

## Region 6 Annual Report 2023-2024

### Overview of ROC and Annual Goals

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin make up Region 6, which is based at the University of Iowa Hardin Library for the Health Sciences. The team focused on goals for governance, membership, collaboration, community outreach, training and instruction, and technology barriers. The overarching themes of misinformation, environmental determinants of health, and the digital divide guided many projects and programs.

### Year by the Numbers

- 1,195 members; 23 new members
- 14 classes, 5 new curricula
- 5 symposia and webinar series
- 9 Speaker Spotlight Webinars reached 1,553 people
- 8 publications and 3 book discussions
- 1 workshop and 23 presentations
- 1 internship
- 3 new NNLM guides; 1 NNLM guide updated
- Partner Outreach Program: 43 activities reached 7,113 people
- *Midwest Matters* blog: 62 posts with 6,722 views
- 22 Consumer Health and 1 Data Services MLA specializations issued
- 2 MLA educational webinars sponsored

### Funding

- 3 subawards funded for \$40,000
- 7 State Advisory Group projects were put into action with carryover funds of \$60,000. One example of a SAG project: Northern Illinois University piloted a health literacy program for people in assisted living using iPads. Curricula included how to use technology and how to find quality health information. A toolkit with a guide and website will be made available so others can implement the program.

### Key Accomplishments

- NNLM Discovery Podcast/Video: *Canary in the Coal Mine* episode
- Fresh look for website
- Listening sessions and site visits held
- Updates at regional and state meetings
- Joined LinkedIn; eliminated X
- With NTO, obtained continuing nursing education (CNE) credit for 4 courses. 51 CNE credits were issued the first month.
- NNLM Writing Interest Group began writing a column for *Public Libraries Online*
- 3 new topics were added to the NNLM Reading Club collection; 651 discussion guides were downloaded for 21 books

### Top Programs & Activities

- Region 6 nominated Katherine Chew, MLS, University of Minnesota, for the Michael E. DeBakey Librarian Outreach and Community Award from the NLM Friends. This prestigious award will be presented in November at the Friends Gala.
- New 12-week virtual internship for library science students was implemented and was a great success.