Final Report of the
MOBIUS Training Task Force
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This report covers tasks and activities undertaken of the Training Task Force during the period August 1, 2014 through December 12, 2014.

Charge: The Training Task Force will explore and assess the various training opportunities and issues that are currently available to MOBIUS members. The task force will decide if creating a training program would be feasible or exploring partnerships with other organizations that offer training is possible.

Date of last meeting: December 12, 2014

Action Items Completed:

- A key area was to investigate training offered by various groups, such as MALA, Amigos, and ALA. A spreadsheet was created with the name of the group, the type of training offered, and cost associated with the training.
- A survey of the MOBIUS membership was conducted during the last two weeks of October. There were 158 respondents in areas across all functions of a library.

Recommendations to Board of Directors:

- To not offer any training to the MOBIUS membership other than what is pertinent to the ILS since there are a number of organizations offering many different types of training
- Establish a Clearinghouse of training opportunities offered by other organizations
- Establish a calendar of MOBIUS/Sierra training when the new website is operational;
- Send emails to MOBIUS Users when training is available or asking if there are any needs
- Create a database of experts in Sierra, in eResources, and in other areas within the MOBIUS family
- Establish access to archived training presentations when the new website is operational
- Continue to look for training partnerships with other organizations
- Partner with organizations like CARLI or the Colorado Alliance to have presenters that speak to the future of libraries and technology much like the MLNC series.
- Continue the relationship that MOBIUS has with the LibraryJuice Academy which has extended a discount to MOBIUS members for its training.
- Continue the negotiations with Lynda.com to see if there is the possibility of creating a partnership or to obtain a discount for services.

Action Items In-progress/Pending:

- The training day at the MOBIUS conference
    - There was discussion on bringing in speakers. The cost could be prohibitive.
    - Video conferencing possibility with CARLI or Colorado Alliance
- A best practices and/or Expertise bank of knowledge
    - MOBIUS might know those members that have expertise in Sierra but a more formal method could be established to find experts in other areas. Perhaps a call for experts?

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