DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH & PSYCHIATRY

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WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Community Health and Psychiatry offers training at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels in several areas, including psychiatry, public health, family medicine and ageing. Clinical primary health care services are offered to the surrounding communities by the Department's Health Centre which is also a teaching facility and Clinical Psychiatric services through the hospital.



This was a year of change for the Department with several staff movements.

Professor A McCaw-Binns was on sabbatical. Two (2) members resigned - Dr T Paul and

Dr J Goulbourne. Three retired- Dr J LaGrenade, Professor F Hickling and Mrs D Falloon.

The period August 2009 – July 2010 has been a challenging one given the increased number of students, financial constraints and problems with transportation to non-University Hospital of the West Indies sites. Classroom space especially for small group teaching has been a problem. Despite this 90% of the targets set for the period were met.

Undergraduate Programmes

Community Health is taught in all 5 years and Psychiatry in years 1, 3 and 4. The increase in numbers especially in years 1 and 2 has led to revisions

in the delivery of courses. These include the introduction of more interactive sessions and built in continuous assessment. The course Understanding Research was revised and the teaching relationship with Tropical Medicine Research Institute (TMRI) strengthened. Psychiatry has included more community activities in its rotations.

Students' ratings of staff remain high 90% averaging over 4.5. Four members of staff were commended for receiving a score of 5 on several occasions. Course evaluations were slightly lower, averaging 4.3

Several members of staff have attended workshops by the Instructional Development Unit (IDU) and Medical Educational Unit (MEU) on improving teaching skills including curriculum design and setting examinations.

Students performed well in end of term exams only Environmental Health (HE12B) having re-sit examinations.

Post Graduate Programmes

The Master of Public Health is now 25 years old and continues to meet one of its early objectives which is to contribute financially to the department.

Regional collaboration with Cave Hill and St Augustine was initiated with the sharing of all Master of Public Health (MPH) curricula. A Regional Consortium of Public Health Programmes has been started with the 12 -Master of Public Health (MPH) programmes in the region.

The process of accreditation with the Council for Education in Public Health has begun.

Doctor in Public Health (DrPH)

The Doctoral programme began with seven (7) students. Six (6) from Jamaica and one (1) from Trinidad and Tobago. Candidates came together for 2-3 weeks blocks and continued teaching through webinars.

Family Medicine

A coordinator for Family Medicine was appointed. The Diploma programme was approved by the Board of Graduate Studies and all courses have been developed.

MPhil/PhD

Three (3) persons including two (2) staff members graduated with the PhD Public Health

DM Psychiatry

The new curriculum has been fully implemented with the research project being done in the 3rd year. In the June 2010 examinations, there was 100% pass rate.

On-Line Courses

Problems continue with these programmes and no students were enrolled.

Action Ageing

Training of community based personnel is the thrust of this entity. The six month certificate course was offered with international participation. There were 19 students, fifteen of which were Jamaicans, one from Anquilla, one from Dominica and two from Bahamas. Workshops on Ageing were held for the staff of the Ministry of Health and National Council for Senior Citizens.

Mona Ageing and Wellness Centre

The Centre continues its programme of teaching and research. Several members of staff have participated in Retirement and Ageing Well Workshops across the island. Having completed research on Age Friendly Primary Health Care – the clinical tools are now being introduced into the pilot Health Centres.

There is collaboration with Case Western University to make the toolkit a regional initiative.

Research

There were 43 publications in peer reviewed journals, a slight improvement over 2008-2009. Five (5) book chapters, 13 abstracts and one (1) book.

The research output from the section of Psychiatry improved significantly and accounts for almost 50% of the department's output.

Members of staff made thirty-three presentations at scientific meetings both nationally and internationally.

More collaboration in research between staff members is being encouraged by the formation of three research groups and the development of themes.

Special Projects/Initiatives

Drs Wendel Abel and Clayton Sewell were involved with the Ministry of National Security on three projects including:

- Establishment of Induction and Counselling Services for Persons Deported
- Development of Life Skills Training Programme: Targeting Residents of Inner City Communities (Community Security Initiative of the Ministry of National Security and Justice) and The establishment of the Special Programmes for Children with severe Behavioral Problems (Ministry of Education-PASS Programme

Dr Maria Jackson spent three (3) months at the University of Botswana assisting with a nutrition, survey including development of field instruments and data analysis.

Other Projects

Drs Kenneth James, Michelle Harris and Professor Denise Eldemire-Shearer organized a Research Methods course for consultants in Accident and Emergency - to improve supervision of resident's research projects. Courses have also been offered for residents in Surgery and Medicine.

Mrs Althea Bailey has assisted the University of Suriname, teaching Health Communication.

SERVICE

Service is offered through the Health Centre attached to the department which also serves as a teaching site for undergraduate (160 students) and postgraduate students including Nursing, the DM Emergency Medicine (6) Interns (2) and Senior house officers (2). Seven thousand three hundred patients were seen.

Psychiatric Clinical Services are offered through in-patient, out-patient and ambulatory community mental health services. Three hundred and eight patients were seen in screening clinics and three thousand two hundred in general clinics. Both postgraduate and undergraduate students accompany the community mental health team and participated in the activities of the detoxification unit. The development of psychotherapy services is a significant achievement this year.

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- Eldemire-Shearer D The Challenge of Ageing Coping with the Golden Years, Medical Association Annual Conference, June 10, 2010.
- Jackson M. "Association of social and demographic factors with weight status of adults in Botswana". Seminar, National Food Technology Research Centre (NFTRC) December 2, 2009.
- Paul T and Maharaj S. Health Care Financing: Ethical implication" Conference on Health Financing, October 29, 2009, UWI School of Nursing, Mona.
- **Campbell N** "Environmental Interventions in addressing workplace violence in the Health Sector" at the Violence Prevention Alliance-Institute of Criminal Justice and Security, UWI's workshop, Mona Visitors' Lodge, December 2, 2009.
- **Campbell N** "Infection Prevention and Control in Healthcare Settings" first Annual General Meeting of the Jamaica Occupational Health Professionals Association (JOHPA), Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica, December 4, 2009.
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- Standard-Goldson A. "Certifying Physicians for General Practice"- Role of the University, 4th Biennial Conference of the Caribbean College of Family Physicians, Barbados, November 19-21, 2009.

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- De La Haye W, The Management of Nicotine Misuse-Healthcare Professional Seminar, Dept. of Community Health and Psychiatry November 2009
- De La Haye W, Psychiatric Co-Morbidity in Substance Abusers

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- Wendel Abel. "Psychiatry and the Law": Association of Resident Magistrates. November 2009
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CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS

Year I	Health Care Concepts Introduction to Medical Practice (MDSC2202)]]	279 students		
Year 2	Health and Environment (MDSC2105)			188 students		
Year 3	Health Services Management Web-based (MDSC3104) Understanding Research] (MDSC3200)]		160 students		
Clinical Rotations						

Year 3	Psychiatry Community Health]] Aspects of Family Medicine (MDSC3203)	160 students 160 students
Year 4	Psychiatry] (MDSC4011)	127 students
	Community Health] (MDSC4002)	127 students
Year 5	CommunityCommunity Health	(MDSC5001)	139 students

Graduating Students

Other Students

Community Care of the Elderly	19 students
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Postgraduate

Master of Public Health	23 students
Master of Public Health/Health Promotion	15 students
DM Psychiatry	1 student
PhD Public Health	3 students