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**Re: CHLA/ABSC Chapter Initiatives Fund Final Report**

Dear Ms. Beck:

On behalf of the Northern Alberta Health Libraries Association (NAHLA) and the Health Libraries Association of British Columbia (HLABC), I would like to thank the CHLA/ABSC Board once again for providing our associations with a Chapter Initiative Fund grant in the amount of \$620.00. This funding enabled four collaborating librarians to conduct a research project to investigate the Research-Embedded Health Librarian (REHL) experience in Canada.

To recap the methods, a two-part electronic survey was distributed in March 2011 to all health librarians in Canada. One focus group was held in person with self-identified REHLs at the CHLA/ABSC conference that year, and three additional focus groups (two in English and one in French) were conducted electronically using HLABC's WebEx subscription (initially funded through another CHLA Chapter initiatives grant!).

Data collection and analysis is now complete, and we are busily working to disseminate our findings. A manuscript regarding the Phase I survey results, where we compare the REHL population to the more general health sciences library demographic, has been submitted to the *Journal of the Canadian Health Libraries Association* for consideration for publication. We have received very positive comments from the peer reviewers, and will be making some minor revisions to the manuscript to prepare it for publication.

A manuscript addressing the results from Part II of the Phase I survey and the Phase II focus groups is nearing completion. This will be submitted to the *Journal of the Medical Library Association* for consideration for their special issue on New Roles for Health Sciences Librarians. Presentation abstracts

regarding the results of Phase II of the project have been submitted to the CHLA/ABSC 2013 conference and the Evidence-Based Library and Information Practice conference, both to be held in Saskatoon later this year.

Monitoring of the project funds was conducted by the NAHLA treasurer. \$185.95 of the original amount was expended on recording equipment, food for the in-person focus group, and our FluidSurvey subscription. A cheque in the amount of \$434.05 will be sent by the NAHLA Treasurer to the CHLA/ABSC Board.

Thank you again for your continuing support of our local Chapters. We trust that the research we conducted has shed light on an emerging role for health librarians in Canada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trish Chatterley".

Trish Chatterley