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INFORMATION FOR MHSIA MEMBERS REGARDING POSSIBLE
AFFILIATION WITH THE MICHIGAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION -
MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON THIS ISSUE AT THE ANNUAL BUSINESS
MEETING IN 1980

Mr. Dave Kettle
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Dear Dave:

It was indeed a pleasure for me to talk to you recently regarding a possible affiliation between the Medical Librarians Association and the Michigan Hospital Association. We are in the process of affiliating with several organizations at present, and the fact that your group is interested is an exciting prospect.

As I mentioned to you, there are several reasons that affiliation is attractive. Here at MHA, we are particularly interested because we feel a need to involve as many people in the health care delivery family as possible in order to protect and enrich our position. As the old saying goes, "there is strength in numbers," and the involvement of health care professionals such as you and your colleagues can only add to that enrichment.

At the beginning of 1978, we will be doing away with Personal Memberships in the MHA, and suggest to those persons who were Personal Members, join an organization within their particular area or expertise. In turn, we hope that the professional organizations will affiliate with the MHA. Our reason for this new approach is that we definitely feel a need for more involvement on the part of health care people within the MHA, but in a way that particular interests and professional relationships are maintained. By providing input through the affiliated organization structure, we can strengthen the cause of health care delivery immensely.

The MHA is quite willing and ready to provide services for affiliated organizations. First of all, we can allow an affiliated organization a voice to the MHA Board of Trustees, since the president of each affiliated organization sits on the Standing Committee on Affiliated Organizations. Further, we can provide excellent educational opportunities for your membership; the MHA Educational Services Department is now nationally recognized as a provider of excellent institutes for members of the health care provider family. We currently do between 40 and 50 institutes per year, and there is no reason why we cannot design one or more for you.

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We also can provide any clerical and technical services you might need including newsletter mailing, brochure production, financial services, etc.

As I mentioned, our purpose is not one of control but one of cooperation. We strongly feel that if all people involved in the cause for better health care delivery band together, we can have a much greater impact on decision making in the governmental and regulatory system. Formal affiliation with organizations such as yours is the key to that effective impact.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Michael Smith". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a prominent initial "L" and a flourish at the end.

L. Michael Smith
Director
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