RAC Members present: Pam Bradigan, Kim Brady, Arlis Dittmer, Christine Frank, Martha Hardy, Jennifer Helmen, Matt Hoy, Neal Nixon, Ron Padot, Elisabeth Rowan, Priya Shenoy, Liz Weinfurter, Laura Wimmer, Molly Youngkin

RAC Members absent: Mary Blackwelder, Jane Blumenthal, Heather Holmes, Barbara Platts

GMR staff present: Kate Carpenter, Beth Layton, Holly Burt, Samanthi Hewakapuge, Jacqueline Leskovec, Irene Williams

Welcome and Introductions

Kate Carpenter welcomed the attendees and asked for each person to introduce themselves.

GMR Update

Beth Layton, Holly Burt, Samanthi Hewakapuge, Jacqueline Leskovec, and Irene Williams presented the update. Beth presented the general information and the future sections; this included budget, awards funded, and educational events. Holly presented the sections on exhibits and the historical collections initiative. Irene shared information about DOCLINE, e-licensing, and community colleges. Samanthi highlighted activities in Outreach to Consumers and included efforts with tribal colleges. The Consumer Health Working Group gave their report within this section of the update. Jacqueline talked about communication, evaluation and planning, and information technology; the later because she is responsible for technology in the absence of a Technology Coordinator. New Technology Coordinator is Carol Bean. She will start on March 30, 2015. There were few questions during the presentation; RAC members noted at the end that they always learn new things about the GMR program.

Highlights of project funded by the GMR

“Day in the Life” Project

Chris Frank described the project funded by the GMR was study to learn how third-year medical students seek and use information in the course of daily activities, especially activities conducted in a clinical setting using ethnographic methods. Chris outlined the history of the project, the protocol, coding and analysis and preliminary results. Chris noted that the results have already been used in decision making—for instance with the UIC renovation project. There will be a presentation at MLA on this study.

Focus groups:

During the rest of the meeting, focus discussions were held. Discussion Question 1: How can the GMR lead the Midwest region in impacting health through information? Question 2: How can the RAC be more engaged with the RML? Question 3: What do you wish NLM could provide to support outreach in the region?