Middle Atlantic Region

Region 1

Quarterly Report

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New York University Medical Center

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Executive summary

Contract change
On April 28, 2006, NYU Medical Center was notified that it had won the NN/LM contract for the Middle Atlantic Region for 2006-2011. This contract change was the first shift in RMLs in the region in over 35 years. NYU is honored to have the privilege of serving network members and the region for the next five years. A formal announcement of the change in RMLs was sent out to local library listservs.

Personnel
In July 2006, Kathel Dunn formally accepted the position of Associate Director, NN/LM Middle Atlantic Region. Formally Head of Public Services at the Ehrman Medical Library, Ms. Dunn approaches the job with experience in private and public academic health sciences libraries, a collaborative and goal-oriented management style and research interests in continuing education; and scholarly publications ranging from grey literature to the values of scientists as expressed through peer-reviewed literature.

NYU staff supporting RML work
While the process of hiring new RML staff was underway, NYU's Ehrman Medical Library staff stepped up and provided extensive support to ensure that the transition from one RML to another took place smoothly. Tania Bardyn, Assistant Director Affiliated Libraries, provided network membership and DOCLINE support; Gregg Headrick, Web Services Librarian, provided technology support; William Spivey, Education and Outreach Librarian, provided instructional support and Abigail Kennedy-Grant, Public Services Assistant, provided administrative and exhibits support.

Challenges
Starting a new RML "from scratch" is a tremendous challenge! We benefited enormously from the overwhelming support of colleagues in other regions as well as the staff of the National Network Office at the National Library of Medicine.

Network infrastructure

TABLE 1. Quarterly infrastructure data

	Current quarter	Previous quarter[*]
Network members – full	465	
Network members – affiliate	356	
Libraries providing services to unaffiliated health professionals	232 (50%)[*]	___ (_%)[*]
Libraries providing services to public users	262 (56%)[*]	___ (_%)[*]
Average fill rate for resource libraries	84%	

[*] Include in parentheses the percentage of full Network member members providing services to unaffiliated health professionals and public users. This can be computed as:
% providing services = (count of libraries providing services)/(count of full Network members)

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) activities

In June 2006, the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) was formally notified by letter of the change in RMLs in the Middle Atlantic Region and a copy of their signed letter of agreement (for Resource Libraries, the Resource Library letter of agreement; for Committee chairs, their Committee charge) which had been originally submitted with NYU's proposal.

Needs assessment and evaluation activities/data

None.

Outreach

TABLE 2. All newly funded awards and projects

Start/ end dates	Title of award/ project	PI institution	PI last name	Funding amount	Project type[*]
	Not Applicable				

[*]Suggested project type values: outreach project, express award, exhibit award, technology improvement award, library improvement award, Internet connectivity award, information technology/policy awareness conference, other (please specify)

Update of ongoing major projects (funded at ≥ $15,000)

TABLE 3. Presentations and training provided by RML staff

Date	Last name of staff responsible	Title of presentation/training	Location (city, state)	Number of participants	In-person or distance education
7/25/06	Spivey	"Fit to a T" (MedlinePlus)	New York, NY	12	In-person
7/27/06	Dunn	"Fit to a T" (MedlinePlus)	New York, NY	15	In-person

TABLE 4. Exhibits. Note that separate exhibit reports should not be included with the RML quarterly report.

Dates	Organization name	Meeting name	Location (city, state)
RML NATIONAL EXHIBITS			
	Not applicable.		
RML REGIONAL/STATE/LOCAL EXHIBITS			
	Not applicable.		
SUBCONTRACTED NATIONAL EXHIBITS			
	Not applicable.		
SUBCONTRACTED REGIONAL/STATE/LOCAL EXHIBITS			
	Not applicable.		

Actionable feedback received from exhibit visitors

MedlinePlus Go Local

In early June, we received answers to questions about MedlinePlus Go Local from the National Library of Medicine. The questions were generated at a March 2006 meeting of Resource Libraries in Region 1 who were interested in MedlinePlus Go Local. Kathel Dunn had a follow-up phone conversation with Micki McIntyre, the HealthyNJ librarian in early July 2006.

Other staff activities

TABLE 5. Publications and resources developed by RML staff

Date completed/ published	Last name of staff responsible	Title	Medium (e.g., journal article, newsletter article, brochure, online tutorial)	Submitted to Clearinghouse ("yes" or "out of scope")
Summer 2006	Dunn	RML Update	NY-NJ Chapter of MLA newsletter article	Out of scope