ALIA HLA Advisory Committee Annual Report 2018

January 2019

Membership

- There are 15 members of the HLA Executive: Gemma Siemensma (Convenor), Ann Ritchie (National Manager), Tina Lavelle (Secretary), Sharon Karasmanis (Treasurer), Diana Blackwood, Jeanette Bunting, Kathleen Gray, Kieran Hegarty, Taryn Hunt, Jane Orbell-Smith, Rob Penfold, Bronia Renison, Rolf Schafer, Angela Smith, Catherine Voutier.

Meetings

- HLA Executive met monthly by teleconference; there are now 15 members of the Executive
- Strategic Planning Day held 20th July 2018
- The Executive's standard agenda covers the 5 portfolios: Professional Development, Education & Training; Partnerships & Collaborations; Membership; Demonstrating Value – Awards, Research, Marketing & Advocacy; Publishing & Communications
- The HLA Publications Editorial Board (comprising members of the HLA Executive and representatives of the general membership) met twice in 2018

Summary of main activities

- Professional Development, Education & Training.
  - Events held:
    - HLA's national PD Day was held in Sydney on 19th July at Royal North Shore Hospital, focusing on Contemporary and future issues in health librarianship
    - 2 Advanced Searching workshops (Julie Glanville) for Librarians and Researchers were held in Melbourne and Sydney in April
    - 8 Advanced Searching workshops (Carol Lefebvre) for Librarians and Researchers were held in Melbourne, Newcastle, Townsville, Brisbane, Perth, Canberra, Darwin and Adelaide in November/December
  - Updating of the Health Library Competencies
  - Initial agreement for the Digital Health Information Services course to be run as a partnership between the University of Melbourne/Health and BioInformatics Centre and ALIA/HLA
- Partnerships & Collaborations
  - Submitted annual report to International committee of MLA (Medical Libraries Association, USA)

- HLA is represented on the ALIA Specials group
- HLA is a member of two groups who are collaborating in the health information workforce education and workforce planning initiatives:
  - The Health Information Workforce Census Research Management Committee
  - The Health Information Workforce Alliance
- Membership
  - Social Media plan to engage with members is being implemented
- Demonstrating Value – Awards, Research, Marketing & Advocacy
  - HLA/MedicalDirector Informatics Innovation Award won by Justin Clark for "The Polyglot Search Translator (PST): a tool for translating search strategies: phase 3"
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  - The Health Libraries for National Standards (HeLiNS) research concluded and final reports were submitted to ALIA. An article is currently being drafted for JALIA. A book chapter on Consumer Health Literacy has been accepted as part of an IFLA publication.
- Publishing & Communications
  - Four issues published in the year
  - 11 issues of HLA Alerts published
  - Publications review made recommendations to the HLA Executive
  - @HealthLibsAust has 166 Followers and is following 368; 1 TwitterChat was held in conjunction with the ALIA New Graduates Advisory Council (NGAC)
  - HLA Communities has 151 members
  - HLA LinkedIn has 156 members
- Advice provided to the ALIA Board
  - Monthly minutes of Executive meeting provided to ALIA Board to inform regarding issues in health librarianship
  - Presentation to the ALIA Board on achievements and strategic directions
- Participation in events, conferences
  - Poster at EAHIL 2018 (Cardiff) conference 'Australian health libraries' contributions to hospital accreditation: final results of the Health Libraries for National Standards (HeLiNS) 2016-18 research project'
  - Presented at the Asia-Pacific Library and Information Conference 2018 (Gold Coast) 'Australian health libraries' contributions to hospital accreditation and the National Safety and Quality Health Services (NSQHS) Standards: results of the Health Libraries for National Standards (HeLiNS) research project'
  - Presented at the RAILS Conference 2018 (Melbourne) 'Health Librarianship Competencies Review 2018'
- Reports generated
  - HeLiNS quarterly reports

Brief comments about how this work has aligned with the ALIA Strategic Plan

Strategic Priorities

- Leadership and Advocacy
  - ➢ Submission to the Australian Digital Health Agency on the *National Digital Health Strategy*
  - ➢ MoUs with national and international associations
  - ➢ Health Information Workforce Alliance to progress collaborative advocacy in health information education and workforce planning
  - ➢ HLA Posters
- Members and Membership
  - ➢ Regular communications and publications within the framework of the HLA Communications Strategy and Social Media Plan
- Education and Professional Development
  - ➢ PD Days and training events
  - ➢ HLA Competencies reviewed and updated
- Future Proofing
  - ➢ Collaborative research (National Standards; Census of the Health Information Workforce) on which to base future advocacy and evidence-based policy

Forward plans

- Issues, opportunities and challenges for the following year
  - ➢ Australian Health Library Guidelines to be reviewed
  - ➢ HLA Publications review to be finalised
  - ➢ HeLiNS results to be published and additional 'live' search strategies to be developed
  - ➢ Consumer health literacy/digital inclusion – partnering with APLA and public libraries
- Proposed activities
  - ➢ Postgraduate 'Digital Health Information Services' subject to be run through a University of Melbourne partnership in semester 2 of 2019
  - ➢ PD Day in Melbourne in July (18-19)
  - ➢ HLA Executive Strategic Planning Day in July
  - ➢ Australian Evidence Based Librarianship Institute (AEBLI) to be held in Auckland Nov 2019
  - ➢ Advanced Searching and/or Systematic review workshops in late 2019
- Awards to be presented:
  - ➢ HLA/MedicalDirector Informatics Innovation Award

Summary of the sector/topic

- The vision of Health Libraries Australia is that "all Australians benefit from health library and information professionals' expertise that is integral to evidence based health care"

- For more details of the work of the HLA group, see the HLA Home page: https://www.alia.org.au/groups/HLA
- HeLiNS presentation https://www.alia.org.au/sites/default/files/documents/Presentation%20.pdf and poster http://www.alia.org.au/sites/default/files/EAHIL%202018%20Poster%20Ritchie%20et%20al.pdf
- Health Libraries Competencies review presentation: http://www.alia.org.au/sites/default/files/Ritchie%20RAILS%20HLA%20Competency%20%20Review_2018.pdf
- Updated HLA Competencies https://www.alia.org.au/sites/default/files/Revised%20HLA%20Competencies%202018%20%28002%29.pdf
- HLA PD Day 2018 presentations https://www.alia.org.au/sites/default/files/HLA%20PD%20FINAL_4%20%282%29.pdf