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Medical Library

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Richard McLeish, Director
Colorado Hospital Association
Room 205
333 West Colfax Avenue
Denver 4, Colorado

Dear Sir:

We of the Medical Librarians' Council have a suggestion to offer which we hope you will consider seriously and act upon favorably.

In recognition of the increased emphasis being placed on the need for medical reference libraries within the hospital, we voted unanimously to suggest to the Colorado Hospital Association that it consider appointing a professionally trained medical librarian in a non-salaried capacity as a consultant to its members on problems pertaining to organization and administration of hospital reference libraries.

This proposal is made with the feeling that it would accomplish a three-fold purpose:

1. Economy of time and effort for the professional librarians being presently asked to render assistance to the non-professional personnel charged with library responsibilities;
2. Effective library service to hospitals not having easy access to the professional librarians in the region for such help;
3. Better use of funds when professional library techniques are made clear.

The Medical Librarians' Council is an informal group of librarians, working in medical libraries within the metropolitan area. A good proportion of its membership is professionally trained. The value of the meetings to the non-professional members has been so evident that it was felt that an advisory service should be extended, if the need for such is desired by hospitals outside the Denver area.

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Should you be interested in our suggestion, we would be pleased to submit for your selection names of professional librarians of the Council who have expressed willingness to serve in such a capacity.

Yours truly,

Ned Eig
Chairman

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The first meeting of the MEDICAL LIBRARIANS' COUNCIL - our new name - in 1960 will be held 7:30 the evening of Tuesday, February 16th, on the premises of the DENVER MEDICAL LIBRARY, 1601 E. 19th Avenue.

Official hostess for the occasion will be Myrna Barrett. Refreshments have been promised. And there is some business on tap, too. See you there?

(Mrs.) Teresa Martin, Sec'y.