

Sandy Hight's BIG new responsibilities at Saint Alphonsus Health System in Boise, ID

She writes:

I am very saddened not to join other PNC members in AK for an outstanding conference program, and missing an opportunity to see one of my favorite nephews living in the Anchorage area!

[Like an Idahoan Class 5 rapid ...] The raft trip along the peaceful river is enjoyable, however you hear the roar of the river and your stomach starts to churn, the adrenalin rush is fast approaching.... you meet the river head on & scream through the rapid however once on the other side you relax, take in stride a smooth and peaceful ride ... my hope in providing resources to our newly acquired facilities: once you've experience the angst of the rapid, the knowledge shared brings contentment with a peaceful flow.

When the facilities were acquired they were without libraries. They are:

- 1) Saint Alphonsus Medical Center - Nampa, Idaho
- 2) SAMC - Ontario, Oregon
- 3) SAMC - Baker City, Oregon

I facilitate everything from Boise.

My responsibilities include:

- * New Health System Intranet and Kissler Library web page. I totally own the content, which includes design, maintain and educate staff
- * Budget, database contract negotiation and maintenance
- * Lead researcher for physicians, nurses, allied health staff, hospital execs
- * ILL service, copyright etc.
- * Site visits (Aim for champions at all 3 new sites to share resources with)
- * Manage five volunteers (saving grace!!)
- * Promote and market the library via nursing new hire orientation, staff meetings, site visits and the new Intranet
- * Create training material to assist patrons access and use library resources
- * Facilitate new Boise department services i.e. Whole Life program (small collection of DVD, CD, text, exercise equipment)
- * Serve walk in patron, patient family/consumer and Parish nurses