Health Information Services

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Major Accomplishments

• EHS-14 Health Information Fund
  – Identified & acquired important health/medical resources

• Health Information Portal
  – UIUC access point to existing health & medical resources

• Library Health Information Working Group
Impact

• New/improved access to health and medical information and e-resources
• Increased campus awareness of medical information needs
• Data curation initiatives (NSF/NIH compliance)
• Life Sciences Data Services library position
• Improved communications with GSLIS and UIC/HSL librarians
Opportunities

• Strengthen UIC collaborations & resource sharing
• Identify funding sources
• Improve communications with UIUC partner organizations
• Establish the Biomedical library position
• Identify & provide support for new curricular & research initiatives
• Campus & community outreach
• Driver for Library faculty research programs
Initiatives

• Campus Needs Assessment Focusing on Health & Medicine
  – Identify the need for new information resources & services
  – Justify reallocation of resources & personnel
  – Establish liaisons to underserved groups
• Create a model for library-wide health information reference
• Permanent funding for continued collection development in health and medical resources
• Partnerships with UIC & GSLIS
  – UILRC Health Affairs Collaboration
  – Help develop GSLIS health sciences curriculum
Resources Needed

• Assessment coordinator
• Permanent collection funding
• Commitment of campus reference librarians to engage health and medical topics
• Biomedical sciences librarian
• Behavioral sciences librarian
Impact

• Greater understanding of user needs
• Ensuring effective use of collection funds
• Improved communications with users and among ourselves
• Increased campus awareness of library-funded resources
• Increased funding through grants, gifts and endowments
• Engagement of Library with campus & community
Task Force Questions and Discussion