



**Hospital Library Services Program Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 1 PM**

Minutes

Present: Jean Jenkins (Lourdes); Matt Roslund (Bassett); Neyda Gilman (Binghamton U); Molly Brown (SCRLC)

Excused: Cassey Cornish (Cayuga Medical); Danielle Zavada (UHS); Mary-Carol Lindbloom, (SCRLC).

1. **November meeting minutes** – approved

2. **Regional Conversation Questions -**

- a. The committee received the Regional Conversation Questions for SCRLC's Plan of Service and have been asked to email Molly any responses to these by January 31, 2021.

3. **Marketing Plan –**

- a. At this point, with the most recent surge in COVID cases in the state – especially at Lourdes and throughout the region, hospitals are currently very focused on the pandemic and it was agreed by the committee that now is not the time to roll out a Marketing Plan – though one is very needed.
- b. The committee agreed to spend the coming months working on the Plan including the LibGuide and possible training guides, in the hopes of rolling out the Marketing plan in the summer of 2021, or October 2021, for National Hospital Librarian Month.
- c. Molly will share the LibGuide with the Advisory Committee members for edits and additions or subtraction from content.
- d. We will continue the conversation at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

4. **Around the Table –**

Jean:

- Lourdes has a high census because of a large number of COVID cases.
- On Martin Luther King Jr Day, the Lourdes Library launched a new collection of books on racism, ageism, LGBTQ issues, and similar topics. The

collection supports an Ascension Health initiative called **ABIDE** (**A**ppreciation; **B**elongingness; **I**nclusivity; **D**iversity; and **E**quity.)

- She included an explanation of the ABIDE initiative:
In response to the death of George Floyd, Joe Impicciche, the CEO of Ascension Health, [publicly voiced his support for justice and peace](#) and [the need to address racism and systemic injustice with words and actions](#). He also called upon his leadership team to develop a long-term, sustainable plan to make inclusion, belongingness and social justice a sustained and systemwide effort. As part of a commitment to listen, pray, learn and act to help address racism and systemic injustice, Ascension has launched a new justice-focused framework called **ABIDE**, which is built upon the hallmarks of **Appreciation – Belongingness – Inclusivity – Diversity – Equity**. On a local level, the Lourdes Library has supported the ABIDE framework by adding books that address racism, white privilege, ageism, LGBTQ issues, ableism and indigenous rights to an ABIDE collection. Read more about the ABIDE initiative at <https://www.ascension.org/Our-Mission/diversity-and-inclusion>.

Neyda:

- The Decker College of Nursing and Health Sciences has opened in Johnson City. The library on site has not opened yet.
- Once this facility is open, Neyda will split her time between the main campus and this new one.

Matt:

- Bassett has reorganized its Leadership level, and is now focusing on reorganization of the other areas of the hospital.
- There is now a Chief Academic Officer, who is very supportive of the library.
- Matt is fulltime in the library – no more temperature check station work.

Next meeting late March/early April – Molly will send Doodle poll.

Notes taken by Molly Brown