

LiME/AAHSL Joint Task Force (LAJTF)
2009 Annual Report

The LiME/AAHSL Joint Task Force was established in February 2008 and is co-chaired by a LiME representative and an AAHSL member. The charge to the task force is to develop self-paced, interactive instructional modules that teach and assess competencies related to evidence-based search, retrieval and evaluation skills. Our first priority is to create a module for the MERC course “Literature Searching in Medical Education” based upon the course content developed jointly by LiME and GEA.

We welcomed three new task force members in 2009, Nancy Tannery representing AAHSL and Donna Berryman and James Beattie representing LiME. They replace Kathy Skhal, Lisa Boyd and Martin Brennan.

Rick Forsman and Cynthia Robinson met with Brownie Anderson, AAMC, in March to discuss copyright and technology platform issues in regard to the MERC module. A follow-up conference call on May 29 with Lauren Maggio, Kerry O’Rourke, Brian Mavis and Brownie Anderson provided the task force with the answers it needed to move forward with development of the module. If accepted, the module can be mounted on the MedEdPortal without restrictions. Use statistics are tracked for items in the portal which satisfies MERC. Rick Forsman has also been in contact with MLA to see if the task force could use their Moodle Server. If the module is not accepted for inclusion in the MedEdPortal we may want to explore utilizing the MLA server for a small annual fee.

The task force participated in conference calls on June 11 and August 13 to move forward with design plans for the module. Each task force member took responsibility for creating a story board for one aspect of the module. Rick Forsman shared the module outline with the MERC Steering Committee at their August 23-24 2009 meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Rick shared feedback from the Steering Committee with Task Force and TLOC members.

The Task Force is meeting at AAMC in Boston and will be presenting the poster *From Best Practices to Module Development: A Collaborative Project to Create an Online Module*.

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