



The Southern Pulse

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Seniors Give Back to May Pen Hospital

The citizens of Clarendon and users of May Pen Hospital now have a new sonography machine valued at US \$7000, courtesy of Dr. Hyacinth Hue and her husband Eric Hue. The presentation was made to the facility on Wednesday May 9, at the hospital in Clarendon.

The Hues also delivered a number of feeding syringes, some arthroscopy drapes with fluid collection pouch, one immobilizer for the knee and one back brace.

Dr. Hyacinth Hue, who holds double PhDs in Nutrition and Christian Psychological Counselling, in handing over the much needed portable sonograph, told the medical team at the hospital that in her spirit she knows it will bless more persons than she could ever use it to do.

"It is by the gift and grace of God that I came upon this machine. A colleague of mine had an office that was going out of business, he had bought some brand new machines. I had called someone about getting a sonograph and was told that this was available. I was advised to get it at once at a proper price before anyone else and I did," she said in explaining why she knew it was meant to be.

The Hue family had, in February 2018 this year donated a fully equipped building in Tweedside, Clarendon valued at some \$40 million to be used a health centre .

Senior Medical Officer, May Pen Hospital, Dr. Bradley Edwards in accepting the gift acknowledged that it was very expensive and necessary and he was honoured to receive it.

"Mere thanks are not enough, this is a seed which is planted and will benefit the entire Clarendon and our region. I look forward to nurturing it, fertilizing it and ensuring that many people benefit from it. It is a first step to better quality health care and we will begin to use it right away," Dr. Edwards said.

Meanwhile, Parish Manager, Clarendon Health Services, Joseph Grant said a team comprising a doctor, nurses and community health aides are currently working at Tweedside Health Centre and many home visits



A happy Dr. Hyacinth Hue (3rd right) and Eric Hue (3rd left) after handing over a sonography machine and medical supplies to the May Pen Hospital in Clarendon. Receiving the donation are Acting CEO of the May Pen Hospital, Nadine Preddie (left), Senior Medical Officer at the MPH, Dr. Bradley Edwards (2nd left), Parish Manager of the Clarendon Health Services, Joseph Grant (2nd right) and Deputy Director of Nursing Services at the MPH, Nancy Davis-Williams.

are also being done.

"We are moving health care in a direction where doctors and community health aides are interfacing directly in the homes of patients in order to prevent them from ending up at Percy Junor and other hospitals," Grant said.

He thanked Dr. Hue, describing her as the instrument through which God is blessing May Pen Hospital and the residents of Clarendon.

Eric and Dr. Hyacinth Hue, who are now serving as missionaries, have also organised several health missions, through which residents benefit from free health services. The family has and continues to make generous donations to areas of education and health, while providing assistance and support to community and church members, schools and institutions, hospitals and government.

In The News: Southern Regional Health Authority

May Pen Hospital Receives Essential Equipment Valued at US \$80, 000.00



Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon at the May Pen Hospital (MPH), Dr. Safiya Franklyn (right) explains to Minister of Health, Dr. Christopher Tufton (centre) and Member of Parliament for Central Clarendon, Hon. Lester 'Mike' Henry, the functions of the medical equipment and supplies donated to the MPH by bauxite/alumina company, Jamalco. The donation, valued at US 80,000.00 includes emergency patient stretcher trolleys, hand drills, four orthopaedic beds and mattresses, 31 pieces of orthopaedic equipment and accompanying accessories, and two pelvic-reduction clamps. Jamalco and its Noble Foundation has, over the past four years, provided J \$28 million in funding support to the healthcare system in central Jamaica.

The medical equipment and supplies valued at US \$80,000.00, which was donated to the May Pen Hospital in Clarendon by alumina/bauxite company, Jamalco. The donation brings to total J \$28 million donated to healthcare in central Jamaica by the bauxite/alumina company and its Noble Foundation over the last four years.



In The News: Southern Regional Health Authority

More Than 4000 Residents to Access Improved Services at Expanded Portsea Health Centre



Minister of Health, Dr. Christopher Tufton (5th left) shares in the opening of the expansion of the Portsea Health Centre in St. Elizabeth which was expanded to the tune of \$5 million. Minister Tufton re-opened the health centre on Thursday, May 3 and noted that the Health Ministry is on a drive to restore credibility to public health particularly in primary health care which includes health centres. Photographed also are: (left to right) Regional Director for the Southern Regional Health Authority, Michael Bent, Parish Manager for the St. Elizabeth Health Services, Sean Brissett (in glasses), Councillor for the Malvern Division, Donald Simpson, Member of Parliament for South East St. Elizabeth, Franklyn Witter, Acting Senior Public Health Nurse at the St. Elizabeth Health Department, Norma Stewart Whittaker (right) and Nurse at the Portsea Health Centre Sayli Fernandez Portillo.

A section of the expanded Portsea Health Centre in St. Elizabeth, which was refurbished at a cost of \$5 million. The additional space which was added to the health centre includes a doctor's office, a nurse's office and an area for weighing babies. The health centre, which serves more than 4000 residents provides services including: curative, maternal & child health, environmental health, health promotion, mental health, antenatal, postnatal, child health, immunization, disease control and nutrition.



Facilities on the Move

Scores of Persons Turn up for Labour Day in St. Elizabeth

Several persons turned up at health centres in St. Elizabeth to 'Ramp it Up – Fix it Up' on Labour Day 2018. The facilities which received renovation works included: Black River, Malvern, Myersville, Balaclava, Southfield and Springfield Health Centres.

Please see below photo highlights.



Work being done at the Malvern Health Centre.



Labour Day at the Springfield Health Centre.



The Black River Health Centre getting a face lift.



Work being done at the Balaclava and Myersville Health Centres.

Staff Highlight

Labour Day in Clarendon

In keeping with the focus on health centres and schools for Labour Day 2018, under the theme 'Ramp it Up – Fix it Up' several health centres in Clarendon, including the Sandy Bay, York Town and Main Street Health Centres were the focus on May 23.

Please see below highlights.



Facilities on the Move

“Ramp it Up – Fix it Up” in Manchester

As part of this year’s Labour Day, which focused on the theme, ‘Ramp it Up – Fix it Up’, several facilities in Manchester including the Mandeville Comprehensive Clinic, Craighead and Lincoln Health Centres received a face-lift.

Please see below highlights.



Work being done at the Mandeville Comprehensive Clinic.



Work carried out at the Lincoln Health Centre.

Staff Highlight

Home Renovated for Mentally Challenged Patient on Labour Day

For Labour Day 2018, the SRHA Mental Health team and volunteers renovated the home of a mentally ill patient, to facilitate his discharge from hospital.

If you are interested in making a contribution to this ongoing project, please contact the Regional Mental Health Officer, Marcia Mullings-Thompson.

Please see below photographic highlights.



Staff Highlight

SRHA Regional Office Hosts Inaugural Physical Activity Day

The SRHA Regional Office hosted its inaugural Physical Activity/Sports Day on Friday, May 25, which will now become a calendar event. Staff members were placed in two houses, Sunshine Yellow and Ocean Blue and enjoyed and participated in activities including: dress-up relays, 50m races, circuit challenges, cheerleading competition, hula-hoop challenge, netball, football and other exciting nutritional and physical activities.

Please see below highlights.

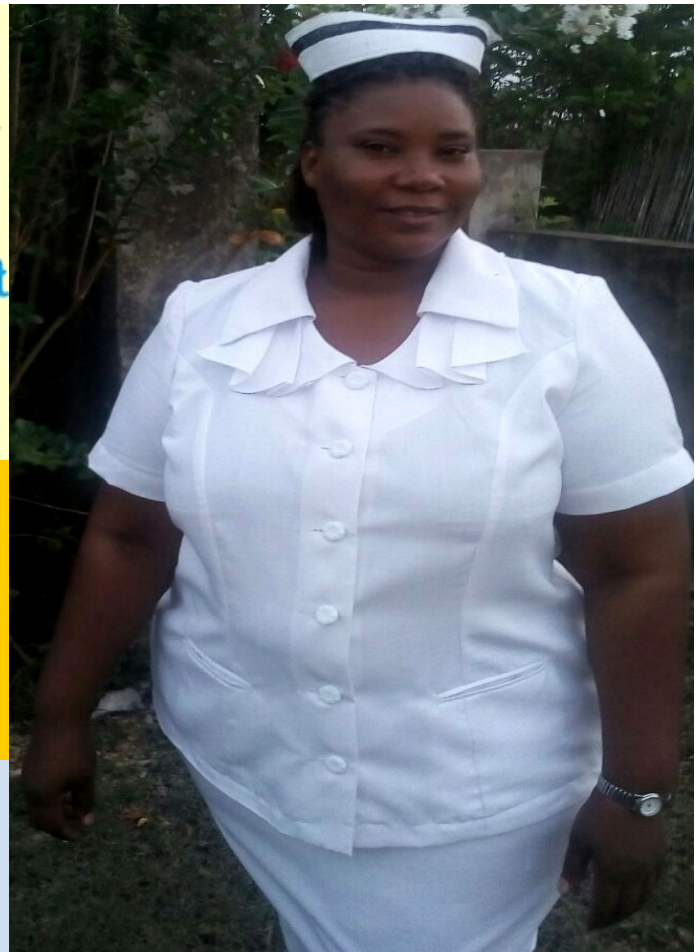




Shellian Brown

Registered Nurse/Midwife
Lionel Town Hospital

“Inspiration Comes From Need to Care for Others”



For Shellian Brown, Registered Nurse and Midwife at the Lionel Town Hospital, working with the Southern Regional Health has been a good experience.

Not only has she gained experiences that have helped in her personal and professional growth, but she notes that “I was given the opportunity to continue my education through sponsorship while retaining my post at Lionel Town Hospital,” which she is grateful for. She began her healthcare journey in 1999 as an Enrolled Assistant Nurse, but now serves in the capacity of Registered Nurse and Midwife, an accomplishment she is proud of.

Nurse Brown relates that some of her duties include identifying the needs of clients and planning, organizing and delivering the principles of the nursing process to deliver quality care, preparing ward assignments, providing quality care to mother and child, delivering antenatal, intra-natal and postnatal care and supervising students and subordinates, among other responsibilities.

At a time when nurses are challenged to give of their best, Shellian notes that her inspiration comes from the need to care for people, adding that she is guided by the philosophy, “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.”

Described as loving, caring, fun, resilient, jovial, hard working, caring and sweet, Nurse Brown shares that her favourite actor is Sylvester Stallone while her favourite singer is Celine Dion. She adds that if she were to get an unexpected visit from a colleague on a day off or on the weekend, she would be found spending time with her daughter, April.

Skilled in needle craft, Shellian has been recognized for attendance and productivity in 2004/2005 and also received first place award for attendance and punctuality in 2009. She is encouraging her colleagues to “love what you do and do what you love.”

Her wish for Jamaica is that the crime rate will decline and employment will be available for all.

Wellness Bytes:

“Heavy Rains and Health Issues”

Credit:
Jamaica Information Service



Health & Wellness

The Ministry of Health is reminding the public of the dangers of swimming or wading in water which has resulted from flooding or eating foods that might have been contaminated with animal urine.

The Ministry is advising parents and caregivers especially, to ensure that children do not play in these waters or eat such foods that may be affected, as they can easily be infected with diseases such as Leptospirosis.

This can occur by swallowing the contaminated food or water or through contact with the eyes, nose or through broken skin. Symptoms of Leptospirosis include high fever, severe headache, chills, muscle aches, vomiting, jaundice, abdominal pain, diarrhea and rash.

Parents are being advised that if any of these symptoms occur, they should seek medical attention immediately as leptospirosis should be treated with antibiotics as soon as possible.

If the disease is not treated, the person can develop kidney damage, meningitis, liver failure and respiratory distress, and in rare cases death.

The Health Ministry is reminding persons who are exposed to contaminated water or soil because of the nature of their job, to wear protective clothing and footwear.

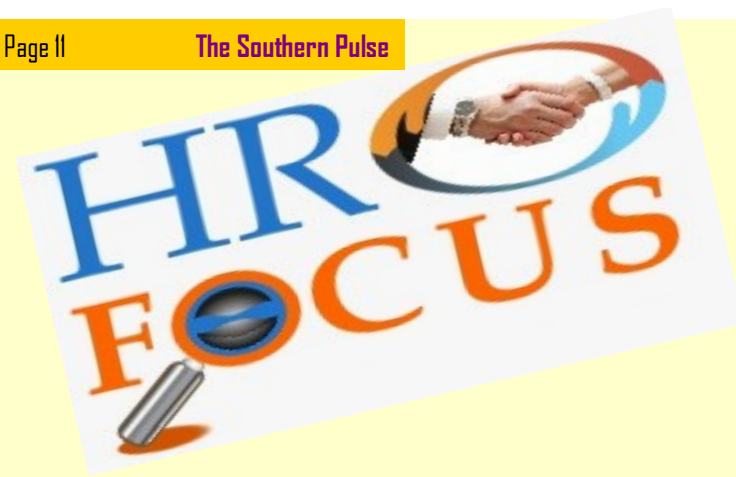
Leptospirosis is an infectious disease caused by Leptospira bacteria and is transmitted to humans from domestic animals such as dogs, cattle, pigs and horses as well as rodents. The disease is not spread from person to person.



Q: Where do cows go on Saturday night?

A: To the mooovies.

On the Lighter Side



HR And You:

“APPOINTMENTS”

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1.9.1 Transfer

- i) A transfer is a permanent appointment from one position within the service to another that is equivalent in level, emoluments and benefits;
- ii) Within a Ministry, or between the Ministry and a Department of the Ministry, the transfer must be authorized by the Permanent Secretary;
- iii) Transfers between Ministries or between Departments of different Ministries requires the consent of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry from which the employee is being transferred and the appointment must be authorized by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry to which the employee is being transferred, where the functions have been delegated;
- iv) Where the functions have not been delegated transfers between Ministries or between Departments of different Ministries or between a Ministry and a Department of another Ministry must be authorized by the Chief Personnel Officer;
- v) In the event of an objection to a transfer, any of the parties involved may lodge an appeal in writing to the Public Service Commission.

1.9.2 Acting Appointments

- i) An acting assignment is an appointment for a specified period, wherein an individual in one position is required to perform the duties of another position at a higher level;
- ii) An acting appointment does not confer an automatic right of permanent appointment to the position.
- iii) Opportunities for acting assignments should be managed in such a manner that they do not result in an unfair advantage to anyone, in any subsequent competitive process.

1.9.3 Deployment

- i) A deployment is an assignment from one position to another that is equivalent in level, emoluments and benefits;
- ii) A deployment is normally at the discretion of the Permanent Secretary/Head of Department to satisfy operational requirements or to resolve job-related difficulties;
- iii) A deployment may be temporary in the first instance and could lead to a transfer;
- iv) A deployment may be within a Ministry, between Departments within a Ministry or between Ministries.

1.9.4 Secondment

- i) A secondment is the assignment of a public officer, usually from the Central Government Service to another part of the wider public service or to other organizations, with the approval of the appropriate authority;
- ii) A secondment may be either for a fixed term with a guarantee to return, or it may be an interim arrangement for a specified period leading to a permanent change in employment;
- iii) During the period of secondment, the officer's position within the Central Government Service must be protected;

1.9.5 Fixed Term Appointment

- i) A fixed term appointment is a contractual arrangement for the performance of specific functions for a pre-determined period under terms and conditions specified under the contract.
- ii) Any such contract must be consistent with existing guidelines issued by the appropriate authority.