of the Maine Hospital Association about the feasibility of our receiving a grant from the M. H.A.

Mr. Boys first explained the working of the M.H.A., showing, schematically, the internal organization. He explained that a grant such as ours would fall under the Research and Education Division of the Trust Board — one arm of M.H.A.

Mr. Boys said he felt that our chances of receiving a grant were pretty good because we are already in existence and functioning well. However he stated we will have to take a systematic approach, looking at: where we are; how we got here; where we are going; and how we can get there.

Mr. Boys felt very strongly that M.H.A. would demand a commitment of both time and money from us. However he assured us that though we would work through the M.H.A., there would be no one telling us arbitrarily what to do. He said we would have a say in choosing the co-ordinator and be in on all decision making because we would know what was best for libraries — in other words — there would not be an uninformed person deciding on something we would know more about.

There was also a mention of working with the University of Maine system.

We adjourned at 1:15.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary