


February 20, 1989

Dear M.H.S.L.A. member,

At MHSLA's annual meeting in October 1988, an Ad Hoc Committee was established to investigate obtaining and funding CD-ROM and a Medline product for health science libraries in Michigan. The Committee is trying to determine actual interest in this subject by the members. Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to me by March 10th.

Thank you


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CD-ROM QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you do MEDLINE searches for your patrons? _____
2. Approximately how many subject searches did you do in 1988? _____ (please count number of topics you search, not number of databases searched per topic)
3. Approximately what was the cost of your searches for 1988? _____
4. Do you have CD-ROM in your library? _____
5. Do you use it for MEDLINE searching? _____
For what other uses do you use it? _____
6. Do you intend to obtain CD-ROM and a MEDLINE product in the future? _____
7. Would you be interested in participating in a grant project to obtain CD-ROM and a MEDLINE product for health science libraries in Michigan? _____
8. Would you serve on a committee to write a grant proposal for such? _____
9. If you obtained the CD-ROM hardware through a grant, would your institution purchase a MEDLINE product for the library? _____
10. If yes, what would the expected amount you would be willing to spend on this product?
\$1,000 _____ \$2,000 _____ \$4,000 _____
\$6,000 _____ More _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY TO ME BY MARCH 10th!!!!

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Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association

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Ad Hoc CD-ROM Committee

Doris M. Blauet, Chair
David G. Keddle
Mary Jo Wyles
Carol Aebli

The charge to this committee was to investigate sources for providing CD-ROM equipment and a Medlars product for Michigan health sciences libraries. The committee met via telephone conversations and mail to accomplish this charge.

The first task performed by the committee was a survey of MHS LA members to determine interest among the members for this project. 100 survey forms were sent to the members with a response rate of 68%. Of those responding 78% were interested in pursuing some sort of grant funding for CD-ROM. The committee then began to investigate various types of hardware, software and funding sources.

HARDWARE

The hardware investigated by the committee includes Hitachi, NEC and IBM. With MLC discounts the Hitachi external drive would cost about \$680 per institution or \$36,000, the NEC would run \$51,400 and the IBM \$164,300. For institutions who currently do not have a computer to start from scratch it would run about \$3,100 per institution for the 7 that indicated that they have none available, so an additional \$21,700 must be added to the cost.

SOFTWARE

The software looked at by the committee includes Compact Cambridge, Ebsco--Comprehensive MEDLINE and Core MEDLINE, Silverplatter and CD-Plus. The committee found that all are comparably price and contain similar features with the exception of Core Medline which only covers the past 3 years and is updated

quarterly. The average price of these packages is \$3,500 for the full Medlars database per institution or \$185,500 for the total group.

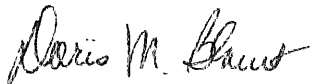
FUNDING

Based on our passed experience with the Kellogg Foundations, it was decided to eliminate them from our consideration. The committee investigated the Pew Charitable Trust and the National Library of Medicine Extramural program. The Pew Charitable Trusts grants money to improve the quality of life for individuals and communities at large. They recently have awarded grants for advances in library automation and for information technology projects. NLM's Extramural program grants up to \$12,00 per institution for a year to facilitate access to and delivery of health science information.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. An Ad Hoc committee be established to write a grant for CD-ROM and a Medlars product for interested institutions in MHSLA.
2. Hardware to be requested be Hitachi external drives and for those institutions with no computers currently, IBM computers.
3. Software to be requested be either Compact Cambridge, Ebsco--Comprehensive MEDLINE, Silverplatter, or CD-Plus.
4. Funding for the grant be sought from NLM or th Pew Charitable Trusts.

Respectfully submitted



Doris M. Blauet, Chair
August 1, 1989



Affiliated Groups

- Flint Area Health Sciences Library Network
- Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group
- Mid-Michigan Health Sciences Libraries
- Northern Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Group
- Thumb Area Medical Information Consortium
- Upper Peninsula Health Science Libraries Consortium
- Valley Regional Health Science Librarians
- Western Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association

AD-HOC CD-ROM COMMITTEE

September 13, 1990

MEMBER:

- Doris Blauet, Chair
- David Keddle
- Carol Aebli

The committee's charge was to write and submit a grant proposal on behalf of the members to obtain CD-ROM hardware and software for members. The committee met 5 times to investigate various software programs and write the grant proposal. Members were invited to participate (in February 29 MHSLSA members responded) In an effort to reach the unserved portion of the state an additional invitation was issued to all hospitals in the state. 24 small hospitals additionally requested to be included.

The committee then decided on Ebsco's Comprehensive Medline based on the fact that Ebsco will tailor the software to incorporate our MISHULS locator records. It was felt that this would help with the funding of the grant as it would make interloaning possible for the small hospitals which previously had not access to it.

The committee solicited letters of support for the proposal from Governor Blanchard, James Fry, Senators Riegel and Levin and Representatives Hertel, Carl and Gire.

The grant proposal was submitted on September 15, 1990 for the October 1st deadline at NLM. If funded, a decision should be made in March of 1991. Funding should begin in July 1991.

Respectfully submitted,

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David Keddle

Carol Aebli

The Committee's charge was to write and submit a grant proposal on behalf of the members to obtain CD-ROM hardware and software . The grant proposal was submitted to NLM on September 15, 1990. In June of 1991 we received word that while the project had merit, it would not be funded. Upon recommendation from the Executive Board, the Committee will not resubmit the proposal. Having completed its charge, the Committee was discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris M. Blauet



Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association

AD-HOC AUTOMATION GRANTS COMMITTEE

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The Automation Grants committee was reactivated late in the year to do a survey of interest in automation equipment. The survey was sent to all current MHSLSA members. The members were asked to rank their need for following items: telefax, CD-ROM drive(s), basic computer/modem/printer, and CD-ROM software for MEDLINE. They were also asked for suggestions for any other needs which might be met through a cooperative grant application.

The deadline for the grant survey was September 17. As of this date, September 14, 40 surveys have been returned. A detailed synopsis of the survey will be presented at the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie C. John
Chair
Ad-Hoc Automation Grants