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

Date: May 12, 2011
Location: MHLS

Committee members attending:
- Vicki Kurashige (Columbia)
- Julie Spann (Dutchess), Chair
- Nancy Rogers (Dutchess)
- Candace Begley (Greene)
- Maria Steinberg (Putnam)
- Jim Cosgrove (Ulster)
- Tracy Priest (Ulster)
- Merribeth Advocate (MHLS)

Staff Attending: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Lauren Muffs, Mike Nyerges
Others Attending: Lauren Muffs, Central Library

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Action Items:
1. Approved minutes of 10/18/2010 meeting.
2. Recommend Advocacy Boot Camp sessions in 2012, including a new one for Library Directors.
3. Will ask libraries interested in hosting training to fill out an ‘Availability of Member Library Space to Hold CE Programs’ form.
4. Will survey membership on location of CE sessions.
5. New designation of “High Priority” will be added to some Workshop Notices, starting with the medical training.

Discussion Items:
1. Review of 2010 MHLS CE Progress submitted in State Report. 80 MHLS training events were offered, with 1456 total attendance.
2. Review of past six months of CE session evaluations (Oct. 2010 – March 2011). Consensus of the committee is that the overall data shows that the MHLS CE program is providing the service members want. Discussion included:
   a. Locations – reconfirm where people want to attend.
   b. New Directors Roundtable – the importance of this target group.
   c. Weeding/updating medical collection – committee supports the recommendation from the Central Library/Collection Development Advisory Committee for training in this area.
3. Came to consensus on editing the ten elements of Section 4 of MHLS 2012-2016 Plan of Service language that have to do with continuing education & professional development.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2011