HEALTH SCIENCE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION COOPERATIVE

Minutes of a workshop and business meeting held September 18, 1974 at the Thayer Hospital in Waterville

The morning was well spent by the 14 who attended the workshop. Cathy Smith repeated her presentation of "reference skills for the health sciences librarian." She asked the participants to solve some actual research problems. In the course of working with the problems the various resource reference materials were described and questions regarding methods and sources for materials were answered.

Following the workshop, Chris Lavin asked for suggestions for the content of future workshops. He has been thinking of a panel presentation of the role of the librarian, or one in which individuals working in health sciences libraries explain their duties and responsibilities. Chris will be sending an evaluation form for completion by those who attended the workshop.

After lunch the HSLIC business meeting was chaired by Chris and Gabriel, since Melda was unable to attend. Chris outlined what has happened recently to bring us up to date. He apologized for not having been able to contact more members, but the grant problem really took most of his time this summer, while lack of money kept him in his office.

To get grant funds to carry out the Cooperative's goals, having been refused funding from the proposal we submitted with the help of Maine's Regional Medical Program through the VA, we were advised to turn to the Institute for Health Education of the University of Maine and offer to assist in developing a health sciences library and information resource for the Institute. The grant was written, has been submitted and a reply is to be received before January, 1975.

The grant provides for a project director (this position would be held by Chris Lavin) an assistant project director and a medical school library specialist. The total funding requested is $64,625. In the meantime, funds to keep Chris in his job are being provided by Medical Care Development, the University of Maine and the Veterans Administration.

Chris answered questions about our present status and defended the Cooperative on the basis of what has been accomplished to date. He then introduced Dr. David Fink, the Director of Educational Services for the Institute for Health Education of the University of Maine.

Dr. Fink outlined the plans for the medical school in Maine as they now stand. To support the school a "statewide library resource system" will be needed. This year plans will be laid to show how it can be made to work and how to pay for it. Therefore this will be a designing year working with what we already have started. If the HSLIC doesn't receive the grant, we shall work out another way to achieve the design for the library resource system. The design will result actually in cost accounting for use delivery.

Chris and Gabriel concluded the meeting first by asking members to keep the group informed about any grants they are submitting, such as the A/V
request the Augusta General is putting in for early in October. Second, Chris
told further of his summer activities including a conference with Harold
Bloomquist at Countway concerning our relationship with NERMLS and also his
attendance at the recent Regional Medical Libraries of New England meeting.
He is going to find out if HSLIC's support of small hospital libraries will
help them in their hospitals' being accredited. Future plans and accomplish-
ments will include workshops about the use of technical systems and on cata-
loging. An interim Union List of the journal holdings of 21 of the Health
Sciences Library and Information Cooperative of Maine libraries will be distri-
buted to the members very soon. It is being published in a format that
should make it easy for member librarians to use.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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