GREATER MIDWEST REGION REPORT BY DAVE KEDDLE

The Greater Midwest Region (GMR) Regional advisory Committee (RAC) meet in Chicago on December 6, 1991.

Ann C. Weller was named acting director of GMR until a permanent replacement will be named as director of GMR. Frieda Weise, the previous director of GMR, has left to accept the position as director of the Health Sciences Library at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

Ruby May has also resigned as Associate Director of GMR and has taken a position in information services at the library for the Health Sciences. An acting associate director has just recently been appointed. Her name is Jan Ahrensfeld.

Melanye Coleman has been hired as the Database Manager and will be working on updating of the GMR's Registry. In addition interviews for the new outreach coordinator have been scheduled.

Becky Lyon-Hartman from the National Library of Medicine gave an overview of NLM's priorities. Ms Lyon-Hartman stated at the meeting that the major emphasis from NLM will be on the outreach and to serve the undeserved area's of the country. Ms. Lyon-Hartman announced that on a future show of Dougie Houser, M.D., that Dougie will be using grateful med to do a medline search.

Being as this is the first RAC meeting that the health professionals were in attendance, Dr. Michael Zaroukian, M.D. from Michigan State University, gave an overview of a meeting that was held in September. What do health professionals want/need? A summary of that report is attached.

A group discussion was held on how Loansome doc was working within the region. Since loansome doc has only been operational since October 1 only the states of Illinois and Michigan had any information on usage.

Communication with in the region was discussed and every effort will be made to make the GMR publication 3 Sources published on a timely basis in the future.

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