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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## March 30, 2015 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

# SRHA and NCU Signs MOU to Strengthen Development of Health Professionals

The Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA), a statutory body of the Ministry of Health and the Northern Caribbean University (NCU) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) designed to strengthen the development of competent health professionals.

The agreement has now formalized and improved the partnership for training students to perform clinical rotations at the SRHA health facilities. The MOU includes cooperation in the areas of nursing, medical technology, dietetics and nutrition and public health and will enhance the partnership for students to acquire practical experience in the SRHA facilities.

Speaking on Friday, March 27 at the SRHA office in Mandeville, Regional Director of the SRHA, Michael Bent noted that the relationship between the two entities has been a fruitful one as students who have benefitted from rotations have been employed by the SRHA in addition to the facilities gaining from the students experience.

Mr. Bent added that the partnership will now provide greater opportunities for persons to access these rotations while developing the database for future employees in these areas.

President of the NCU, Dr. Trevor Gardner pointed out that he hopes the agreement is the beginning of a wider journey as the university is exploring the addition of health complement services in its curriculum.

The Southern Regional Health Authority is responsible for health care delivery in the parishes of Clarendon, Manchester and St. Elizabeth.

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**Formal Partnership:** SRHA Regional Director, Michael Bent (left seated) and Dr. Trevor Gardner sign their respective copies of the MOU which has now formalized and strengthened the partnership for training students to perform clinical rotations at the SRHA health facilities. Witnessing the signing are representatives from the SRHA and NCU.

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