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Canadian Virtual Health Library / Bibliothèque virtuelle canadienne de la santé (CVHL/BVCS)

CVHL/BVCS – Moving and shaking!

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Virtual Health Library/Bibliothèque virtuelle canadienne de la santé (CVHL/BVCS) met four times since the last report – on January 16, February 24, March 28, and April 23, 2012.

On the governance front, the Board discussed how to better reflect the role of Network Subscribers and promote transparency. To accomplish this, much work was done to evolve the composition of the Board to include Network Subscribers. A Transition Committee with members Jeremy Veillard, Rebecca Raworth, and Jennifer Bayne, developed criteria, reviewed the Board's Conflict of Interest Policy, and ensured that, as an underlying principle, the goals of the CVHL/BVCS were preserved. Invitations were then sent out to Network Subscribers to nominate candidates. As a result of this effort, two names were forwarded from the Network Subscribers, and were approved by the Board for a three-year term:

- Cathy Rayment, Provincial Library Leader, BC Cancer Agency.
- Andrea McClellan, Head of Collections and Technical Services, Health Sciences Library, McMaster University.

Patrick Ellis's term on the Board of Directors was to have ended in 2012. Patrick was asked to serve

for an additional term with the understanding that he will fill a dual role as Principal Investigator for the project, and as Network Subscriber representative for eastern Canada.

On the staffing front, Vivian Stieda's secondment as Project Coordinator has ended and she has resumed her position as General Manager of Health Knowledge Network. The role of Project Coordinator transitioned from Lisa Nguyen to Kate Wilson at the beginning of February, and Kate is now employed full time in Toronto.

George Beckett and Warren Holder are co-leading the content role for CVHL/BVCS negotiations. A proposal for Canada-wide pricing for EBSCO's *Dynamed* and ProQuest's *Nursing & Allied Health Source* was negotiated and presented to the Network Subscribers on April 4, 2012. *Dynamed* in particular is being considered a proof-of-concept for the CVHL/BVCS and will lay the groundwork for more content to come.

Patrick Ellis was asked by Dr. Catharine Whiteside, the Chair of the Council of Deans, to give a presentation on the CVHL/BVCS as part of 2012 Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) meeting. The Council was very interested and asked to receive a proposal for how they might support the CVHL/BVCS.

The Board of Directors is committed to continuing fundraising efforts, including seeking out partners and new Network Subscribers, and to moving forward with negotiations for more subscriptions.

All in all, a very full five months!

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