

Health Sciences Information Hub Task Force
April 27, 2000
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Carol Benson, Karen Tubolino, Daria Drobny, Duryea Callaway, Anaclare Evans, Sandra Martin, Cathy Eames, and Scott Muir. Nancy Bulgarelli was unable to attend.

K.Tubolino, S. Martin, D. Callaway, and S. Muir shared background information about the concept for the Information Hub and the relationship between the Information Hub Committee and the Health Sciences Task Force. They had also attended an exploratory breakfast meeting with local health organizations from Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties and distributed the results of that meeting.

Discussion led to the decision to focus on developing a value-added community health calendar. The calendar would provide a unique service for Southeast Michigan by pulling together, and publishing in one place, meeting times and locations for local health related organizations. The calendar would be linked to information about support groups, transportation routes, physician specialists, MEDLINE Plus, pamphlets, and Horizon. A demonstration of the concept is needed by September, so 10 organizations will be chosen from those responding positively to the exploratory breakfast meeting.

Concerns that will be addressed at future meetings include:

- The implementation process
 - Who will write the web pages?
 - How to gather the information?
 - Staffing needs to gather the information
 - Is there a calendar software commercially available?
 - Staffing needs to evaluate the software
- The implementation schedule
- Budgetary needs
- Mechanism for evaluation
- Cross development with other Hub task forces

D. Callaway will send each task force member a list of the agencies who responded to the breakfast meeting invitation. A. Evans will investigate setting up a listserv for the task force. At the next meeting the target agencies will be chosen and we will work on an implementation process .

The next meeting will be May 19th, 9:30 am, at the VA