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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **'Dignity in Mental Health' Takes the Spotlight for Mental Health Week**

For Mental Health Week, the spotlight will be on 'Dignity in Mental Health' as awareness is heightened to ensure that persons with mental health conditions can enjoy dignity and human rights.

For its part the Southern Regional Health Authority (SRHA) will seek to raise awareness and sensitize residents in central Jamaica about the theme, 'Dignity in Mental Health' through a week of activities from Sunday, October 4 to Saturday, October 10.

The activities will kick start with a church service on Sunday, October 4 at the New Testament Church of God in Clarendon at 8: 30 a.m. followed by a 'School Invasion' of several high schools across the region on Monday, October 5 and Tuesday, October 6. This initiative is aimed at sensitizing students about mental health.

The week of activities will continue on Wednesday, October 7 with a public forum at the Santa Cruz Centre of Excellence, St. Elizabeth at 2: 00 p.m. while for Manchester a forum will be held at the Cecil Charlton Hall at 3:00 p.m. and in the Chapelton square in Clarendon at 11: 00 a.m.

On Thursday, October 8, the SRHA will be catering to its mental health team through presentations under the theme, "Mental Health of the Mental Health Worker" which will be followed by a national conference on mental health by the Ministry of Health and the four Regional Health Authorities at the National Stadium in Kingston on Friday, October 9. The activities will culminate on Saturday, October 10 with a fun day and health fair for patients with mental health conditions at the Brook's Park in Mandeville.

Other activities that the region's mental health team will participate in include an awards ceremony for volunteers of the Street People Programme and the mounting of displays at major libraries and health centres across the region.

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The SRHA Mental Health team is urging individuals to put an end to stigma and discrimination against persons affected by mental illness and treat them with love and care.

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