

**WESTCHESTER LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
Innovation Group Meeting  
April 24, 2018 – WLS Headquarters, Elmsford, NY

Group Members present: Dave Donelson, Co-Chair; Cathy Draper, Co-Chair; Karen Kelley, Jonathan Marshall, Sean Ryan

Group Members absent: Karen Zevin

Also present from WLS were: Terry Kirchner (via phone), Patricia Brigham, Francine Feuerman, Elise Burke

Public Library Directors Association (PLDA) Representative: Karen LaRocca-Fels, Director of Ossining Public Library

Guests: Susan Morduch, Sue Neale, Edris Scherer, Bernie Seiler; Maureen Petry, Director, Warner Library (Tarrytown)

Mr. Donelson gave a brief summary regarding the initial Strategic Initiative Proposal to provide equity of access to broadband bandwidth and hardware devices proposed by Dr. Kirchner at the March 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting that led to the creation of the Innovation Group. Mr. Donelson also met with the Public Library Directors Association (PLDA) at their April meeting to discuss the initiative and the purpose of the group, which in general is to explore new ways WLS can better fulfill our mission to help libraries serve their communities.

The following topics were discussed:

- Identification of community needs re digital inclusion and populations to serve
- Potential community resources/agencies outside the library as key partners
- Refining the purpose of the group
- Establishment of goals to be achieved
- How to include member libraries, member library trustees and others involved
- Funding for potential initiatives

Next steps will include:

- Further exploration of community resources and work with Dr. Kirchner and group members to identify key partners.
- Establishing the group members involved and role of the group

Respectfully submitted,



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