

Report to DA from the 2/8/10 System Funding Task Force meeting

Attending: Frank Rees, Linda Deubert, Debra Kamecke, Gloria Goverman, Sally Alderdice, Gillian Thorpe, Pat Kaufman, Jeanne Buck, Margie Menard, Tom Lawrence, Josh Cohen, MerriBeth Advocate.

Valuation of System Services for 2010 Advocacy Season: Committee agreed this should be based on the replacement cost of system services, based on if the system did not exist, to support the request for more funds.

Tires & Wires Cost Recovery Funding Proposal:

- Attached is a chart based on what it costs the system to run automation and delivery, what the members contribute towards these costs, and what the difference is.
- The Task Force recommends the implementation of charges to begin gradually increasing the members share of automation and delivery costs.
- The next step for the Task Force is developing the formula to break the charge down by library. Discussion of how to do this included:
 - Formula to charge this out to each library needs to reflect “More use = more pay” - create a clear link between what each library uses and what it costs.
 - Becomes an advocacy piece for library boards. Resources have dwindled, MHLS cannot support at same level. Cost sharing is shifting because MHLS revenue is declining, and member libraries cannot function without it. This proposal will allow members to control their own destiny to achieve the outcome they like.
- After that is prepared, the next steps will be to get the information out to member library boards, with the establishment of future fees based on these costs.

Next meeting: Monday, March 22 at 10am.