

## Joint Health Sciences Library Committee, March 15, 1984

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THE ALLENTOWN HOSPITAL  
LEHIGH VALLEY HOSPITAL CENTER

Joint Health Sciences Library Committee

A meeting of the Joint Health Sciences Library Committee was held on Thursday, March 15, 1984, in Classroom No. 2, at the Lehigh Valley Hospital Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alyson Breisch  
Richard Cipoletti  
Edward Dench, M.D.  
Charles Gordon, M.D., Chairman  
Gerald Groff, M.D.  
Barbara Iobst

Peter Neumann, M.D.  
Carolyn Nippert  
Robert Roeshman, D.O.  
Stephen Shore, M.D.  
Thomas Yarcheski, Ph.D.  
Harvey Yorke

MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Bulette, M.D.  
Joseph A. Candio, M.D.  
Dean Dimick, M.D.  
Kay Fenstermaker, R.N.  
William Kelley, M.D.  
George Kirchner, M.D.  
Gregory Lang, M.D.

Arthur Levine, M.D.  
Mark Mishkin, M.D.  
Forrest Moyer, M.D.  
Rajesh Rai, M.D.  
Gerald P. Sherwin, M.D.  
Nancy Urankar, M.D.  
John Wheeler, M.D.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 A.M.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held January 19, 1984, were approved as written.

Ad Hoc Library Committee Report: Dr. Gordon went over the report (dated November 8) with the Committee. This report has been approved by the Medical Executive Committee of the medical staff of the Hospital Center with the stipulation that it be brought to the Library Committee for their approval and/or recommendations and then be sent to Administration for implementation.

Ms. Iobst reported that some of these suggestions are already being implemented. (Exhibit A) Due to the fact that the Computer Center is very backlogged, it would take a long time to get a large computer system on line. The idea of a micro-computer to start out with and then add on was favored by the committee.

It was also stated that regarding departmental libraries, budgeting and acquisition for departmental libraries will be coordinated by the departments of library services.

The report was approved by the committee with the following stipulation - Section III - A Proposed Computerized Decision Support System - this section was approved in principal and concept but with a more modest initial proposal.

Library Budgets for The Allentown Hospital and Lehigh Valley Hospital Center: Dr. Gordon went over the projected budgets for both hospitals. (See Exhibit B) This information will be taken to the respective medical staffs and they will be asked to contribute to a portion of these budgets. These budgets do not

include capital equipment items or personnel.

The budgets were approved by the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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Charles Gordon, M.D.  
Chairman

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The Allentown Hospital / Lehigh Valley Hospital Center  
Health Sciences Libraries

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March 13, 1984

In response to the Adhoc Library Committee report, the Joint Health Sciences Library Committee (JHSLC) and the Administration of both hospitals have accepted the responsibility for developing a stronger interrelationship between the two libraries.

The following cooperative activities are already in various stages of implementation:

1. The Directors of Library Services and their respective administrative officers are meeting on a regular basis for the purpose of joint problem solving and decision making. They determine the most appropriate course of action and present it to the JHSLC.
2. A Joint Health Sciences Library Committee was created with the support of both medical and dental staffs. The JHSLC has begun addressing major issues affecting both libraries, i.e., space, financial constraints, holdings, security, accessibility, etc.
3. The Director of Library Services (DLS) of The Allentown Hospital is serving as spokesperson for both libraries in all interactions with the JHSLC and the organized medical and dental staffs of both hospitals to enhance coordination of appropriate projects such as the development of a joint policy and procedure manual, an integrated library computer system, coordinated acquisitions, space utilization, etc. In addition, the DLS will serve as a consultant to the LVHC to provide guidance and direction for the effective operation of its Department of Library Services.