

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE CANTERBURY MEDICAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE HELD IN MEETING ROOM 712, UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO, CHRISTCHURCH, ON TUESDAY 7th JUNE 2016, AT 1PM.

Present: P Joyce (Chair), F Moore, J Jordan, B Burrell, M Reid, M Currie, M McIlhone
M Walker (Librarian) and
Minutes taken by: Hy Thiele

Apologies: Chris Drennan

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd May 2016**

Passed.

2. **Matters Arising**

Peter welcomed Matthew Reid and said that he had highlighted to David Meates that there should be 5 nominees from the DHB.

Matthew introduced himself to the committee and was given a bit of background information regarding the Library review. Matthew requested a copy of letter sent to David Meates. Hy will forward a copy to Michael, Matthew and John Adams.

Peter mentioned that there is an unresolved issue over access to CML for health professionals in the community.

Divisional Review on Health Sciences Library Services Review consultation meetings were held on 1 June 2016. Five meetings were conducted by John Adams, Howard Amos and the panel. The submissions for this review is still open, but all submissions should be made within a month or so. A report is expected to be ready by the end of the year.

Marg said that she emailed widely to CDHB to attend the consultation meetings and requested submissions to be made.

Peter said the future of the Libraries are changing. South Australia has adopted a National Electronic Library. The following were discussed as a way forward -

1. Print collection – campus by campus - access and space to store
2. Study space within the Library
3. Librarians' skills for the future
4. Electronic access to UOC and DHB

The question was asked if Ministry of Health might need to be instrumental in setting up a National Electronic Library. It was agreed in general that the Ministry was not ready for the challenge.

Fionn queried that if Auckland and Otago could provide a joint shared service. Peter said that Librarians did not want that in the past. Howard said that it was too complex and not much by way of cost savings. Peter said that he will present it again to the Library Review team. Marg said DHB needs are complex, university needs are specific. Marg mentioned the UK (NHS) model and said she was not aware of any negatives with that model. Peter said that maybe we should look at South Australian and NHS UK models.

It is expected that in future Health Sciences Library would be electronic but not in the short term.

3. **General Business**

Peter said ScienceDirect has a million downloads per year and Capital Coast DHB and CDHB downloads were around 70,000. It is expected that the two subscriptions will be around September/October 2017. The talks will start around July/August this year. 60% of downloads were

from the top 100 journals and 40% were outside the top 100 journals. Fionn mentioned that DHB is bigger than UOC and dual cost for subscription would be in different tiers. Marg said that journal needs vary according to clinical and research requirements which can change from time to time. Auckland has a larger collection than Otago but have had access to a trust fund.

It was suggested that the move to open access could make all journals free and Matthew said that European Union have stated that they will have open access by year 2020. Peter said that he had heard various opinions about the likelihood of a move to open access and he is doubtful this will happen in the near future. A number of open access journals have a policy of 'pay to publish and free to read' which may be more expensive for institutions.

4. **Report from librarian**

A new Interloan Library Assistant, Marama Gravett is commencing work on 13 June. Marama replaces Trish Burnett who retired. Unfortunately another staff member, Dean Alexander, has resigned and finishes on the 24 June. Dean is a Reference/Liaison Librarian with a high level of skills in reference and especially in Endnote and so the library is very sorry to see him go.

Marg said while in Dunedin recently she was able to look at how the University Library were capturing statistics of Library usage. They have provided Marg with a password to trial the software. Marg is trying to find out the best method to capture consistent data to demonstrate the value of the library.

Fionn asked if we should look directing enquiries through the Dunedin library helpdesk. Marg said it does not work very well as the queries are specific to the location Library and it comes back to us to sort. Dunedin have a different range of resources to what is available to UOC or CDHB so it often just delays the response to end users. There have also been a recent instance where Dunedin contacted a vendor who got confused about the number of subs and the UO/DHB combinations and cancelled access for UOC.

Peter said that we need to discuss what information is needed. This is so that DHB is aware what services they get from the Library for the money they pay. The services the Library provide to the DHB need to be quantifiable.

Peter, Fionn and Marg are to discuss subscriptions.

Michael excused himself from the meeting at 12.50pm

Meeting closed at 2.08pm