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THE ALLENTOWN HOSPITAL--LEHIGH VALLEY HOSPITAL CENTER
A HealthEast Hospital

HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY COMMITTEE

April 20, 1989

A meeting of the Health Sciences Library Committee was held on Thursday, April 20, 1989, at 11:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria Conference Room at The Allentown Hospital site.

Members Present:

Nancy Bickford
Dean Dimick, M.D.
Robert Doll, Jr., M.D.
Kevin Farrell, M.D.
Houshang Hamadani, M.D.
Barbara Iobst
Ernest Kuhinka, Ph.D.

Arthur Levine, M.D.
Yehia Mishriki, M.D.
John Paulus, D.O.
Robert Roeshman, D.O.
Mary Shields, M.D.
Ronald Wasserman, M.D.

Members Absent:

George Arangio, M.D. (ex)
Alan Berger, M.D. (ex)
James Burdine, Ph.D. (ex)
David Caccese, M.D.
Diane Carpenter, R.N. (ex)
Michele Ferguson, D.M.D. (ex)
Thomas Fitzsimons, M.D.
Joseph Gastinger, M.D.
Kevin Glancy, M.D. (ex)
John Handal, M.D.
Howard Hudson, Jr., M.D. (ex)
Samuel Huston

John Kibelstis, M.D. (ex)
Henry Lehrich, M.D. (ex)
Martha Lusser, M.D. (ex)
Kenneth McDonald, M.D.
Larry Merkle, M.D. (ex)
Mark Mishkin, M.D. (ex)
Peter Neumann, M.D. (ex)
Gary Nicholas, M.D.
Mark Osborne, M.D.
Headley White, Jr., M.D. (ex)
Bradford Yeager, M.D. (ex)

Guests:

Sherry Giardinieri

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Roeshman, Chairperson of the Health Sciences Library Committee, presided over the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m., when a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon MOTION duly made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the October 20, 1988 meeting were APPROVED as distributed.

OLD BUSINESS

Barbara Iobst presented results of the Library evaluation. Overall, the majority of responses were positive.

Library Facility

Concerns included lighting, temperature, noise level, door access, photocopying, and lack of study space.

Library Services

Because of inappropriate use, LATCH (Literature Attached to Patient's Chart) will be temporarily unavailable. This service will be reinstated after communication with Nursing.

Computer Availability

There were some negative responses regarding the possibility of individuals doing their own MEDLINE searches and the use of computers for computer-aided instruction (CAI).

Borrowing Materials

It was suggested that items should circulate for longer periods of time.

Other

Negative responses were received regarding the lack of publicity on new purchases. This was conceded to be a problem and computerization is being considered as a solution.

Collections

Seventy-five percent of the responses indicated the Library collections were judged adequate. Evaluation results may be obtained by calling TAH site Library (Extension 2263).

NEW BUSINESS

Computer-Aided Instruction Lab

This laboratory is being developed under the direction of Sherry Giardiniere, and is being funded by a grant from the Pool Trust. Space in the computer lab at Lehigh Valley Hospital Center site will accommodate four computer systems. S. Giardiniere will create a catalog of Hospital CAI programs which will help to eliminate duplication of acquisitions. Dr. Mishriki and S. Giardiniere have been meeting to implement the program. It will be used primarily for residents and medical students. Policies and procedures are being developed, along with introductory instructional courses.

CD-ROM players have been ordered for both TAH and LVHC sites. These systems will allow individuals to do their own MEDLINE searches. There will be no fee for this service. Training sessions will be held.

Space Limitations/Microfiche Considerations At The LVHC Site

Lack of space at LVHC site makes it necessary for the Committee to examine the advisability of converting to micro format. B. Iobst advised that most libraries are converting to microfiche. Drawbacks to using the archive building at LVHC site include no access after 5:00 p.m., materials are kept in boxes which must be

labeled, and uncertain delivery times.

Door-Security Access System At Both Sites (Update)

B. Tobst announced that the proposed I.D. access security system is currently in abeyance because of budgetary constraints. She reviewed the present security system which has a limited card-number capacity and numerous functional problems.

Missing Issues Of Journals

Kevin Farrell, M.D. stated there are some recent issues missing from the collection which prohibits the journals from being bound. He suggested the Library ascertain which issues are outstanding and solicit donations of the missing issues from the staff. B. Tobst will act on this suggestion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Health Sciences Library Committee will be held on Thursday, June 15, 1989, at 11:30 a.m. in the Alcove, LVHC site. Proposed topics for the meeting include storage and retention and termination of journal subscriptions. Information will be forthcoming.