

**MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
**Continuing Education / Professional Development Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Date:** November 10, 2015

**Location:** MHLS

**Committee members attending:**

- Vicki Kurashige (Columbia)
- Rhiannon Leo (Dutchess)
- Susan Totter (Dutchess)
- Candace Begley (Greene)

- Jen McCreery (Putnam)
- Brooke Dittman (Ulster)
- Kara Lustiber (Ulster)
- Merribeth Advocate (MHLS)

**Staff Attending:** Deb Weltsch, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich  
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**Action Items:**

Minutes from May 27, 2015 meeting reviewed and approved by Jen, seconded by Candace.

**Discussion Items:**

1. Reviewed Plan of Service and this committee's role, as well as the Moving Forward details from this aspect of the Plan of Service.
2. In 2015 there were 117 programs (28 of which were outside webinars) and 929 participants as of November 4<sup>th</sup>. In 2014 there were a total of 87 programs (not including outside webinars) and 1,024 participants.
3. Sierra workshop "How brief is too brief" – 42 people have attended from 32 libraries as of Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. There are still 3 more sessions to be held.
4. Discussed Trustee training – the workshops from MHLS, possible State requirements down the road, staying on top of the latest library requirements to educate Library Boards.
5. Discussed 2 big events coming up – 'Removing Barriers Mini-Conference' and 'County Funding Advocacy'.
6. Discuss to look into more information on CPR/Defibulator training and possible requirements of mandatory training needed.
7. Workshop evaluation summaries
  - o Workshop evaluation summaries of sessions held since the last committee meeting were reviewed.
  - o Overall very positive feedback.
  - o Greene County preference for Cairo as a workshop location.
8. Looked over recommendations from MHLS attendees at NYLA conference. A lot of good ideas. MHLS will keep the ideas to look into possible programs to offer here.
9. Reviewed a brief 'What do you struggle with?' survey that was sent out 3 years ago to Directors and Staff. Made a couple of changes and plan to send this out again the beginning of December. This was very basic so we got a lot of responses and it gave great feedback to develop programs that were useful to offer. May develop another brief survey for Trustees and Friends.
10. 2016 meetings will be May 10<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>.