

LSTA Advisory Council
May 17, 2012
1:00 – 5:00
Oregon State Library, Meeting Room 102
250 Winter St., Salem, OR
John Russell, Chair

Chair John Russell called the meeting to order at 1:07.

Member present: Chair John Russell, Perry Stokes, Pam Osborne, Sharon Smith, May Garland, Natasha Forrester, Wyma Rogers, Carol Dinges, Jim Hayden, Susan Lindauer, Linda Weight.

Staff Present: MaryKay Dahlgreen, Ann Reed, Ferol Weyand

Introductions

New State Librarian MaryKay Dahlgreen welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Dahlgreen reported that the Oregon State Library Board and Library Development team were very impressed with the evaluation and reported that the outcomes based evaluations are even more important. Dahlgreen also reported on the budget report from the Legislative Fiscal Office and legislature, which is also the recommendation of the Service Employees International Union. Oregon State Library will lose the Library Development program manager and Human Resources analyst. They propose moving a librarian from Government Resource Services to Library Development. That librarian would become a consultant and take on some of the projects that Dahlgreen did in the past. Dahlgreen just got back from the Western Council of State Libraries meeting in Des Moines where the five year plan was discussed. We are on the right track with the five year plan and outcomes based evaluations (OBE). Results chains are very important to the OBEs. These results chains will also help identify activities that we want to associate with. IMLS wants to consolidate the information and take it to congress to report where the LSTA money goes to.

Guest: Buzzy Nielsen, Hood River County Library

Stokes moved to approve minutes of September 15, 2011 with corrections. Hayden seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Current Five-Year Plan status and discussion:

Reed explained that the IMLS are requiring more focused statistic measuring regarding grants. The statistics that have been recorded previously are often all over the board, and there is now an emphasis of Outcome Based Results (OBE) using standardized criteria to

identify results. Congress and the IMLS want to see more standard results reporting how the grant money was spent and what was gained by using the funds.

Council discussed the 5 year plan and changes were made to the plan.

Ideas for implementing outcomes based evaluation:

The Council discussed moving away from peer evaluation to OBE. One option is to use funds that would have gone to peer evaluation and give to grantees to cover any OBE expenses. One Council member liked the peer evaluation system and thought it was more objective than the grantee evaluating. Assessments would have to be checked. One Council member liked the feedback to the grantee peer vs. OBE. Council discussed feedback and how that would work given the timing of the grant funding, and execution of the grant. LSTA is a first funder and we can still withhold payment if project goes astray. The IMLS wants outcomes for LSTA projects. Council questioned who is going to do the evaluations? Reed responded that the grantee does it because it must be written into the design of the grant. One Council member suggested in the scoring to make it mandatory that the full proposal have the OBE included. Reed said that with the full proposals there will be a phone call with each grantee explaining the OBE requirement. One Council member suggested contacting various foundations to see what they are doing regarding this.

Chair Russell recessed meeting at 4:55