

Memo

To: Montana State Library Commission

From: Tracy Cook, Lead Consultant, and Jo Flick, Continuing Education Coordinator

Date: July 29, 2019

Re: Pilot Project for New Pathway to Certification – report & recommendations

Request: Approve a new pathway to certification utilizing a personal professional development plan that is tied to a library's strategic plan.

Background: The MSL Commission agreed to launch a pilot in 2018 to investigate the feasibility of a new pathway that would permit Montana librarians to earn MSL certification that could involve more specialized areas of study and depart from the four categories requirement in the current certification program. A report on that pilot study, staff findings, and recommendations is provided for consideration of the commission.

The MSL CE Coordinator and Lead Consultant are recommending that a new pathway be created based on the findings and recommendations provided in the report.