

## **Report to DA from the 5/26/09 System Funding Task Force Meeting**

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

Task Force discussed the importance of keeping minutes of discussions, setting agendas & including all task force members in communications.

Issues discussed: how to create the process to make funding decisions, how to educate about different models of system services, how decisions will be made.

Ultimate goal: defining what libraries want from system and how it will be funded.

Step 1: All day Directors Retreat targeted for September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Topic: 'How we got to here'.

- To ensure attendance of all Directors, Josh will ask boards to close the library if it is the only way their Director can attend.
- Draft agenda for the retreat will include:
  - History (including agreements). Legal basis of what MHLS is statutorily mandated to provide (resource sharing, library development /consultative services)
  - How we developed over the years; Where we are now.
  - Review the Plan of Service focus group summary in small groups. Come back together as a group to report out what is valid and develop a composite opinion.

The results from Step 1 will better define what comes next. Possible next steps discussed by the task force:

- Finding the direction & reviewing/developing models.
- Preparing for the future. Where will the funding come from.

Tom Lawrence was designated Chair by the Task Force. The next meeting will be July 9, 2009.

Merribeth Advocate