

CCML Medical Paralibrarian SIG, July Meeting, 07/18/08

The Medical Paralibrarians SIG met at the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan (CMHI-FL) on Friday, July 18, 2008. Nine people were in attendance, including our host, Kate Elder, and our guest speaker, Donna Stains. Donna is the Consumer Advocate for the Colorado Division of Mental Health & Kate is the Librarian at the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan.

Donna touched on Colorado's Publicly Funded Mental Health System that provides mental health services to Coloradans of all ages who do not have mental health insurance coverage or who have Medicaid. The information is especially useful for those librarians in correctional facilities and also public libraries that are frequented by the homeless and indigent populations. She conveyed more information than we were capable of processing and therefore here is a link to peruse on the CMHI-FL website:

The main page for Division of Mental Health:
<http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/dmh/>

To find Donna and more info for consumers:
<http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/dmh/cfa.htm>

Overall, the meeting was extremely informative and we all left with many handouts and valuable information. Also, a few of us stayed behind for a mini-tour of the library led by Kate Elders. Many thanks to Donna for her knowledge of the many resources available to Colorado libraries!

More details about our November meeting will be available soon.....

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Miller

ANNOUNCEMENT:

A new Convener will need to be elected at our next meeting in November and will serve starting April 2009 for one year. If you are interested in filling this position or know of someone ideally suited to act as Convener, or if you would like more information about the position request the Medical Paralibrarian SIG Convener Procedures from Debra Miller. The information will be sent as an attachment.