

Notes on Conference Call  
MOBIUS Task Force on Financial Planning  
July 14, 2008  
2:00 p.m.

Present, Sharon McCaslin, Shirley Baker, Annie Busch, Jim Cogswell, Valerie Darst, Neosha Mackey, Loretta Ponzar, Julia Schneider

Absent: Sharon Bostick, Beth Fisher

Guest: Joe Ford

Since two of our members had to call in late, due to communications problems, I am writing up a quick set of notes about the call.

- (1) Only one verbal and one written complaint about the new model have been received. These will be addressed individually by the chair, as possible, but so far no recommendations for changing percentages or data elements have been forthcoming. Joe Ford is working with Earlene Dudley, Molly Dinwiddie, Shirley Baker, and Valerie Darst to come up with a comparison of system charges and staffing costs between a stand-alone system and the shared MOBIUS system. It was felt this would be beneficial in talking to Council members at the Strategic Planning meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- (2) It was decided that an annual inflation factor should be added to the model. Joe Ford has volunteered to come up with CPI and PPI for both the Midwest (MOBIUS) and California (III) to be used as a basis for this addition.
- (3) For further additions to the budget, it was decided that neither a contingency fund nor additional staff, while perhaps looking necessary, should be assumed by this Task Force, since this is the prevue of the Executive Board. Rather this Task Force will simply recommend that the Board give these potential costs due consideration.
- (4) Borrowing and lending statistics for three years will be provided by Chris Gould this week (actually he turned them in while the Task Force was meeting) and Sharon will send out the new spreadsheet with this addition before Thursday's conference call.
- (5) The determination of cluster-specific software and concomitant maintenance charges will be left to the MCO office staff. The Task Force will merely recommend to the Board that these charges be removed from the overall budget and added to the institutions in each cluster using such software.
- (6) The issue of "core services" and what charges will go with "beyond core" services will be a more difficult problem, but it looks as if the Strategic Planning Task Force and the Executive Board will be addressing this over the next month or so.

- (7) After some discussion, it was decided that a three year phase-in of the new model should be recommended, although major changes in the budget may make this a clumsy process.
- (8) After discussing the strategic planning meeting set for July 25, it was decided that this task force will probably be widely enough represented in the discussion groups so that artificial assignment will not be necessary.
- (9) Another conference call is still planned for Thursday afternoon. Joe Ford will not be there, but the task force can review the changes made by using a three year average and by adding in an inflation factor.