Current Project

Use of Think Tank Methodology in Identifying Strategies for Preferred Outcomes among Caribbean Elderly At-Risk for Cardiovascular Disease and its Co-Morbidities.

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Abstract: The specific aims of this 3 year project is to facilitated think tank sessions with interdisciplinary Caribbean health care providers and other stakeholders were to identify their perceptions of: (1) the current state of care of the elderly in the Caribbean at-risk or with cardio-vascular disease and its co-morbidities; (2) a preferred future for elderly residents of the Caribbean; and (3) comprehensive strategies for realization of the preferred future.

SUMMARY OF WORK

The Duke University School of Nursing in collaboration with the Pan American Health Organization, Caribbean Program Coordination unit is planning a four day Continuing Education Institute on Managing Cardiovascular Disease Among the Elderly Population in the Caribbean during the first week of October, 2007 in Jamaica. This conference is the result of an exploratory visit by Duke University School of Nursing and a request from Caribbean leaders to aid in conceptualizing a comprehensive model of care and in preparing health human resources to address the needs of the growing elderly population across sectors of care (hospital, home, long term care, community, and health care systems). The target population for the conferences, projected to be approximately 110 participants drawn from throughout the Caribbean, is 50% nurse educators and nurse providers, and 50% composed of physicians, chief medical and nursing officers, government Ministry officials, health care administrators, regional health organizations, academic administrators, and accrediting associations.