Below is a summary of activities undertaken during the course of the 2019.

3. HCC second phase of funding from the Global Health Advocacy Incubator (GHAI) to support regional work in the area of childhood obesity prevention: Caribbean Civil Society Tackling Childhood Obesity: Creating Healthier Countries, Communities and Schools through Policy Advocacy PART II. February, 2019.
6. HCC Executive Director invited to be a member of the Steering Group for the WHO's Global Coordination Mechanism on NCDs (WHO/GCM) online Community on Women and NCDs. February 22, 2019.
   a. Meeting Report
10. HCC President attended the PAHO High-level Commission "Universal Health in the 21st Century: 40 Years of Alma-Ata". Mexico City, Mexico. April 9-10, 2019.

11. HCC Director, Dr. Christine Chin Chea, presented at the third meeting of the ‘Forum of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean for Sustainable Development’. Santiago, Chile. April 23, 2019.


15. HCC President elected to the Board of Directors of the NCD Alliance for the period May 2019 to May 2021. May 2019.

   b. HCC President attended the WHO Civil Society Working Group Meeting. May 22, 2019.
   c. HCC President launched the HCC Publication First United Nations High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage - Technical Brief for CARICOM Countries: A Contribution from Civil Society (and Executive Summary).
      i. Full Technical Brief
      ii. Executive Summary
      iii. HCC Advocacy Priorities for the HLM-UHC 2019

20. HCC invited to be a member of the STRiDE Dementia Project Jamaica National Advisory Group (NAG). June 14, 2019.
22. HCC Director, Dr. Victor Coombs, attended a CARPHA/CARICOM Secretariat led Regional Consultation Meeting on Reduction of Salt Consumption for the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the Caribbean. Kingston, Jamaica. June 4 - 5, 2019.
23. HCC hosted the 5th Meeting of Regional Network (RN) of Chairs of CARICOM National NCD Commissions (NNCDCs) or their equivalents. June 16, 2019.
24. HCC Director, Dr. Victor Coombs, attended the 27th Meeting of the Chief Medical Officers hosted by the Caribbean Community Secretariat which precedes Caribbean Public Health Agency’s (CARPHA) Sixty-Fourth Annual Health Research Conference. Trinidad and Tobago. June 17-18, 2019.
25. HCC Executive Director and Dr. Kenneth Connell, President of Heart and Stroke Foundation of Barbados (HCC Member CSO), represented the HCC at the CARPHA Inter-Agency Technical Committee on the 6-Point Policy Package (PPP) at CARPHA’s Annual Health Research Conference. Trinidad and Tobago. June 18-19, 2019.
27. HCC published an Open Letter to CARICOM Heads of Government and State in lead up to the 40th Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government in Saint Lucia on July 3-5 asking them to attend the 1st United Nations High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage to be held on September 23rd in New York during the 74th
session of the UN General Assembly and recommit to prioritise the reduction of childhood overweight and obesity in CARICOM. June 28, 2019.


29. HCC President and Executive Director attended the Bloomberg Partners Meeting/ VS (Vital Strategies)/ GHAI (Global Health Advocacy Incubator). New York, NY. July 8-10, 2019.


31. HCC Policy Advisor, Nicole Foster, attended the CROSQ 3rd Face to Face meeting (F2F) of Regional Technical Sub-committee (RTSC) –Labelling of pre-packaged foods (revision). Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. July 24-25, 2019.

32. HCC Executive Director invited to be a member of the Planning Committee for the Third Global NCD Alliance Forum in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. July 2019.


34. HCC Communications Officer, Sheena Warner-Edwards, attended and presented on “Leveraging Social Media for Health” at the World Heart Federation Meet and Share Forum due to take place during the World Congress of Cardiology in partnership with the American College of Cardiology (ACC.20) in Paris, France. August 31, 2019.

   b. Meeting Report

36. HCC inaugural ‘Walk the Talk’ awards for excellence in NCD prevention and control awarded to Team Jamaica led by Dr. Hon Christopher Tufton, Minister of Health and Wellness of Jamaica; and the Bermuda Multisectoral Team. HCC Regional Meeting on Accelerating Nutrition Policies. Bridgetown, Barbados. September 17, 2019.
   a. HCC President attended the UN HLM-UHC as a member of the Barbados Delegation. September 23, 2019.
   b. On behalf of the HCC, HCC President accepted the United Nations Interagency Task Force on the prevention and control of Non-communicable Diseases (UNIATF) 2019 Award for Outstanding Non-state actors in recognition of the HCC’s outstanding contribution to multisectoral action in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and the NCD-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). September 23, 2019.
   c. HCC President was a panelist on the side event at the United Nations General Assembly: Ensuring Access and Equity in Adolescents, Children and Women’s Health hosted by SCLAN- Spouses of CARICOM Leaders Action Network. September 24, 2019.


42. HCC President attended the first face to face Meeting of the Board of Directors of the NCD Alliance. London, UK. October 3-4, 2019.
43. HCC Tobacco Control Advisor, Barbara McGaw, presented *The Tobacco Industry Interference in Jamaica and in the Region* at the Multisectoral workshop for WHO FCTC parties in the Caribbean region to promote the protocol to eliminate illicit trade in tobacco products. Montego Bay, Jamaica. October 8-10, 2019.

44. HCC President attended Yale-TCC (Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center for Health Disparities Research Focused on Precision Medicine) Governing Board Member Meeting. Connecticut, US. October 10-11, 2019.

45. HCC President, Executive Director, Policy Advisor, Nicole Foster, and Policy and Practice Advisor, Professor Alafia Samuels, attended the Virtual Meeting of Officials Preparatory to the Fifth Joint Meeting of COTED and COHSOD. October 29, 2019.


47. HCC Youth Technical Advisor and Tobacco Control Policy Advisor presented at a workshop co-hosted by NCD Child at the Caribbean Congress on Adolescent and Youth Health. Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. October 15-17, 2019.


50. HCC published an Open Letter To Dr. The Honourable Duane Sands Minister of Health of the Bahamas and to the Honourable Jeffrey Leonard Lloyd Minister of Education of the Bahamas congratulating them on the announcement of a ban on sugar sweetened beverages in Bahamian schools and healthcare facilities effective December 1, 2019. November 5, 2019.

51. HCC Policy Advisor, Nicole Foster, and Policy and Practice Advisor, Professor Alafia Samuels, attended the Fifth Joint Meeting of COTED and COHSOD. November 19, 2019.


57. HCC hosted the 4th Annual Caribbean Alcohol Reduction Day (CARD): Women and Alcohol. The 4th Annual CARD was hosted in partnership with PAHO and CARPHA. December 6, 2019.
   a. Concept Note
   b. Webinar moderated by Professor Rohan Maharaj (HCC Alcohol Policy Advisor) with presentations from Professor Alafia Samuels (HCC Policy and Practice Advisor), Professor Simon Anderson (Director GA-CDRC, UWI) and Dr. Stephanie Date (CARD 2019 Consultant). Attended by 48 individuals.
   c. Infographics launched:
      i. Women and Alcohol: Know the Facts
      ii. Women and Alcohol: Predictions for 2030 if no action is taken
iii. Women and Alcohol: Health impacts of alcohol
iv. Women and Alcohol: Key Predictions


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