

## HEALTHY CARIBBEAN COALITION (HCC)

# FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

November 2012 – December 2013

1. The HCC President presented Caribbean perspectives at **Global NCD Alliance Webinar: Update on global NCD processes and in particular the post-2015 process within the context of the Global NCD Framework Campaign.** *December 2012.*
2. First edition of the HCC weekly online news publication '**HCC News Roundup**' shared with all categories of HCC members. The roundup contains news from HCC members including testimonials and emerging good practices around NCD prevention, relevant news articles, invitations to webinars and funding opportunities. *January 2013.*
3. HCC Advocacy in action: HCC urged members and partners, via email and a Press Release, to support the Government of **Suriname** in the passage of effective **No Tobacco legislation and regulations.** *January 2013.*
  - a. HCC highlighted the power of advocacy and the HCC network and congratulated the citizens of Suriname with the passing of the Anti-Tobacco Law by parliament on February 7th.
4. HCC Strategic Plan: '**A Civil Society Strategic Plan of Action for countries of the Caribbean Community 2012-16**' finalised in December 2012 and disseminated. *January 2013.*
5. The HCC '**Cervical Cancer Advocacy Plan for Caribbean Civil Society: Creating a Civil Society Movement for Cervical Cancer in the Caribbean**' produced as part of the American Cancer Society Meet the Targets Grant. *January 2013.*
6. HCC Submitted PAHO Official Relations Report: **Progress Report on collaborative work between Healthy Caribbean Coalition (HCC) and PAHO/WHO, 2012-2013.** *January 2013.*
7. The HCC President invited to join the **NCD Alliance Task Team** to inform NCD Alliance advocacy on the Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2020 under *Objective 1-2: Advocacy, development and national action.* *February 2013.*
8. The President and Manager of the HCC attended Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) **First Meeting of the PAFNCDs Women's Cancer Initiative: Women's Cancer Initiative: A joint commitment to save lives,** Washington, DC. *February 2013.*
  - a. HCC presented 'Cervical Cancer Advocacy for Caribbean Civil Society: Women's Cancer Initiative: A joint commitment to save lives.'

9. HCC volunteer **Mr. Ian Pitts** formally contracted as part-time HCC **Information Technology Coordinator** to continue daily HCC IT support, build the new HCC website and support website development among HCC membership. *February 2013.*
10. The HCC held a regional capacity building workshop for Cancer Societies and Foundations: **HCC Cervical Cancer Advocacy Capacity Building Workshop**, St. Maarten, in partnership with the Sint. Maarten Ministry of Public Health Social Development And Labour, Collective Prevention Services. The meeting was attended by 21 Cancer organisations representing 16 Caribbean countries. *March 2013.*
11. The HCC welcomed new volunteer **Ms. Kimlin Harrilal**, Education Officer, Trinidad & Tobago Cancer Society. Ms. Harrilal was contracted as the HCC **Social Media Content Creator** to strengthen the social media capacity of HCC members and build HCC social media presence in the region. *April 2013.*
12. HCC mHealth: HCC signed a contract with the **US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS, US)** and the Mobile Commons Group (MDG) to implement a pilot of the **Smokefree TXT** Smoking Cessation mHealth Programme in Barbados. *April 2013.*
13. HCC Member, Professor Anselm Hennis presented '**Perspectives of the Healthy Caribbean Coalition on Innovative Approaches to the delivery of services**' on behalf of HCC President at the **PAHO 2013 Caribbean Managers Meeting** Panel Discussion: *Universal Health Coverage in the Post 2015 Development Agenda, including NCDs.* *April 2013.*
14. The American Cancer Society Meet the Targets Grant supported the HCC Manager's attendance at the **Global Forum on Cervical Cancer Prevention** at the **Women Deliver 2013 Conference** in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The HCC Manager was a Speaker at the Latin America Regional Breakout Session addressing HCC perspectives on CSO cervical cancer advocacy. *May 2013.*
  - a. HCC featured on ACS Women Deliver 2013 Blog. *May 2013.*
15. The HCC introduced the **Caribbean Cervical Cancer Electronic Petition (CCCEP) to regional leadership** through emails to Ministers of Health, CARICOM and selected Prime Ministers. *June 2013.*
16. The HCC **Caribbean Cervical Cancer Electronic Petition (CCCEP) launched** across the Caribbean in partnership with HCC Cancer members NGOs.
  - a. Barbados Launch, *June 2013.*
  - b. Dominica Launch, *June 2013.*
  - c. Trinidad & Tobago Launch, *June 2013.*
  - d. Grenada Launch, *June 2013.*
  - e. Belize Launch, *July 2013.*
  - f. Jamaica Launch, *July 2013.*
  - g. Cayman Islands Launch, *July 2013.*
17. The **Caribbean SmokeFreeTxt Project Officially started** June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in partnership with CDRC, Barbados Cancer Society, Diabetes Association of Barbados and Heart & Stroke Foundation of Barbados. *June 2013.*
18. HCC President attended the **PAHO '2nd SALT SMART CONSORTIUM: A Grain of Salt Goes a Long Way**, a PAFNCD Initiative: To review the Five-Year Multi-Stakeholder Strategic Plan (2013-2018), work in the social marketing strategy and define next steps for its implementation. *June 2013.*

19. Dr. Victor Coombs, an HCC Director, represented the HCC at the **152nd Session of the Executive Committee of PAHO**. *June 2013.*
20. A PAHO **Sub Regional Meeting on Alcohol Policy** held in Belize June 25-27, 2013. The HCC and **Health Action Partnership International (HAPI) and the UK Health Forum (UKHF)** joined forces to support the participation of 9 civil society organisations leading the way in alcohol policy and prevention in the region. *June 2013.*
21. HCC Member, The Jamaica Cancer Society supported The **Most Honourable Portia Simpson Miller, Prime Minister of Jamaica** in **signing the CCCEP** in Parliament. June 2013.
22. The CCCEP featured in the **NCD Child Issues Paper: Young People, Harnessing the Culture of Technology**. *July 2013.*
23. **Guardian General Group of Companies** generously donated funds to the HCC Caribbean Cervical Cancer Electronic Petition (CCCEP). *July 2013.*
24. HCC Member, The Belize Cancer Society supported Mrs. Kim Simplis Barrow, **Wife of the Prime Minister, Special Envoy for Women and Children** and a cancer survivor, in **signing the CCCEP**. *July 2013.*
25. HCC Advocacy in action: HCC regional **Press Release** strongly supporting and congratulating the **Jamaican Government on the Public Health (Tobacco Control) Regulations-2013** in Jamaica which bans smoking in all public places and workplaces and makes provision for the introduction of graphic health warnings on cigarette packs within 6 months in keeping with the CARICOM Regional standard for the Labelling of tobacco products. *July 2013.*
26. The HCC President and Manager attended the **Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) Launch** in Trinidad & Tobago. *July 2013.*
27. A full-day meeting of **HCC Board of Directors** held in Trinidad & Tobago. *July 2013.*
28. The **Prime Minister of St. Kitts & Nevis and CARICOM Lead Head of Government for Health, HIV and Human Resources, the Right Honourable Dr. Denzil Douglas** signed the CCCEP at the CARPHA Launch. *July 2013.*
  - a. HCC Press Release Announcing CCCEP support by the Right Honourable Dr. Denzil Douglas PM SKN, Most Honourable Portia Simpson Miller PM Jamaica and other regional leaders. *July 2013*
29. **Sagicor Life Inc. launched the CCCEP** among its Barbados and regional employees. July 2013.
30. The **Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labour** Hon. Cornelius de Weever of St. Maarten signed the CCCEP. *July 2013.*
31. American Cancer Society Meet the Targets Grant *Final Progress Report and March 2013 Workshop Report* submitted to funders. *July 2013.*
32. The HCC **Caribbean Alcohol Policy Network (CARIBAPAN)** developed and **launched** with the **support of HAPI/UKHF**. CARIBAPAN is an electronic platform for connecting individuals, civil society organisations (CSOs) and other related organisations working in the field of alcohol advocacy and prevention. *August 2013.*
33. **5<sup>th</sup> International Cancer Control Congress (ICCC5)** accepted **CCCEP Abstract** for Oral Presentation ICC5 Lima Peru November 3-6, 2013. *August 2013.*
34. HCC President presented at the **Anglican Congress 2013** on *'Promoting (and living) Healthy Lifestyles in the Caribbean'*. *August 2013.*
35. The **Honourable Minister of Health of Dominica**, Mr. Julius C. Timothy signed the CCCEP. *August 2013.*

36. His Grace, **Archbishop John Holder**, on behalf of entire Anglican community **signed the CCCEP** and committed the Church's full support to the HCC. *August 2013.*
  - a. HCC Press Release highlighting Anglican Church support for the CCCEP. *August 2013.*
37. The HCC **CCCEP Public Service Announcement (PSA)** (English and Multi-Language) **launched** throughout the region through partners and available on social media (YouTube, Facebook). *August 2013.*
38. HCC Volunteer, Dr. Lynda Williams presented '**Telecommunications: a powerful partner in combating NCDs**' on behalf of HCC President at the Inter-regional Preparatory Meeting for the Third International Conference on **SIDS side event: Towards sustainable development of SIDS: addressing the threat of Non Communicable Diseases**. Hilton Barbados Resort. *August 2013.*
39. Dr. Victor Coombs, an HCC Director, presented at '**The International Federation of the Red Cross Partners Cooperation Meeting**' at the Hilton Hotel in Trinidad. *August 2013.*
40. NCD Alliance/ Medtronic announced the **HCC** as one of three **National Implementing Partners** for the **Strengthening Health Systems, Supporting NCD Action**' NCD Alliance, **Medtronic Philanthropy Global Grant**. *September 2013.*
41. HCC President presented 'The **RBC Keynote Lecture: Curbing the Non-Communicable Disease Epidemic in the Caribbean** at the **7th Annual Research Day**, University School of Clinical Medicine and Research, The Bahamas. *September 2013.*
42. The HCC President **visited local Health NGOs in The Bahamas** including HCC member, Cancer Society of Bahamas and prospective members The Sir Victor Sassoon Heart Foundation and the Bahamas Heart Foundation. *September 2013.*
43. Dr. Vikash Chatrani, Specialist Physician Member of HCC, presented at the Annual Barbados Cancer Association (BACA) USA Symposium in New York. The presentation was entitled: '**Access to Cancer Care in Barbados**' and featured the successes of the HCC regional cervical cancer advocacy initiative. *September 2013.*
44. Ms. Deborah Chen, an HCC Director, received **Tobacco Control Champion Award** for her advocacy in tobacco control in Jamaica at the International Conference on Public Health Priorities in the 21st Century: The Endgame for Tobacco held in New Delhi India. *September 2013.*
45. The HCC supported the **International Globeathon 2013: The Walk to End Women's Cancers** through our national cancer societies across the Caribbean. *September 2013.*
46. The report entitled: '**Chronic Disease Policy in Barbados Analysis and Evaluation of Policy Initiatives**' was released by UWI Public Health and the HCC. C Guell, TA Samuels, TA Hassell, N Unwin. *September 2013.*
47. The Caribbean SmokeFreeTxt Project ended. The project report '**Caribbean SmokefreeTxt Barbados Pilot Final Report**' was submitted to the Department for Health and Human Services, National Cancer Institutes and Mobile Commons. *September 2013.*
48. NCD Alliance/ Medtronic Philanthropy **Strengthening Health Systems, Supporting NCD Action**' contract signed and the project officially started. *October 2013.*
49. The HCC established a regional **Civil Society Organisation (CSO) NCD Advocacy Technical Working Group (TWG)** to support the NCD Alliance Grant and to support HCC strategic priority Advocacy. *October 2013.*

50. The HCC was awarded a grant from the **Australian High Commission** Direct Aid Program (DAP) in support of the multi-country **Caribbean Civil Society Cervical Cancer Prevention Initiative (C4PI)**. *October 2013.*
51. Mrs. Yulit Gordon, Executive Director of the Jamaica Cancer Society represented the HCC at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Cancer Control Congress (ICCC5) in Lima Peru. The oral presentation was entitled: **'Creating a Civil Society Led Cervical Cancer Advocacy Movement - The Caribbean Cervical Cancer Electronic Petition'**. *November 2013.*
52. HCC President and Chairman of the Barbados National NCD Commission presented at the PAHO Workshop **'Promoting Healthy Living: Multisectoral Efforts in the Americas'** in Washington DC. The presentation was entitled: **'Chronic Disease Policy in Barbados: analysis and evaluation of policy initiatives'**. *November 2013.*
53. Submission of the **HCC Sagicor Secretariat Grant Annual Report: Year 1**. *November 2013.*
54. NCD Alliance/Medtronic Philanthropy 'Strengthening Health Systems, Supporting NCD Action' Grant meeting. **Advocating for Policies and Action: From The Declaration of POS to The Global NCD Framework and Beyond: A Meeting of Caribbean NCD Stakeholders to Advance National NCD Plans, and Consider Priorities for Action**. The meeting was held in collaboration with PAHO/WHO and CARPHA. *November 2013.*
55. Launch of the HCC publications: **Caribbean Civil Society Cervical Cancer Advocacy Handbook & Planning Tool** and **Connecting, Communicating, Collaborating – Social Media 'How to' Guide**.
56. Dr. Vikash Chatrani, Specialist Physician member of the HCC presented at the Best of ASCO Cancer Conference. The presentation was entitled: **'The Value of Civil Society Advocacy in Driving Cancer Policy and Programming Priorities - The Caribbean Cervical Cancer Electronic Petition'**. *December 2013.*
57. HCC/PAHO Joint Report released entitled: **'Situational Analysis of Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control in the Caribbean'**. The report reflected the HCC Caribbean Cancer Societies inputs into the cervical cancer situational analysis through the data collection in preparation for the March 2013 HCC Cervical Cancer Advocacy Capacity Building workshop in St. Maarten. *December 2013.*