Minutes Digest
MeLCat Advisory Committee
September 28, 2010
Library of Michigan

Committee members attending: George Marck, Joe Badics, Lise Mitchell, Bethany Kennedy, Diane Barr, Kathy McKinney, Judy Kyki, Linda Moore, Don Todaro, Jackie Licalzi and Deb Biggs Thomas

Members absent/excused: David Scott, Asante Cain, Pat Ewing

Committee Discussions:

- MeLCat Servers – there are 2 new servers; DCB 1 server will be replaced and libraries migrated by end of 2010. Second server is the eLibrary server. New server should solve problems of generating reports including institutional overdues and improve record matching process requiring a data reload to take advantage of III’s new match-key program. Plan is to load records from selected academic libraries first and use those records as masters to match incoming data to.

- NCIP – meetings were held involving Library of Michigan, MCLS, III and other library automation vendors—Sirsi-Dynix, Autographics, Polaris and TLC. In-house testing continues with Sirsi-Dynix being close to live testing.

- RIDES (Regional Interlibrary Delivery Service) is the new name of the state-wide delivery service; this replaced MeL Delivery. MeLCat policies have been updated to reflect this change.

- Article Reach – testing will start this fall including some DCB libraries. Upcoming policy discussions will include, but are not limited to: borrowing and lending; who can make article requests; limits on amount being requested; charging fees beyond copyright costs; encouraging participation.

- MeL Users Group has been changed in all policies to MeLCat Users Group. MeL indicates all components of the eLibrary when the focus has been and continues to be MeLCat in the purview of this group.

Next Meeting: Will be scheduled in December before the holidays.