Meeting Summary – August 25, 2010
Social and Applied Health Sciences Planning Team

Present: Lori Mestre, ch., Karen Hogenboom, Joe Mahoney, Anna Maria Marshall, Diane Beck, Nancy O’Brien, Bill Stewart, Zoe Revell, Mary Beth Allen, Yoo Seong Song, Beth Sandore

Introductions were made all around. Chair Lori Mestre welcomed the members of the group and thanked them for their willingness to participate in the planning process for re-shaping Social and applied health sciences library services. She reviewed the agenda, the meeting schedule, the time frame for the group’s work, and the charge and deliverables. The team meets every other Wednesday from 4 – 5 p.m. through November 17. The planning team is responsible for making recommendations for a new, cohesive set of Library programs and services to support social and applied health sciences instruction and research on the Urbana campus.

The charge for the planning team is available on the Library’s New Service Models (NSM) web site. Meeting summaries, reports, and other public communications and requests for feedback can be shared through the NSM web site as well:

http://www.library.illinois.edu/nsm/social/index.html

JoAnn Jacoby, New Service Models Coordinator for the Library, provided background about the New Service models program and its overarching goals and progress thus far. She also provided useful background about the thinking and conversations that have been taking place over the past few years regarding service consolidation among the Library’s social science libraries. JoAnn discussed the team’s charge as well.

The work of the group:

The group prefers to accomplish its internal work through the email exchange of documents, rather than to use a wiki.

Librarians will take responsibility for summarizing meetings, working in a round robin way. Sandore is responsible for the 8/25 summary;

The team agreed to review relevant reports from previous, related teams and other campus groups:

Reference Services NSM team report:
http://www.library.illinois.edu/nsm/reference/

Applied Health Sciences NSM planning team report, especially Appendix E—Services grid:
http://www.library.illinois.edu/nsm/health/index.html

Illinois Interdisciplinary Health Vision initiative (Sandore is a member of this group and can report on the group's work related to this planning team):
https://wiki.cites.uiuc.edu/wiki/display/idhv/Home

In its review and discussion of the group's charge and scope of work, the following points were made:

- Need to integrate plans for cost-efficiency into planning early on;
- Services across these subject disciplines are not an infinitely additive scenario—the planning team needs to help the Library identify choices and suggest priorities to guide Library service development and collection building for the future;
- Need to identify essential library services for Social and applied health science; service gaps, and redundancies across the areas supported in the Library through social science and applied health science information services;
- Need to look more broadly for candidate “complementary” services—“more of one asset makes the other one more valuable;”
- Need to look more broadly for candidate “substitute” services—“more of an asset means you mean less of another;”
- Need to identify best practices—local and at peer institutions (JoAnn agreed to send information about peer institution libraries)
- Do we restrict the scope of our work to the social sciences or consider other areas of the Library?
- How do we make sure that we have not taken on too much?

Lori proposed that individual group members identify areas of the charge in which they would like to concentrate their energies. She proposed to circulate a grid prior to the next meeting, in which individual could indicate the areas in which they would contribute effort.

The group toured the Applied Health Science, Business & Economics, and Education and Social Science libraries.

(Submitted by Beth Sandore)