

# **DIASPORA HEALTH FORUM CANADA 2014**

## **CONNECTING WITH VISION 2030 PLAN FOR A HEALTHY JAMAICA**

**SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCE CENTRE**

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### **MODERATOR'S REPORT**

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## **PURPOSE**

To strengthen the alignment of the support of the Diaspora and Friends of Jamaica to the solution of Healthcare needs in Jamaica

## **THEME**

Building Sustainable Partnerships for a Healthy Jamaica

## **TITLE**

Connecting with Vision 2030 Plan for a Healthy Jamaica

## **OBJECTIVES**

To develop an action plan and roadmap for addressing:

1. The Major Findings of the International Diaspora Fact Finding Mission 2011 for healthcare needs in Jamaica
2. Recommendations for Diaspora support for healthcare from the 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Diaspora Conference 2013

## **FORUM DISCUSSION TOPICS**

- 1. VALUE OF DIASPORA SUPPORT FOR HEALTHCARE TO JAMAICA**
  - **Missions**
  - **Foundations**
  - **Individuals**

## **2. ENABLING ENVIRONMENT – POLICIES AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS**

- International Cooperation Unit Ministry of Health
- Hospital Liaison persons – Jamaica and Diaspora
- Health Task Force / Think Tank
- Credentialing and Accreditation
- New Charities Act

## **3. INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION**

- Hospitals in Diaspora with Hospitals in Jamaica
- Faculties of Medical Sciences in Diaspora with Faculties of Medical Sciences in Jamaica

## **4. INVESTMENT OF DIASPORA IN HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Hospitals and Clinics
- Electronic record-keeping for hospitals

## **5. SPECIALIZED AREAS FOR HEALTHCARE SUPPORT TO JAMAICA**

- Cancer –screening ,prevention , treatment and care
- Hypertension Cardiovascular and Diabetes Care
- Maternal and Neonatal Care
- Trauma and Emergency Medicine
- Patient Safety

## **6. PRESENTATIONS**

- Welcome Remarks

**Dr Barry McLellan, President &CEO, Sunnybrook, Health Sciences Centre**

- **Jamaica “State of the Union in Healthcare” and progress update on vision 2030**  
**Hon. Luther Buchanan, Minister of State Office of the Prime Minister, on behalf of Hon Fenton Ferguson , Minister of Health**
  - **Building and Sustaining Diaspora Partnerships**  
**Professor Neville Ying , Executive Director, Jamaica Diaspora Institute**
  - **Regional Health Authorities in Jamaica and the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) in Ontario: A contrast of experience with government based partnerships, in increasing equity and access to care**
    - **Dr. Andrei Cooke, Acting Chairman, Southeast Regional Health Authority Jamaica**
    - **Ms. Camille Orridge, CEO Toronto Central LHIN**
  - **“Improving Equity and Access to Quality Healthcare through Partnerships”:** Case studies of Key Success Factors for Sustainability, plus a Reflections on Medical Missions  
**Access and Equity in Health Care : Canadian Perspectives**  
**Dr Enid Collins, Professor Emeritus, Ryerson University School of Nursing**  
**Health Disparities in United States and the Nursing Implications for increasing access and equity**  
**Claudette Powell , President Caribbean American Nurses Association**
- Panellists for Reflections on Missions**
- Ms Hyacinth Jackson, Professor York Seneca Nursing Programme**
- Mrs Elloreece Burrell, Baptist Health Mission , Tampa , Florida**

- **“The New Charities Act for Jamaica and implications for Diaspora Support”**  
Major Richard Reese, Commissioner/ Chief Executive Officer ,  
Jamaica Customs Agency
- **Paths to Economic Growth, Diversification and Prosperity in Jamaica “ An optimistic future via international partnerships in health, education, technology and industry”**  
Hon Arnaldo Brown , Minister of State , Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
- **Opening Remarks on Chronic Disease Management**  
Dr. Andrew Smith, EVP & Chief Medical Executive,  
Sunnybrook
- **Cancer care screening, prevention, system integration plus reflections on Radiation, Surgical, and Medical Oncology**

Dr. Naresh Mohan, Chief of Staff Rouge Valley Health System

**Oncology Nursing**

Mrs. Eleanor Miller , Patient Care Manager Oncology In Patient Unit Sunnybrook

- **Hypertension Cardiovascular and Diabetes Care**  
Dr. Cheryl L. Holder, Associate Professor, Division of Family Medicine Department of Humanities, Health, and Society, Florida International University
- **Stroke /Hypertension**  
Ms. Donareen Deny, Assistant Director of Nursing, State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, New York

## **Reducing the Burden of Kidney Disease in the African Caribbean**

Mrs. Jill Campbell , Program Director, Diabetes Comprehensive Care Program and Regional Director, Ontario Renal Network, St. Michael's Hospital Toronto Ontario

- **Maternal and Neonatal Care**

Dr. Upton Allen, Division Head Infectious Diseases, The Hospital for Sick Children and Professor of Paediatrics University of Toronto

Karline Wilson-Mitchell, Assistant Professor, School of Midwifery, Ryerson University,

- **Reducing Maternal and Infant Mortality : Beyond Millennium Development Goals**

Ms. Lorna Owens, Founder and Chairman of Footprints Foundation

- **Patient Care**

Dr. Una Reid , Consultant

- **Trauma and Emergency Medicine**

- Mr. Rob Burgess, Senior Director, Emergency Medical Assistant Team (EMAT), Sunnybrook Hospital

- Dr. Hugh Wong, Consultant & Head of Department, Accident & Emergency Department, Kingston Public Hospital

- **Health Human Resources Planning Strategies, Credentialing and Paths to International Accreditation;**

## **Credentials, Accreditation and Modernization of the policy and regulatory framework**

Dr. Howard Spencer, Registrar, Medical Council of Jamaica

Mrs. Pearline Cooper Sharpe Chair, The Nursing Council of Jamaica

Dr. Claudette V. Gordon, Assistant Professor Department of Allied Health Sciences , Bronx Assistant USA Diaspora Community College

- **A New Day for the Diaspora : Achieving high impact on all people in Jamaica**

**Mr Earl Jarrett, Chairman Jamaican Diaspora Foundation and General Manager, Jamaica National building Society**

## **DIASPORA HEALTH FORUM OUTCOMES/ RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **1. CENTRAL THEME : PARTNERSHIPS**

#### KEY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Focus on Human Relations and key outcomes of building Social Capital – trust , cooperation, team spirit and team work
- Emphasize drivers for sustainable partnerships – inclusiveness, value added contributions , synergy, collaboration and communication -social dialogue through meaningful conversations

- Use sustainability goals - social, economic and environment - as framework for building and nurturing partnerships.

## **2. MATCHING JAMAICA'S HEALTHCARE NEEDS WITH DIASPORA DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

- a. Use Equity , Access, utilization as framework
- b. Use current and strategic initiatives and priority projects for primary and secondary Healthcare in Jamaica to determine diaspora programme for support
- c. Use donation and gift policies to guide and channel Diaspora contributions
- d. Structure and coordinate Diaspora support around major specialized areas eg cancer, diabetes, biomedical services

## **3. WAY FORWARD**

### **a. Opportunities**

- Collaboration of health and education interest groups in the Diaspora to focus on healthcare services for children in school
- Strong and consistent alignment of diaspora activities and contributions with the Strategic Plan for Healthcare in Jamaica.
- Directing Diaspora support to centres of excellence for healthcare and primary and secondary healthcare projects established by the Ministry of Health
- Involvement of the Diaspora in Special national projects for Biomedical services and electronic records and data management
- Collaboration of institutions, foundations and missions for specialized areas such as cancer, oncology, biomedical services, hypertension cardiovascular, maternal and neonatal care
- New Charities Act and donation and gift policies as a facilitator for sending and receiving Diaspora donations for Healthcare
- Using lessons learnt from comparison of healthcare systems in Jamaica and the Diaspora to inform MOH initiatives and Diaspora Support
- Missions assisting with education and training in healthcare issues at community level



- Using the Health Task Force and hospital liaison persons to facilitate engagement and the work of Diaspora Healthcare missions
- Investment in Healthcare infrastructure including those related to Health Tourism
- Collaboration of healthcare professionals in the Diaspora and Jamaica for initiatives such as sharing of technical expertise and research and special education and training .

#### **b. Challenges**

- Communication : Flow of information between Ministry of Health and Diaspora and among diaspora groups for areas such as national priority and strategic areas for healthcare , needs list, and equipment specifications
- Need for special implementation drivers in the Diaspora and in the MOH Jamaica to follow up on actions from health fora, conferences and fact finding missions
- Cultural differences of team members of missions as it impacts on effectiveness of missions
- Pharmaceutical and transportation services to back up work of missions.
- Meeting time requirements for accreditation and credentialing of team members of healthcare missions to Jamaica
- Understanding and identification of the maintenance and uses of medical equipment donated
- Cost for upkeep of medical equipment donated
- Proper storage of pharmaceutical supplies

#### **c. Solution strategies**

- Strengthen staffing of International Cooperation unit of MOH
- Special Health Task Force to assist in maintaining active engagement of Diaspora to deal with issues on a timely basis
- The Jamaica Diaspora Institute (JDI) to assist with research and information flow related to Diaspora Healthcare support

- Closer collaboration between Health Missions and Ministry of Health including use of MOH Guidelines
- Ensure that missions consist of trained and certified professional persons.
- Missions to provide timely end of Missions Reports to MOH
- Representatives for Regional Health Authorities to have debriefing meetings with missions who work in their areas
- Factoring customs fees in fundraising for donations
- Missions to ensure that the organizations they work with in Jamaica are registered under the New Charities Act and channel donations through them
- MOH to conduct workshops with Diaspora Missions on Guidelines , procedures and protocol for transporting /sending equipment and donations.
- Increasing the effectiveness of the Health Task Force and hospital liaison persons
- Collaboration involving JCS and MOH in Jamaica and the Diaspora for diagnosis and treatment of cancer, the acquisition of specialized equipment and pharmaceutical supplies such as vaccine , pap smear and the training of healthcare professionals
- Activate focus of Diaspora health missions on healthcare of school children in areas such as immunization, nutrition and obesity
- Intensify Diaspora drive for blood pressure machines
- Diaspora assistance for reducing neonatal deaths including sharing of research , education and training at the community level
- Diaspora collaboration for development of sustainable systems for Trauma and EMS
- NCJ to work with Diaspora Team towards achieving reciprocal international accreditation for the Nursing programme

- Establish a joint MOH and Diaspora Team to be an implementation team for follow up actions on critical items from the Diaspora Health Form.

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