Cancer Networks: St. Lucia Cancer Society Perspectives

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Outline

• About the St. Lucia Cancer Society
• Cancer NGOs in St. Lucia
  ▫ List each
    • History
    • Roles/ individual remits
• How we currently work with Regional Cancer NGOs?
  ▫ List regional Cancer NGOs you may be working with and describe relationship
• How would a CCN benefit the SLCS?
• What are priority areas for a CCN from SLCS perspective?
Questions

• What do you expect of a Regional Caribbean Cancer Network and how do you envision it should function?

• How can a Regional Caribbean Cancer Network impact on cancer support groups and the citizens of your respective islands, and how would patients and caregivers be involved?

• Please identify any challenges, financial and otherwise, that your organization may encounter in the formulation of a Regional Caribbean Cancer Network?

• To ensure its financial stability, do you have any recommendation for funding the Regional Caribbean Cancer Network?

• Would you become a member of a Regional Caribbean Cancer Body?
Answers

#1

• To facilitate cancer prevention control plan of each territory.
• To support or assist in technical expertise and human resource development.
• To have a core administrative body run by PHO which establish goals for each territory according to their plan.
• One of the major problems of the CSG (Cancer Support Groups) is sustainability of efforts usually due to lack of funding.
#2

- Regional Caribbean Cancer Network (RCCN) makes efforts and interventions efficient and cost effective.
- Regional Caribbean Cancer Network (RCCN) produces a membership directory of expertise.
- Membership in the region can exceed the expertise.
#3

- Definition of roles between the health and NGO.
- In most cases volunteers may leave due to financial constraints etc etc.
#4

- Suggestions: establish links with international agencies for cancer research (IARC and VICC) and other international groups.
#5

- YES