

Progress Report on the Strategic Program Plan for Member Participation (Year 3)

Library Improvement, 2008-2009, Year 3

Objective #1: Conduct Value of Libraries Research Study project.

Status: **IN PROGRESS**

Action Taken:

The Value of Library and Information Services in Patient Care Study Research Team plans to pilot test the study survey tool in Summer 2010. Updates from the committee are included here,

<http://nnlm.gov/mar/about/value.html>

Objective #2: Broaden training opportunities with emphasis on management, advocacy, and leadership skills through Web opportunities for training in a “MAR Leadership Institute”.

Status: **IN PROGRESS**

Action Taken:

Beginning April 1, 2010 the awardee, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Health Sciences Library, will provide the *MAR Leadership Institute: Developing Leaders Among US* through webinars, an online learning community, and in-person institutes to teach business, management, and leadership skills to network members. Phase I: April 1-June 30, 2010 is for planning; Phase II: August 1, 2010-April 30, 2011 is for implementing the curriculum.

Objective #3: Continue technology awards for remote access to library resources and create “technology sandbox” with test beds for various projects for consortia or single libraries to safely experiment with new technologies, for example, wikis, blogs, RSS feeds, etc.

Status: **ACHIEVED**

Action Taken:

Technology innovation and improvement awards were granted. Award recipients file a report for completed projects, <http://nnlm.gov/mar/blog/?cat=32> . The Technology Coordinator created a webpage for current technology tools, <http://nnlm.gov/mar/technology/> .

Objective #4: Create Web server project for libraries who want to e-mail journal scans without using Ariel.

Status: **IN PROGRESS**

Action Taken:

New York University Health Sciences Libraries has been awarded funding for administration of MAR Delivery service. Recruitment and training of libraries to participate in MAR Delivery to begin Spring 2010.

Objective #5: Develop a program/conference for library as place issues, particularly in regard to the impact of technology on space issues; develop place on MAR Website for bibliography of library/space issues.

Status: **ACHIEVED**

Action Taken:

On April 29, 2009, the George T. Harrell Health Sciences Library, Penn State, Hershey, PA hosted a one day conference with MAR funding, *Transformational Change in Health Sciences Libraries: Space, Collection, Roles*, <http://nnlm.gov/mar/about/spaceplanning/index.html>

Objective #6: Address issues of resource sharing in light of retention/storage, electronic issues, and shrinking space for Resource Libraries.

Status: **ACHIEVED**

Action Taken:

The presentations and panel discussions at the *Transformational Change in Health Sciences Libraries: Space, Collection, Roles* address these issues, <http://nnlm.gov/mar/about/spaceplanning/index.html>

Outreach, 2007-2008, Year 3

Objective #1: Develop an outreach database of all MAR outreach projects and partners including all NLM and non-NLM funded projects.

Status: **IN PROGRESS**

Action Taken:

A tool currently used to collect NN/LM funded projects will soon be revised by NLM to allow for the collection of non-NLM funded outreach projects. This resource should fulfill this objective.

Objective #2: Assess projects from awards program to determine outputs (if goals were met) and outcomes (long term impact).

Status: **PENDING**

Action Taken:

Outreach & Evaluation Committees to assess projects.

Objective #3: Communicate success stories to members through anecdotes and vignettes on the MAR Website, blog, and listserv; develop local publicity templates and packets.

Status: **ACHIEVED/ONGOING**

Action Taken:

Included in award funding requirements awardees create a blog posting for the MARquee which reports on specifics of the outreach projects, <http://nnlm.gov/mar/blog/?cat=32>

Objective #4: Administer a questionnaire to targeted unaffiliated health professional groups (as defined in Outreach section under Year 2, p.4) to determine their health information needs and to see if there are barriers to getting the information they need in a rapid and useful manner. Encourage the development of public library partnerships between member libraries and targeted groups in the local communities.

Status: **ACHIEVED**

Action Taken:

Administration of questionnaire to unaffiliated health professionals working in nursing homes was completed 05/2010, <http://nnlm.gov/mar/about/pdf/uhpfinal.pdf>