DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PSYCHIATRY

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WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT TEACHING

The main undergraduate teaching activity related to preparing for the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Medicine and Health Professions (CAAM) exercise and then beginning the process of implementation of and meeting the challenge of student increased load. All modules were reviewed and detailed objectives written and new special study modules were offered. The Undergraduate Programme was particularly challenged by both inadequate financial resources and available computers.

The Postgraduate Programmes continued as before with two (2) PhD’s completing, including the first PhD in Clinical Psychology.

Postgraduate teaching continues in Psychiatry, Public Health, and Family Medicine. The DM Family Medicine was suspended for academic review.

The Mona Ageing and Wellness Centre were established within the Department, and began offering placements to Undergraduate and Postgraduate students.

THE UWI/HARP PROJECT

The UWI/HARP group taught part of the Foundation Course entitled “Science, Medicine & Technology in Society” (Course FD 12A) to students for all Faculties except Medical Sciences. Their two-hour session, which was repeated in both semesters, was on the theme, “Health and Disease in the Caribbean.”
SERVICES

The department offers a number of service programmes. Clinical services to the public continues through the Health Centre and the Psychiatric Department. The Community Psychiatric Service restarted in Jamaica in 2006, and a new programme was introduced by the section of Psychiatry – CARIMENSA.

The Caribbean Institute of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CARIMENSA) has been designed as a UWI outreach institution to provide the teaching platform for the applied psychology programme of Cultural Therapy, and the primary prevention platform for using cultural therapy for mental health and substance abuse risk reduction (violence, HIV AIDS, drug abuse etc.) in all age groups at the community level.


Outreach to out of school youth - seeking ways to include HIV/AIDS education in existing skills-building programmes. Collaboration with the education Development Center, Inc., U.S.A.

Work on the non-governmental organizations in Jamaica

a) Learning how NGOs interface successfully with the Education Sector

b) Needs assessment among selected NGOs working in the field of HIV/AIDS with a view of offering further training in leadership and management.

COMMUNITY

Community Outreach is also offered through the Mona Ageing and Wellness Centre of the Department. Ten (10) families were assisted through this activity.

Students

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MSc Clinical Psychology 20 –
PhD Clinical Psychology 10 1
DM Psychiatry 6 2
Masters in Public Health (MPH) 28 25
MPhil/PhD Public Health 12 1
MSc/DM Family Medicine 8 5

Undergraduate

One hundred and fifty (150) students, rotating through each of the five (5) years.

Certificate Courses

- Community Care of the elderly 18
- Emergency Medical Services 631
  (trained locally)
- In association with PAHO 240
  (trained regionally)

The CHART Coordinating Unit continues to oversee education and training for several categories of health care workers in collaboration with regional and international partners. Between June 2003 and June 2005, the CHART Network of Centres in the Bahamas, Barbados, Haiti and Jamaica has conducted over 170 training events, reading more than 1500 persons from 22 countries and territories in the Caribbean.

Evaluations

Evaluations by undergraduate students were in the upper range for both programmes and lecturers. The overall clerkship, both Psychiatry and Community Health averaged 4.2, while lecturers averaged 4.5.

A perfect score of five (5) was received by one staff member.

PAPERS PRESENTED

Bain, B.


• HIV/AIDS: a multifaceted challenge – an overview of the scientific, social, financial and behavioral issues raised by the current pandemic. Symposium on HIV/AIDS. Faculty of Medical Sciences, UWI, Mount Hope, Trinidad & Tobago.


De La Haye W.


• Treatment and Rehabilitation of Substance Abusers with Special Focus on Women and Adolescents. CARICOM / OAS Meeting of Regional Drug Councils, Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, Montego Bay, Nov. 29, 2005.

• (with Harris J.). Early Age of Onset of Substance Abuse in Clients Treated in an Adolescent Substance Abuse Clinic in a General Hospital in Jamaica. Faculty of Medical Sciences Research Conference. UWI, Mona. Nov. 17, 2005.

Eldemire-Shearer, D.


Hickling, FW.

• “Misdiagnosis in African Caribbean patients with schizophrenia in England: completing the puzzle. World Psychiatric Association Conference Cairo Sept. 2005

• “Medical and Mental Health Consequences of Post-conflict situations: Jamaica and the Caribbean”. World Psychiatric Association Conference Cairo Sept. 2005

• The use of postcolonial social psychotherapy to challenge the stigma of mental illness in Jamaica. Smith College Sept. 2005.


• Colonialism and Mental Health in Jamaica. Annual Conference of Clergy of the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, Ocho Rios February 14, 2006.

• “We never know we woulda reach dis far: The Psychology of Stardom in Jamaican popular culture” Annual Bob Marley Lecture, Reggae Studies Unit, UWI, Mona, Jamaica, Feb. 17, 2006.


Jackson, M.


Lowe, G.
• Anxiety Disorders in Children. PAHO Child and Adolescent Conference, October 2005.


Maharaj S.


Scarlett, H.

• Asbestos and its health effects at the Western Regional Public Health Inspectors training seminar held Sept., 2005 in Montego Bay and at the North-east Regional Public Health Inspectors training seminar held Oct., 2005 in Annotto Bay.

• Radiological Threats at the Southern Regional Public Health Inspectors training seminar held Oct. 27, 2005 in Mandeville.


• Radiological Threats at the biennial conference of the Caribbean Association of Medical Technologists on Oct. 27, 2005 in Montego Bay.

• Analysis and use of occupational injury data at Workers meeting organized by PAHO/MOH at the Jamaica Conference Centre, Dec. 6, 2005.

Smart, Cherry Ann


Paul TJ

• (with Mitchell A, Maharaj SR.) “Building diversity in community health teaching: The contribution of special study modules
• (with Matthews A, Mitchell AD, Maharaj SR, Williams-Green P.) “Medical students’ audit of chronic disease care in a service-learning environment.” 10th Annual Meeting of the International Association of Medical Science Educators (IAMSE), University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, July 16-18, 2006.

• (with Mitchell AD, Maharaj SR, La Grenade J.) “The ebb and flow of medical students into the Caribbean region: the development of on-shore and off-shore medical schools.” 10th Annual Meeting of the International Association of Medical Science Educators (IAMSE), University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, July 16-18, 2006.

• (with Mitchell AD, Segree W, Maharaj SR) “Medical students’ feedback on rural clinic experiences in Jamaica.” 10th Annual Meeting of the International Association of Medical Science Educators (IAMSE), University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, July 16-18, 2006.


PUBLICATIONS

WIMJ = West Indian Medical Journal

Peer Reviewed


Non-Peer Reviewed


Books


Book Chapters


* Hickling FW, Gibson RC. “History of Caribbean Psychiatry.” In: Hickling, F.W. and Sorel, E. (Eds.) Images of psychiatry: the


Abstracts


* De La Haye W. Early Age of Onset of Substance Abuse in a Child and Adolescent Clinic in Jamaica. World Psychiatric Association/Latin American Psychiatric Association Zonal Conference - March 2006: 34.

* De La Haye W, Harris J. Early Age of Onset of Substance Abuse in Clients Treated in an Adolescent Substance Abuse Clinic in a General Hospital in Jamaica. WTMJ, 2005; 5 (Suppl. 5): 24.


* Hickling FW, Gibson RC, Abel WD. Mental health research in the Caribbean: An analysis of Faculty of Medical Sciences Research Day and Caribean Health Research Council abstracts. *WIMJ* 54 (Suppl) 2006.


* Lipps G, Lowe G. Validation of the Beck Depression Inventory in a Jamaican Cohort. WIMJ, April 2006; 55, (Suppl 2) 69.


* Day M, De La Haye W, Gough H. Prevalence of HIV and Other Sexually Transmitted Infections among Urban Street Substance Abusers in Kingston, Jamaica. WIMJ, 2005; 5 (Suppl. 5): 37

Technical Reports


Burkhalter, B, Edson, W, Harvey, S, Boucar, M, Djibrina, S, Hermida, H, Ayabaca, P, Bucagu, M, Gbanbade, S, McCaw-Binns, A. Quality of obstetric care observed in 14 hospitals in Benin, Ecuador, Jamaica and Rwanda. Published for USAID (contract number GPH-C-00-02-00004-00) by the Quality Assurance Project: Bethesda, MD, March 2006.

Monograph


INCOME GENERATING PROJECTS


Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Global AIDS Program, $418,877, May 2005-Sept 2006. CHART RCU.

Pan-Caribbean Partnership against AIDS (part of a grant from the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria), $500,000 Oct 2005-Sept 2006. CHART RCU

A Randomized Controlled Trial of Psychohistoriographic Brief Psychotherapy. Hickling, F.W. The CHASE Fund, Jamaica J$4.1M

Grant for the development of the Caribbean Institute of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (CARIMENSA) 2005 – 2006. The UWI Mona Strategic Transformation Team J$5.2M Hickling, FW.

A Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo controlled Study of Two Fixed Oral Doses of Arpiprazole (10mg or 30mg) in the Treatment of Adolescent Patients with Schizophrenia. Otsuka Pharmaceuticals J$3M Hickling, FW J$727,100.00.


Merck I.A. Corp. KABP study among pharmacists in relation to HIV/AIDS in four Caribbean countries, $68,000 Aug 2005-Aug 2006. UWI HARP Unit.


European Union via the Pan-Caribbean Partnership against AIDS to conduct evaluation of outcomes and impact among teachers and students at UWI on implementation of curricula with HIV/AIDS content, $24,850.

European Union via the Pan-Caribbean Partnership against AIDS to conduct research on men’s perceptions, attitudes and beliefs regarding masculinity, gender and gender equity in Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago, $56,800.

Canadian International Development Agency. Study of perspectives of Jamaican males on Issues of Manhood and Gender Equality, $100,000 Sept 2005 – Dec 2005, **UWI HARP Coordinating Unit.**

Inter-American Development Bank, via Educational Development Centre, Boston $66,272 Jan – Dec 2006 **UWI HARP Unit.**

USAID/MOH of Jamaica, $100,000 Jan 2006 – Dec 2006 **UWI HARP Unit.**

**AWARDS TO STAFF**

**Bain, B.** Medical Association of Jamaica Award for Distinguished Service in Medicine, June 2006.

**Eldemire-Shearer, Denise.** The Gleaner Honour Award in the category: Health & Wellness for 2005, for work with promoting the health and wellness of senior citizens. December 2005.


**McCaw-Binns, Affette.** University of the West Indies, Principal’s Award for Most Outstanding Researcher Series of Publications/Reports: Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology 2004-5.
Paul, Tomlin. Foundation for the Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER) Fellowship, 2006.


Scarlett, Henroy. Award received from the Jamaica Association of Public Health Inspectors for “outstanding contribution to environmental health education”, October 2005.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Bain, B.

– UWI Representative and Board Member, Pan-Caribbean Partnership against AIDS (PANCAP). 2003.
– Foundation member, Trans-Caribbean HIV/AIDS Research Initiative. 2006

Eldemire-Shearer, Denise.

– Chairman, Board of Supervision, Ministry of Local Government, 2002.

Hickling, FW.

– Representative, PAHO Latin American and the Caribbean Network on Mental Health Services,
– Chairman, National Council on Drug Abuse, Jamaica

McCaw-Binns, Affette.

– Temporary Advisor, World Health Organization, Department of Reproductive Health and Research.
– Member, Ministry of Health, Maternal Mortality Committee to monitor progress toward achieving the Millenium Development Goal (MDG) for Maternal Health

– Member, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences: Expert Panel asked to evaluate the “President’s Emergency Plan for HIV/AIDS Response (PEPFAR)”

**Tomlin, Paul**

– Member, National Family Board

– Member, Caribbean College of Family Physicians

**Gillian, Lowe**

– Member, Jamaica Psychiatric Association

– Member, Medical Association of Jamaica

**De La Haye, Winston**

– Member, Jamaica Psychiatric Association

**Nevins, Desmalee**

– Member, Jamaica Association for Health Education and Promotions.