

EHLBC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 8, 2018 (1:00 – 2:00 pm)

Location: Teleconference

In attendance:

Dawn Bohme (BINM)

Julie Creaser (NHA)

Mary Anne Guenther (NIC, Vice Chair)

Antje Helmuth (MoH/MCFD, Chair)

Todd Mundle (KPU)

Cathy Rayment (PHSA)

Debbie Schachter (CapU)

eHLbc Administrative Centre:

Jennifer Bancroft (recorder)

Anita Cocchia

Sunni Nishimura

Leigh Anne Palmer

Agenda Items:

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as tabled.

2. Core Suite Renewal

L. Palmer presented a revised recommendation for the renewal of eHLbc's Core Suite for the four-year period beginning on April 1, 2018.

The Administrative Centre brought members' feedback about the loss of Wiley content from CINAHL Complete and MEDLINE Full Text to EBSCO during final negotiations. As a result, EBSCO made several concessions, including:

- reducing annual increases from 3% to 2.5% in the first three years of the license term;
- providing members with access to a collection of 550 nursing ebooks free of charge for the four-year license term, from publishers such as Springer, LWW, Oxford, and McGraw-Hill.

EBSCO acknowledged the loss of Wiley content and indicated they will continue to work on bringing Wiley content back into EBSCO aggregator databases.

APA and Ovid pricing remains the same as presented at the November 14, 2017 meeting.

It was noted that, while APA pricing relative to the amount of content is higher than that of other EBSCO content, eHLbc currently enjoys the highest consortial discount offered by the publisher and further discounts are unlikely.

MOTION: To approve the renewal recommendation for the 2018-2022 eHLbc Core Suite as presented.

Moved by C. Rayment
Seconded by J. Creaser
The motion was carried.

The next steps for the Administrative Centre are:

1. Send the Management Committee a draft Case for Renewal for review and feedback.
2. Send the Steering Committee the Case for Renewal and Membership Pledge with a four-week response deadline.
3. Finalise the license agreement terms and conditions with vendors.

3. Canadian Pharmacists Association Update

L.Palmer provided an update and context for the decision by the Canadian Pharmacists Association to not renew its license with eHLbc for CPS and RxTx when the current contract ends on March 31, 2018. The CPhA written Notice of Intent not to renew (revised, December 20, 2017) was shared with the Committee.

Committee members noted that CPhA and eHLbc share many common goals, acknowledged the value of sustaining Canadian health information, and voiced dismay at early indications that individual pricing will increase significantly. Suggestions were made for supporting advocacy efforts of Health Authority Pharmacy departments, and exploring joint advocacy opportunities with other affected bodies such as the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada.

The Committee discussed and determined the following action plan:

- Send a letter from the eHLbc Chair to the CPhA Board of Directors, expressing eHLbc's desire for continued partnership and emphasising a shared vision for stable Canadian health information;
- Prepare talking points for libraries and pharmacists at the BC health authorities to use in their communications with CPhA;

A. Helmuth brought forward a response from one eHLbc member institution to the CPhA decision. In a letter to eHLbc's Chair, Karen MacDonell (Library Director at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC) urged the Management Committee to contact CPhA to express dissatisfaction at their decision.

ACTION: The Management Committee will carry out the action plan with the support of the Administrative Centre.

ACTION: The Chair will send a response to Karen MacDonell.

4. New Business

There was no new business.

5. Next Meeting

The next Management Committee meeting will be scheduled for May 2018. Draft meeting minutes will be sent to the Management Committee for review via email.