

OHP Regional Advisory Committee Minutes

On January 12, 2007, the Outreach t Health Professionals Regional Advisory Committee met via web conferencing. The following committee members were in attendance: Toni Yancey, Sheila Snow-Croft, Martha Earl, Frances Henderson, Diane McDuffee, Ellen Sayed, Rita Smith, and Feili Tu. Cathy Jordan, the D.C. representative could not attend because of a previous commitment. Since this was the first meeting of the committee, no actionable items were addressed. The committee spent the time with introductions and getting background information about the Regional Medical Library. Ms. Yancey presented a review of the outreach activities conducted during the first half of the Year 1 of the 2006-2011 Contract. There was some discussion about what should be the focus of Year 2 activities.

Committee members shared their thoughts about target populations for outreach activities. Diana McDuffee expressed her ideas about the potential in working with the dental community and the importance of Magnet status for hospital libraries. Frances Henderson felt that there is a need for Health Literacy materials in hospitals and this is something that libraries can help with this effort. Cultural competency is an area that Ellen Sayed believes will health professionals will need more training in. Feili Tu felt the Regional Medical Library should potential work more with school librarians to increase awareness of health resources. It was a lively discussion and many ideas were exchanged.

The meeting ended with a discussion about advocacy for hospital libraries. The Regional Medical Library solicited ideas from the committee. Diana McDuffee and Feili Tu both volunteered to serve on the Oversight Committee. Diana was selected.