

EHLBC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 14, 2017 (10:00 – 11:00 am)

Location: Teleconference

In attendance:

Dawn Bohme (BINM)

Julie Creaser (NHA)

Mary Anne Guenther (NIC, Acting Chair)

Todd Mundle (KPU)

Cathy Rayment (PHSA)

eHLbc Administrative Centre:

Jennifer Bancroft (recorder)

Anita Cocchia

Sunni Nishimura

Leigh Anne Palmer

Regrets:

Antje Helumth (MoH/MCFD, Chair)

Debbie Schachter (CapU)

Agenda Items:

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as tabled.

2. Core Suite Cost Analysis

L. Palmer presented the Committee with two Core Suite renewal options: a three-year and a four-year license term. Both options consist of the same content as the current Core Suite. The Administrative Centre recommended a four-year license term, with the following rationale:

- the overall annual increases for the entire Core Suite are lower;
- will result in greater stability for the consortium;
- having the eHLbc Core Suite and the BC Electronic Library Network (BC ELN) Common Suite renew in different years will help to clarify and focus the negotiations for each consortium; and
- choosing the four-year option will not compel eHLbc to commit to a four-year term in future.

The Administrative Centre's main priority in negotiating the upcoming Core Suite renewal was to maintain low prices and low annual increases, rather than to investigate

adding extra content at a reduced rate. L. Palmer reviewed the changes reflected in the preliminary Core Suite pricing.

The Committee expressed concern that the value of a four-year approach was not reflected in pricing from one vendor and encouraged the Administrative Centre to communicate with other consortia nationally about a possible advocacy opportunity. While the general trend in the post-secondary sector is against long subscription terms, multi-year subscription terms are not uncommon in the health sector. After a fulsome discussion, there was general agreement on pursuing a four-year Core Suite license term.

The Committee also discussed the recent loss of Wiley content from the Core Suite. While general additions and removals of titles in aggregated databases is a normal part of business for aggregators, in this case Wiley pulled its journals out of EBSCO databases. L. Palmer reported that EBSCO had not yet provided a definitive statement of how much Wiley content was lost. The Committee expressed concern about the loss of Wiley content and its impact on member institutions and their users.

ACTION: The Administrative Centre will request feedback from eHLbc members regarding the value of the Wiley content that was removed and the impact of its loss before finalizing negotiations with EBSCO.

A. Cocchia summarized the next steps in concluding the Core Suite renewal negotiations:

- Gather feedback from eHLbc members on the impact of Wiley content loss.
- Bring members' concerns and feedback to the vendor.
- Finalize negotiations with vendors and seek the Committee's approval of the finalized pricing.
- Release the Case for Renewal to the full membership in early 2018; this report will convey Core Suite pricing for the entire license term.
- Give members one month to review the Core Suite costs, ask questions, and provide feedback.
- Implement the new Core Suite on April 1, 2018.

3. New Business

There was no new business.

4. Next Meeting

The next Management Committee meeting will be scheduled for the Spring. Draft meeting minutes will be sent to the Management Committee for review via email.