

## PBWorks for AHEC Staff

The AHEC Digital Library is happy to announce our release of new (and improved) collaborative tools for our AHEC partners. Collaborative tools are websites that provide users with the ability to easily create and edit pages. These 'Collaborative Communities' utilize the PBWorks framework, which is the world's largest supporter of hosted collaborative environments (including over 300,000 academic and library workspaces).

### WHAT ARE COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITIES?

- Allow authors to edit, delete, or modify the content on the web.
- Support collaboration of work from many different authors.
- Require little to no programming skill or technical knowledge.

### WHY USE COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITIES?

- You want to promote / broadcast information online.
- You plan on making regular changes to online content.
- You have people in different places working on the same documents.

### WHAT FEATURES ARE OFFERED?

- Users can manage their own content and files.
- Users can add other users to their workspace(s).
- Live View – Observe changes from others in real time.
- Page History – View past iterations of page content.
- Live Notifications – Receive email alerts when pages are added or modified.
- File Uploads – Upload and share Microsoft Office files, images, etc.
- Comments and Chats - Discuss documents with team members as you work.

More details are also available here: <http://tiny.cc/t1xn8>

The AHEC Digital Library is committed to providing collaborative tools to our partners. To date, we have supported collaborative efforts from various groups, including:

- Mental Health Director's Liaisons Group
- North Carolina Poison Control Center
- Mountain AHEC Family Residents
- Southern Regional AHEC Family Medicine Residents
- Quality Initiatives Group

For a list of PBWorks case studies and success stories, visit: <http://tiny.cc/lxhdd>

We are more than willing to answer any questions you may have regarding setup, implementation, and best practices. If you are interested in setting up a collaborative community for your group, or in determining how Collaborative Communities may benefit your group, please contact Adam and MaryBeth at:

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