

Improving Household Nutrition Security and Public Health in the CARICOM (FaN) Bulletin- March & April 2019

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Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton, Jamaica's Minister of Health, the project's newly designated "Policy Entrepreneur" met with FaN's Prof. T. Alafia Samuels, Dr. Leith Dunn and Prof. Fitzroy Henry.

Minister Tufton and his team discussed how the project could assist with the healthy eating component of Jamaica Moves in schools, utilizing FaN supported laboratory upgrades to allow for the testing of foods for sugar, salt and fat.

This independent analysis of food and drink being consumed in schools will assess compliance with the new guidelines re sugar in drinks, and form the baseline for evaluating pending new limits on salt and fats.



Prof's Henry and Samuels (left) Minister Tufton (centre)

HEALTH AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION (HFLE) CURRICULUM REVISION WORKSHOPS, BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS, 26-28 MARCH & 2-4 APRIL 2019

A series of meetings are being held, including nutrition, education and CARICOM experts, supported by CXC, to develop an HFLE curriculum for the Early Childhood Development (ECD) level (ages 3-4 yrs.) and to revise the existing HFLE Primary (ages 5-12 yrs.) Curriculum Framework. HFLE themes include 'Appropriate Eating and Fitness' and 'Managing the Environment', among others.

In addition to the revised curriculum, there will be appendices with sample modules, units and lessons.

A third meeting will be scheduled soon to complete the first draft of the revised curriculum, after which a feedback matrix will be sent out to teachers across CARICOM and focus groups will be conducted with parents and teachers, in study countries, to inform the second draft of the revised curriculum.



Standing from left: Michèle Blake (St.Kitts/Nevis), Alsian Brown-Perry (CXC, Jamaica), Morella Joseph-Jean Baptiste (Lead Convenor, St. Lucia), Kelly Williams (St. Vincent/Grenadines), Rachel Harris (Barbados), Patricia McPherson (CARICOM), Waneisha Jones (UWI, Barbados), Patricia Warner (Ministry of Education (MOE), Barbados), Colleen King-Cameron (MOE, Guyana)

After that, the HFLE Revision steering committee will review and edit the curriculum into a final draft to be presented to regional Ministers of Health at the Council on Human and Social Development (COHSOD) in October 2019.



Standing from left: Patricia Warner (MOE, Barbados), Dionne Browne (MOE, Guyana), Paula Trotter (Dominica), Herphia Keane-Dawes (Jamaica), Hermione Baptiste (Grenada), Alsian Brown-Perry (CXC, Jamaica). Seated from left: Kerian Calixte (St. Lucia), Donna Giles (CXC, Barbados), Morella Joseph-Jean Baptiste (Lead Convenor, St. Lucia), Pauline Samuda (Convenor, Jamaica), Waneisha Jones (UWI, Barbados)

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