Health Information Services Planning Team Charge

There is a critical mass of researchers at Illinois who are developing programs ranging from health care policy to the biological determinants of diseases. They need comprehensive, timely, and reliable information to incorporate into their solutions. This information must be gleaned from diverse disciplines, including biology, social and behavioral sciences, technology and computer science, informatics, education, nutrition, health economics, health policy as well as allied disciplines such as veterinary medicine. In early 2009 librarians in Applied Health Sciences, Life Sciences, and Social Sciences library service programs identified the need for the Library to provide a more comprehensive approach to providing health information services to scholars across multiple disciplines on campus. Although the Library’s Health information portal is a growing nexus for vital information, scholars and practitioners who work with increasingly disparate information resources need different kinds of information support than they did 20, 10, or even 5 years ago. The Health Information Services Planning Team is charged with planning for the future of health-related library services to faculty, students, and practitioners. The Health Information Services Planning team is charged to do the following:

1. **Articulate needs and strengths**: Identify those areas of study on the Urbana campus that depend on health information services. Articulate the needs and strengths of both core and emerging areas of study, including free-standing and interdisciplinary programs in “theme” areas such as health management of chronic diseases and disabilities, assessment of public health delivery systems, prevention programs, and health policy. Illinois currently sponsors several health-related initiatives, including the iHealth initiative, and the Family Resiliency Center, the Center for Health, Aging and Disability, the interdisciplinary Neuroscience PhD program, the new Master’s of Public Health program, and various other initiatives in which a critical mass of faculty and staff are engaged.

2. **Assess overlap and gaps**: Assess the growing overlap and gaps in services that are complementary to health information that exists with library programs in the life, medical and social sciences, and identify the most promising ways in which the Library can build support for both core and emergent programs.

3. **Involve relevant groups and individuals** in the Team’s conversations to develop a broad-based understanding of the existing and emerging needs of information users in these allied disciplines.

4. **Identify exemplars and models**: Identify how and where (related to other service areas in the University Library) to provide the most effective Library services and access to information resources to all disciplines and communities that focus on health-related research, learning, and practice in the Illinois campus and outreach communities. Make recommendations for the kinds of staffing, physical footprint, and service programs that would enable the University Library to achieve this vision.
5. Recommend a plan for ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the new service profile.

6. Author a report outlining a proposed service profile for health information services to the University Librarian and Dean of Libraries by December 15, 2009.

MEMBERSHIP

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- Charissa Lansing (Associate Professor, Speech & Hearing Science)
- Steve Leigh (Professor, Anthropology, Surgery; Affiliate, Institute for Genomic Biology, AHS Initiative on Aging)
- William Stewart (Professor, Recreation, Sport and Tourism; AHS Associate Dean)
- Synthia Syndor (Associate Professor, Kinesiology and Community Health - humanities)
- Kelly Anne Tappenden (Professor of Nutrition and Gastrointestinal Physiology, Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition)
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Library Faculty:

- Linda Smith, (Graduate School of Library and Information Science), Team Leader
- Mary Beth Allen (Applied Health Sciences Library)
- Annie Paprocki (Anthropology and Sociology Librarian)
- Mary Shultz (Health Science Library, Urbana Campus)
- Greg Youngen (Veterinary Medicine Library, Life Science Division Coordinator)
- Beth Sandore (Associate University Librarian for Information Technology Planning and Policy), Administrative Liaison

Library Staff:

- Wendy Gregory (Applied Health Sciences Library)

Background documents & resources:

http://www.provost.illinois.edu/committees/health_initiative.html

University Library’s Health Information Portal:
http://www.library.illinois.edu/health/
Health White Paper (T. Gallagher, Dean, AHS)

Disability White Paper

**Stakeholders with whom the Team may want to consult:**

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Robyn Deterding (Campus Recreation)
Brad Hedrick (Director of the Division of Disability Resources and Education Services)
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