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Haitian Mental Health Summit

Mental Health Leaders Collaborating to Address Haitian Mental Health Needs

WHAT: The Haitian Mental Health Summit is organized to raise awareness of the post-earthquake mental health needs in Haiti and to foster collaboration to address those needs. It is jointly supported by the Haitian American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, and University of Miami School of Education, Department of Educational and Psychological Studies.

The objectives of the Haitian Mental Health Summit include:

- Increase awareness of the mental health situation in Haiti and among affected members of the Haitian community in the U.S. and Canada.
- Foster coordination and collaboration among an interdisciplinary group of Haitian mental health professionals (psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers) in addressing the mental health situation in Haiti and in the Diaspora.
- Develop specific strategic goals and action plans for working collectively in addressing mental health needs of Haitians.
- Create a network of Haitian mental health professionals aimed at addressing mental needs of Haitians.

Other than members of the press, attendance is by invitation only.

WHEN: Saturday, June 26, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday, June 27, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

WHERE: University of Miami, Coral Gables Campus, Wesley Gallery
1210 Stanford Drive (map at www.miami.edu/index.php/about_us/visit_um/maps)

WHO: Marie-Claude Rigaud M.D., M.P.H.
Chair, Haitian Mental Health Summit
Illinois Psychiatric Society, American Psychiatric Association

Participating Organizations:

American Psychiatric Association
Association of Black Psychologists
Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad
Black Psychiatrists of America
Brooklyn Psychiatric Society
Florida International University
Florida Psychiatric Society

Haitian American Psychiatric Association
Haitian Mental Health Network
Harvard Medical School
Illinois Psychiatric Society
International Group for Action in Mental Health (Canada)
Konbit Sante

Mars and Kline Psychiatric Hospital, Haiti
Ministry of Health, Haiti
New York University Program in Global
Mental Health
Partners in Health
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Haiti
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Education/Department of Educational and
Psychological Studies
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World Psychiatric Association
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