



**GMR Update and OHSLA Summary Report
OHSLA Spring Meeting, May 5, 2017**

1. **Significant GMR Changes:**

- A [new and improved website](#) for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) office for the Greater Midwest Region including a registration system.

2. **New GMR Groups:**

- **Health Sciences Librarians Focus Group** (formerly the Regional Advisory Council, RAC): Marilia Antunez, Ohio representative ([See new Health Sciences Librarians Focus Group Charter](#) for more details). This group is organized to partner in the development, assessment, and innovation of health information programming in the region. Two other focus groups are currently being developed: Health Professionals and Community Outreach Workgroups.
- **GMR Workgroups and Ohio Representatives**
 - **Technology:** Donald Pearson, Mount Carmel Health Sciences Library, OH
 - **Community Outreach:** Bette Sydelko, Wright State University, OH
 - **Disaster Health Information Coordinators:** Mary Pat Harnegie, Cleveland Clinic Alumni LibraryThese GMR Workgroups assist the GMR staff develop products, review proposals, or carry out other activities.

3. **Other GMR Activities**

- [GMR Update](#) WEBINARS will be offered quarterly starting sometime this fiscal year. Previously, they were offered monthly. The GMR Updates provide opportunities for GMR users to catch up on upcoming educational offerings, funding opportunities, announcements, and other relevant information. [Recordings are available.](#)
- [Kernel of Knowledge](#) WEBINAR SERIES changed its name to reflect the GMR's current initiatives for the 2016-2021 grant. Kernel of Knowledge (formerly called Lake Effects) are one-hour training sessions on topics of interest to Network members several times a year. [Hear the latest recording.](#)
- **Midwest Matters, the new and improved GMR BLOG will be released on the [GMR website](#), May 4, 2017.** The new blog (formerly called the Cornflower), will feature writing from the GMR staff, health news you can share in your libraries, updates about funding opportunities, and testimonials from previously funded projects and librarians.

Respectfully submitted,
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