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PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SRHA Provides Counselling to Staff Member Attacked at Black River Hospital

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), a statutory body of the Ministry of Health, has been providing support and counseling to the female staff member who was attacked by a male mentally ill patient at the Black River Hospital in St. Elizabeth.

The SRHA expresses sympathy to the staff member and has been in constant communication with her while providing her with counseling support. The team at the Black River Hospital will also be engaging family members of the staff in discussions.

The staff member, a female attendant has been hospitalized since the incident which occurred sometime after 12:00 a.m. Wednesday (March 4) in the Accident and Emergency waiting area. She was attacked by the mentally ill patient who was restrained up until the point of attack because of boisterous behavior. He however managed to break the restraint and attacked the staff member.

A security guard who is always assigned to the Accident and Emergency area was not able to immediately respond to the incident as he was attending to another matter in a different section of the hospital. The staff member was rescued by another security guard and other staff members.

The management team at the Black River Hospital has been engaging staff members in discussions who have been expressing their concerns about the incident.

The Regional Health Authority has also been in discussions with President of the Jamaica Workers Union, Clifton Brown, who represents staff at the hospital.

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