

### Summary of PH/HA Purpose/Goals Statements

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1	To bring together representatives of libraries specializing in public health and health administration.	Increase membership to better reflect the diverse information settings and institutional affiliations of public health librarians.		Work actively with major organizations such as those of hospital associations, state health agencies, and schools of public health to bring their information personnel into our ranks.
2	To provide contacts and a forum for planned discussions of common goals and problems.	Strengthen communication between Section members and foster wider participation in Section activities.	We have explored such issues as violence, AIDS, suicide and other topics that confront the health of civilization.	Use our home page and possibly a listserv to make exploring of these issues possible between meetings, as well as continuing their discussion at meetings. Create PH/HA news online as well as continuing in print for present.
3	To promote an active interchange of ideas, methods and materials in this rapidly growing and socially important field.	Identify special collections, expertise, or resources of members.		Create responsible committees with the PH/HA section to bring links of such resources to our home page, as well as to evaluate their quality and create additional resources where needs are found. Create liaison relationships with resource personnel in responsible organizations.
4	To develop within the Medical Library Association liaison with other health sciences libraries.	Explore coordinating formal activities with related MLA sections.		Encourage PH/HA membership by designated librarians within health sciences libraries that serve schools of public health.
5		Identify and publicize, through the newsletter, major legislation and trends, relevant literature, and new information resources relevant to Public Health and Health Administration information providers.	Topics PHHA is called upon to address are diverse, and cut across the spectrum of society, requiring information on many issues such as socioeconomics, race, gender, poverty, hunger, war, all things which can impact the status of health, defined by the World Health Organization as "a state of complete well-being, physical, social and mental."	Initiate and sponsor continuing education programs within MLA in these areas of concern.

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6		Actively lobby for and express support for legislation of concern to health science libraries, and the fields of public health research, education, and practice.		Work with the MLA to lobby for legislation of concern to public health and health administration.
7		Study the specific implications of changing technologies for public health information management.	What allows PHHA to navigate through these diverse topics is the flow of information that circulates around health issues, represented today by the growing field of public health informatics. In the approaching year, PHHA will be joining with the Medical Informatics section of MLA to focus on how health care professionals manage this flow of information using computer technologies and what these new technologies will mean for the status of public health.	Establish committee to insure that we use the best feasible technologies to reach public health/health administration librarians and information specialists and all other concerned public health professionals. Focus on specific details such as improvement in PubMed, its related sources and terminologic structure to provide finding of most relevant materials in our areas of interest.
8.				The goals in 3 and 4 of this statement will be accomplished if the goals above are properly implemented.