**Program & Professional Development Committee**

**Annual Report**

**2024-2025**

**Committee Members:**

Colleen Streeter, Chair

Bethany Figg

Rachel Melton

Alyssa Huffman

**Goals and Objectives**

1) We will submit a budget and an annual report describing our activities and accomplishments.

2) We will organize a minimum of three professional development and education opportunities during the fiscal year.

3) We will organize a minimum of one professional networking event.

4) We will coordinate the Summer Luncheon scheduled for June 2025.

**Background**

Colleen Streeter, as President-Elect, assumed the role of Chair of the Program and Professional Development Committee and invited past PPDC member Bethany Figg from CMU as well as new members Alyssa Huffman from Wayne State and Rachel Melton from Michigan School of Psychology, who all agreed to join the committee.

NNLM funding for MLA programs was restored in the Fall but shortly thereafter MLA programming was halted so we were unable to utilize the funding as there were no programs to apply it to.

**Overview of Accomplishments**

One general business meeting with an educational program, two stand-alone educational programs, an informal networking event, and a general business meeting with “mini-program” were planned and conducted. Programs were promoted via email through the MDMLG listservs, in quarterly issues of *MDMLG News*, online on the MDMLG website, and in-person at general and executive business meetings. The committee has planned the Annual Summer Meeting and Luncheon and will plan the first general business meeting of the 2025-2026 term.

**Completed Programs**

September 18, 2024 – Fall General Business Meeting and program, 1pm-3pm – Virtual

* Program: Navigating the Michigan Mental Health Training Kit
* Presenter: Professor Mark Giesler of Saginaw Valley State University

September 19, 2024 – Informal Networking Event, 5:00pm-8:00pm – In Person

* Location: Detroit Fleat
* Attendance: 11 attendees (and 1 dogs)

December 18, 2024 – Winter Program, 1pm – Virtual

* Program: From Wallflowers to Power Players: Mastering the Art of Networking (pre-recorded MLA webinar from April 2024)
* Presenters from Dr. Shannon D. Jones, Director of Libraries for the Medical University of South Carolina Libraries in Charleston and Brian Leaf, Executive Director of Region 3 of the Network of the National Library of Medicine
* Presentation from Shannon and Brian and Discussion led by Colleen Streeter
* Registration/Attendance: 20

January 29, 2025 – Winter General Business Meeting, 1pm– Virtual

February 19, 2025 Spring Program, 1:00pm - Virtual

* Program: Ending Race Based Medicine
* Presenters: Dr. Ijeoma Nnodim Opara and Dr. Latonya Riddle-Jones from Wayne State University School of Medicine
* Registration/Attendance: 23 attendees

April 23, 2025 Spring General Business Meeting and Mini-Program, 1:00pm-3:00pm @ Michigan School of Psychology

* Program: A brief and interesting overview of the Conrad R. Lam Archive at Henry Ford Health
* Presenter: Julia Pope, Senior Archivist at the Conrad R. Lam Archive at Henry Ford Health
* Snacks and beverages were provided
* Registration/Attendance: 20 registrants

**Upcoming Programs**

June 25, 2025 – Annual Business Meeting & Summer Luncheon – In Person

* Location: Rochester Mills Beer Company
* Program: Midnight: Detroit and the Underground Railroad
* Speaker: Detroit Historical Society
* Registration closes June 16, 2025
* Registration/Attendance: 30 registrants, 40 maximum
* Cost: $20 for members, $35 for non-members

September 2025 - Fall General Business Meeting – TBD

* Virtual Meeting Date TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Streeter, Chair