

List of Activities by Project - Contract Year: 2014-2015

Project: Advocacy

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RML Goal: Develop, promote, and improve electronic access to health information by Network members, health professionals, and organizations providing health information to the public	
Outcome: Network members and other organizations are better able to support access to health information resources	
LM_Activity: RESEARCH PROJECT: Investigate the value of librarian services in the cost of patient care	
Background: Work has been done to quantify the value of the library collections, and estimate the retail value of services provided by the librarian. This project will look at the value of the librarian in clinical care related to the cost of patient care. Hypothesis is that the information gathered in this project will demonstrate that librarian services lower the cost of care to the patient.	
Indicator: Data is collected for the research project	
LM_Activity: SUPPORT: member librarians and access to health information during and after organizational restructuring	
Background: As member libraries face downsizing, restructuring or closure due to health care reform and economic stressors, MCR will support affected librarians and ensuring adequate access to health information for member institutions.	
Indicator: At least 3 coordinators offer support to or respond to a request from a Network member librarian affected by organizational restructuring	
Indicator: The MCR will communicate with administrators concerning continued health information access during and after organizational restructuring that affects the library	
LM_Activity: SUPPPORT: member librarians and access to health information during and after organizational restructuring	
Background: As member libraries face downsizing, restructuring or closure due to health care reform and economic stressors, MCR will support affected librarians and ensuring adequate access to health information for member institutions.	
Indicator: At least 3 coordinators offer support to or respond to a request from a Network member librarian affected by organizational restructuring	
Outcome: Network members, especially hospital librarians, participate in emerging practices to promote evidence based health information in the institution	
LM_Activity: PATIENT SAFETY: Support librarians to become involved in patient safety activities in their institutions.	
Background: Identify librarians participating in patient safety activities (Evidence based information, knowledge sharing, clinical rounds, emr, phr, consumer library, simulation, inter-professional education, etc.), identify and share impact of librarian involvement	
Indicator: 3 examples of successful librarian involvement in patient safety will be documented and promoted to the region	

RML Goal: Promote awareness of, access to, and use of biomedical information resources for health professionals and the public, with a particular emphasis on contributing to the Healthy People 2020 goal of eliminating health disparities

Outcome: Network members and other organizations are better able to support access to health information resources

LM_Activity: ADVOCACY: Support inclusion of librarians in team practice by highlighting their contributions to achieving value driven outcomes

Background: DEFINE VALUE DRIVEN OUTCOMES*Investigate financial implications of librarian practice *Develop materials to assist librarians in communicating contribution to value driven outcomes of institution - business communications, assessment and evaluation practices *Work with emerging library assessment tools *Solicit and collect data from Retail Value Calculator from health sciences libraries cross the country; analyze and report on the data to demonstrate the monetary value of health sciences libraries; *Advocacy efforts will continue to emphasize getting out of the library, being involved and really getting to know the user and potential user communities; encourage librarians to see themselves and the library as part of the system and not as an island within the bigger institution. *Share success stories - identify members operating successfully in institutional communities outside the library and work to discover their impact

Indicator: 50 % of 60 members responding to a questionnaire agree that at least one of the RML materials/programs to show efficiencies and/or effectiveness of librarian involvement in institutional teams improved their ability/opportunities to support access to health information

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