

New England Regional Medical Library

Region 8

Quarterly Report 2

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University of Massachusetts Medical School – Lamar Soutter Library

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Executive summary

The second quarter of the current contract is another building quarter. Smaller funded outreach projects are under way and the subcontract proposal period was initiated. A Request For Proposals for competitive outreach projects was announced. Proposals were submitted and reviewed by NER and the Outreach Review Subcommittee. Targeted proposals from pre-selected Outreach Libraries are also in development.

The annual North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries (NAHSL) chapter conference took place in October. The conference was a combined event of North Atlantic and Middle Atlantic Regions. NER convened Resource Library Directors and Hospital Library Subcommittee during the chapter conference. NER and MAR held a joint DOCLINE update for attendees. An NER update was presented to all attendees at the NAHSL business meeting.

NER Director and Associate Director attended the AAHSL and AAMC annual meetings in Seattle. The meeting allowed for a visit with the Pacific Northwest Region. For a second time, NER was asked to provide PubMed instruction to library science students at a Health Sciences Librarianship class at McGill University in Montreal.

Across the region and at venues at the combined chapter meeting, staff conducted twenty-eight presentations to 363 participants. These sessions included topics such as PubMed, consumer health, DOCLINE, and evidence-based public health resources. A technology based class "Geeks Bearing Gifts" was offered by the NER Technology Coordinator at the previously mentioned chapter conference.

Network infrastructure

TABLE 1. Quarterly infrastructure data

	Current quarter	Previous quarter
Network members – full	248	249
Network members – affiliate	269	269
Libraries providing services to unaffiliated health professionals	58%	51%
Libraries providing services to public users	58%	59%
Average fill rate for resource libraries	74%	74%

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) activities

NER Director Elaine Martin met with Boston University Alumni Library Director (Resource Library) David Ginn in August. Director Elaine Martin and Associate Director Javier Crespo met with Resource Library Directors Tovah Reis and Mary Ann Slocomb in Rhode Island. Individual meetings provide the opportunity to meet directly with medical library leaders, discuss local and institutional events related to health and libraries, and discuss future opportunities. The meeting with Rhode Island directors served to have final discussions about the impact of their previous subcontract and the feasibility of a Go Local implementation in that state.

On October 15, NER staff met with Resource Library Directors at NAHSL Annual Conference in Hartford. Staff conveyed program plans for the year and discussed task forces on historical collections and emergency planning. The Hospital Library Subcommittee was also convened on October 14 in conjunction with the Annual Conference.

The Outreach Review Subcommittee of the RAC conducted most of its work this quarter. This group reviews, scores, and comments on the competitive outreach proposals received by NER for funding.

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
13-Oct-06	Express Outreach	University of Vermont, Dana Medical Library	Bianchi	\$1,560.0	Health Information Outreach

In contrast with the ten awards issued last quarter, one new award was issued in the second quarter. UVM Librarian Nancy Bianchi contacted NER regarding a Breast Cancer Symposium being organized in Burlington, VT. The library is playing a key role and the award the support the presentation of library services as well as facilities support for an instructional session to be conducted by NER staff.

Funded projects (≥ \$15,000)

As we are in the early stages of our contract, no new outreach subcontracts have been issued. NER is in communication with Outreach Libraries who will be submitting outreach project proposals, these institutions have been predetermined.

Four project proposals were received in response to NER's Request For Proposals issued in August. NER announced the RFP through its distribution list and newsletter. Proposals were received from members libraries in Maine (2), Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. NER staff worked with the Outreach Review Subcommittee to review, comment, and select commented on the projects. Proposals were forwarded to NNO for review and approval.

NER is pleased that the proposals represent potential projects in both rural and urban communities. Rural health care providers, health educators, 6th grade students, and the growing Somali community in Central Maine are among the populations that would be served by the potential projects.

NER conducted a follow-up teleconference with the Outreach Review members to brief them to discuss their individual decision making and brief them on the final decisions made.

TABLE 3. Presentations and training provided by RML staff

Date	Last name of staff responsible	Title of presentation/training	Location (city, state)	Number attending	In-person or distance education
23-Aug	Berryman	NLM Systems Update	Boston, MA	16	In Person
24-Aug	Berryman	NLM Systems Update	Worcester, MA	6	In Person
25-Aug	Eberle	Site Visit	Portsmouth, NH	2	In Person
31-Aug	Eberle	MedlinePlus Update	Hanover, NH	14	In Person
9-Sep	Berryman	NLM: Tools for Evidence and Support	Boston, MA	25	In Person
12-Sep	Goldstein	LinkOut	Waterbury, MA	1	Distance
12-Sep	Berryman	Grand Rounds: PubMed	Springfield, MA	37	In Person
13-Sep	Goldstein	DOCLINE	Needham, MA	3	In Person
13-Sep	Simpson	Evidenced-Based Public Health: Findings from a Research Project and Resources for Practice	Worcester, MA		In Person
13-Sep	Berryman	Resources for Science Teachers	Providence, RI	14	In Person
15-Sep	Berryman	NLM Systems Update	Attelboro, MA	10	In Person
15-Sep	Eberle	MedlinePlus+NIH Senior Health	Falmouth, MA	50	In Person
19-Sep	Berryman	NLM Systems Update	Lynn, MA	13	In Person
20-Sep	Eberle	SiteVisit-Fallon Clinic	Worcester, MA	1	In Person
21-Sep	Eberle	MedlinePlus+NIH Senior Update	Falmouth, MA	20	In Person
22-Sep	Goldstein	DOCLINE	Chestnut Hill, MA	8	In Person
25-Sep	Goldstein	DOCLINE	Westerly, RI	1	Distance

25-Sep	Berryman	PubMed	Montreal, CA	25	In Person
26-Sep	Eberle	CAM	Berlin, VT	13	In Person
29-Sep	Goldstein	LinkOut	Lowell, MA	1	Distance
6-Oct	Glassman	WHMIC RSS Feeds, Blogs, Google Scholar, and Firefox	Springfield, MA	12	In Person
10-Oct	Eberle	MedlinePlus+NIH Senior Health	Warwick, RI	7	In Person
10-Oct	Eberle	MedlinePlus+NIH Senior Health Session 2	Warwick, RI	7	In Person
13-Oct	Eberle	MedlinePlus+NIH Senior Health	Falmouth, MA	10	In Person
15-Oct	Glassman	Geeks Bearing Gifts @ NAHSL	Hartford, CT	23	In Person
16-Oct	Goldstein	DOCLINE Update	Hartford, CT	40	In Person
25-Oct	Berryman	PubMed	Boston, MA	3	In Person
25-Oct	Goldstein	DOCLINE	Wakefield, RI	1	Distance

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			
9-Aug	American Psychological Association	Annual Meeting	New Orleans, LA
8-Sept	Lamaze International	Annual Conference	Boston
RML REGIONAL/STATE/LOCAL EXHIBITS			
7-Aug	MA Teachers Association	Summer Meeting	Williamstown, MA
10-Aug	Hispanic Health Council Health Fair	Annual Health Fair	Hartford, CT
14-15-Sept	Case Managers Society of New England	Annual Conference	Falmouth, MA
5-Oct	MA Public Health Association	Annual Meeting	Marlboro, MA
11-Oct	MA Councils on Aging	Annual Conference	Falmouth, MA
15-17-Oct	North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries	Annual Conference	Hartford, CT
22-24-Oct	New England Library Association	Annual Conference	Burlington, VT
27-Oct	CT Public Health Association	Annual Meeting	Rock Hill, CT
27-29-Oct	Pri-Med East	Pri-Med East	Boston
29-30-Oct	MA School Library Media Association	Annual Meeting	Sturbridge, MA

MedlinePlus Go Local

Discussions with potential Go Local implementation groups continue to take place. States with groups in various stages of planning include New Hampshire and Connecticut.

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")
31 August	Simpson	Selection Criteria for Evidence-Based Practice for Public Health Website	Online	Out of scope
06-Oct-06	Gronholm/Goldstein	Advocacy Services for Hospital Libraries	Abstract for MLA poster session	Out of scope

Other Staff Activities

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ACTIVITY

Throughout the quarter....

Penny has been participating in the LSL Web Redesign Team

Mark has been leading LSL's Single Service Desk Team; a final report was compiled by Mark and submitted to LSL's Management Team.

- 6-Aug Javier participated in ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute; Cambridge, MA
- 10-Aug Hathy-Met with collaborative team to discuss a potential research project to enhance the Evidence-Based Practice for Public Health Web site.
- 10-Aug Hathy-Met with Dr. Elaine Martin and Sally Gore to discuss the NN/LM NER New England Collaborative for Public Health Workforce Outreach and Education Project.
- 14-Aug Michelle hosted NTCC for their PubMed class at Lamar Soutter Library
- 15-Aug Mark attended Management Team-Team Leaders Meeting, LSL
- 16-Aug Elaine met with Barbara Preece, Executive Director, Boston Library Consortium
- 18-Aug Elaine met with David Ginn, Resource Library Director, Boston University
- 23-Aug Mark facilitated team retreat for LSL team focusing on researching Single Service Desks
- 24-Aug Elaine and Javier met with Tovah Reis, of Brown University, and Mary Ann Slocomb of Rhode Island Hospital, Providence
- 29-Aug Hathy-Met with Sally Gore to discuss the redesign of the Evidence-Based Practice for Public Health Web site.
- 30-Aug Elaine met with Dawn Thistle, Director, Assumption College Library and ARC Consortium
- 30-Aug NER hosted Kathel Dunn's visit to discuss NER operations NER. Kathel visited with coordinators and Elaine and Javier
- 31-Aug Hathy-met with collaborators to discuss a potential research project for Evidence-based Information Website
- 31-Aug Hathy met with collaborators to discuss the completion of the NN/LM NER New England Public Health Outreach Project and define future roles
- 8-Sep NER hosted NAHSL Board meeting, Mark, Penny, Javier attended

- 12-Sep Mark-LinkOut Training & Support - Waterbury Hospital Health Center, Waterbury, CT
- 14-Sep Elaine met with Nancy Peterson, Associate Director, New England States Consortium
- 15-Sep Javier attended HSL-NH/VT Fall Meeting in Woodstock VT
- 20-Sep Mark attended ARIHSL library association meeting, Providence
- 21-Sep Mark-Single Service Desk Team Meeting, UMMS-LSL, Worcester, MA
- 22-Sep Elaine facilitated a networking meeting with MCCLEPHI Bridgewater State College
- 25-Sep Mark-DOCLINE Training & Support - Westerly Hospital, Westerly, RI
- 27-Sep Penny attended CAHSL library association meeting, Wallingford CT
- 28-Sep Elaine and Hathy attended Partners in Public Health Steering Committee meeting at NLM
- 28-Sep Michelle-Attended Go Local Massachusetts Advisory Board Meeting
- 29-Sep Javier attended HSLIC library association meeting in Bangor, ME
- 29-Sep Mark-LinkOut Training & Support, Saints Medical Center, Lowell, MA
- 1-Oct Michelle-Corresponded with Outreach Review Committee about proposal review process
- 14~17-Oct NER attended NAHSL Annual Meeting, Hartford, CT
- 17-Oct Hathy-Attended the continuing education course, "Finding Information on Environment and Health".
- 18-Oct Hathy consulted with Nursing Reference Librarian at Boston College Library on public health professionals information resources
- 19-Oct Michelle-Attended Podcast Practicum at Central MA Regional Library System
- 23-Oct Elaine attended networking meeting at YWCA Breakfast on nonviolence against women, Worcester
- 24-Oct Hathy consulted with University of Calgary Health Information Network, University of Calgary Library, Alberta, Canada, about information resources on epidemiology, biostatistics, and population health.
- 26-Oct Javier visited NNLM-PNR, Seattle; Met with Assoc. Director C. Burroughs
- 26-Oct Hathy consulted d with Information Services Librarian at Tufts University Hirsh Health Sciences Library
- 27-Oct Penny and Michelle attended Dartmouth October Conference on New Technologies.
- 27-Oct Elaine attended AAHSL Directors meeting; elected 2006-2007 President
- 27-Oct Javier attended orientation session for AAHSL Fellows Program, Seattle

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