

This communication is to give you a brief history of the HIRA Organization and to conduct a survey to determine the interests and needs of the "Michigan Health-Sciences Librarians" in producing and supporting a new audio-visual catalogue for inter-library loan purposes.

Attached is a questionnaire which we would appreciate you completing and returning by May 1st to:

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HISTORY:

PAIR, Pontiac Area Instructional Resources Group, held its first formulating meeting at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, Michigan in October of 1971. At this meeting were representatives from local Pontiac area hospitals which included, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac General Hospital, Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, Pontiac State Hospital and the Oakland County Health Department. Representatives were also present from William Beaumont Hospital, Crittenton Hospital, Oakland Community College, and Mercy School of Nursing.

The purpose of this meeting was to determine need for exchange of audio-visual materials and equipment and to determine need and interest in such an organization.

During 1972, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and the formal name of PAIR was adopted, and the first catalogue came out in 1973. Revisions to the By-laws were dated 3-5-74 and 12-17-74.

The group later merged with a similiar group called "Michigan Hospitals Audio-Visual Co-Op.

In 1974, the group was renamed HIRA, Health Instructional Resources Associated, and a quarterly newsletter titled "Hiraglyphics" was published. The second edition of the catalogue was published in June of 1975 which included the holdings of fifteen health related institutions in the Metropolitan Detroit Area. This edition of the catalogue was supported in part by a National Library of Medicine Project Grant awarded to HIRA. The contents of this catalogue included audio-visual software holdings listed by subject and audio-visual hardware listed alphabetically by type of equipment.

OBJECTIVES:

In the past HIRA was geared towards the production and technical aspects of audio-visual services, aimed at hospital-based audio-visual producers, educators, and librarians. Today, our objectives would be geared towards the "Library-Setting" and demands for new resources of audio-visual materials aimed at health agency librarians.

1. Would you be interested in joining HIRA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. What would you be willing to pay for membership? \$ /year
3. Should there be institutional memberships? ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Should there be personal memberships? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Would you be interested in a catalogue for audio-visual software? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Would you be interested in a catalogue for audio-visual hardware? ☐ Yes ☐ No
7. Would you use the catalogue for borrowing? ☐ Yes ☐ No
8. Would you be willing to submit your holdings for use by other institutions? ☐ Yes ☐ No
9. Would you be willing to support the publications of a catalogue via purchase? ☐ Yes ☐ No
10. Which format would you prefer? ☐ Print ☐ Microfilm ☐ Microfiche
11. Do you own a microfiche or microfilm reader? (Circle one) ☐ No
12. Would you be willing to loan your hardware? ☐ Yes ☐ No
13. Would you be interested in an audio-visual workshop? ☐ Yes ☐ No
14. Suggested topics for workshops?

****You are invited to attend the next meeting of HIRA on 5/10/79
at Flint Osteopathic Hospital. The meeting will be in Dining
Room A at 2 P.M.