List of Activities by Project – 2008-2009

Project: Community Outreach

RML Goal: Develop collaborations among Network members and other organizations to improve access to and sharing of biomedical information resources throughout the nation

Goal: Pursue and maintain collaborations with Network Members and other organizations including community-based organizations representing minority and other underserved populations to achieve the goals of outreach to health professionals and the public

Outcome: More CBOs in the region recognize the NN/LM-MCR as a network of providers of health information

LM_Activity: Increase awareness of the network, especially among minority and community-based organizations by assisting in the development of working relationships between network members and grass roots, regional and national CBOs that include health information as a part of their mission or priority

Background: Year 3: Explore the feasibility for an Emergency Preparedness Symposium that includes staff from CBOs; 50 entries permonth in BHIC; State liaisons work to secure membership in the infrastructure of at least one CBO

Indicator: 20 new CBO subscribers each year to BHIC Blog

Indicator: Each state liaison is a member of the infrastructure of at least one CBO

Indicator: Feasibility of an Emergency Preparedness Symposium is understood

RML Goal: Develop tools and conduct evaluation activities to understand how the products and services of the NN/LM and NLM contribute to improved access to health information by health professionals, community organizations, network members and the public

RML Goal: Develop, promote, and improve electronic access to health information by Network members, health professionals, and organizations providing health information to the public

Goal: Provide consultation to Network members as well as community-based, faith-based and other organizations representative of special populations on preparing proposals for projects to compete for NLM and NN/LM funding

Outcome: Increased number of proposals from the region are submitted to NLM, NN/LM and other sources

LM_Activity: Promote our consultation service - review of proposal, feasibility of project, letters of support

Background:

Indicator: 10 consultations happen each year regarding CBO library partnerships

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 2010 goal of eliminating health disparities

Goal: Continue to develop, implement, and evaluate targeted outreach programs to bring biomedical information resources within easy reach of U.S. health professionals who still do not have access, with

special focus on those in rural areas and inner cities

Outcome: CBOs, public libraries, public health departments and other organizations serving minorities, senior citizens and low income populations receiving training and information about health information resources implement health information programs for their service populations

LM_Activity: Bring Members and CBOs together to discuss methods for collaboration

Background: Yrs 2-4: Community Outreach Liaison will travel to each state to work with state liaison to use Cafe to Go or other strategic collaborative process to garner feedback from CBOs and community health) Yr3: KS and UT

Indicator: Two methods are identified for how to partner to support health information programs

Outcome: Institutions who train minority health professionals will have promoted health information access to their community

LM_Activity: Enlist the assistance of hospital libraries and other network members to focus on minority serving institutions

Background: Include identifying what the RML can do to improve or enhance the institutional access to biomedical information and developing and implementing a program that responds to identified needs; Institutions who train minority health professional = tribal colleges with health degrees, traditionally black colleges and universities, and latino serving institutions

Indicator: 2 Tribal Librarians contribute their expertise by submitting items to tribal publications and/or effective collections database

Outcome: RL will develop partnerships with CBOs that increase access to health information to underserved populations in the community

LM_Activity: Develop programs that focus on reaching minorities, senior citizens and low income populations

Background: tools - a Beginners Guide manual and a How to Maintain tool; this is the desired outcome of the projects that the resource libraries (wash u and UM Columbia) are working on

Indicator: 2 tools are created from the projects

Indicator: Effective collaboration practices are developed

Goal: Increase public awareness of and access to high quality electronic health information

Outcome: CBOs, public libraries, public health departments and other organizations serving minorities, senior citizens and low income populations receiving training and information about health information resources implement health information programs for their service populations

LM_Activity: Develop lessons learned resources for Network members to foster collaboration between Network members and community based organizations

Background: Yrs 3-5: Write in the RFP that MCR funded outreach projects submit effective practices to the Effective Practices Collection; Yrs 3-5: Find out who in the Network is involved in collaborative projects; Encourage Network members and their partners working on projects with community organizations to consider effective practices from their projects.; TC4C Effective Practices entries go here as well

Indicator: 5 new entries are added to the Effective Practices Collection on projects carried out by a collaboration between a Network library and a CBO