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REBATI MEMBERS INVOLVED:

Richard Douyon, MD, Ginette Dreyfus, MD and Gary Belkin, MD, PhD

MEETINGS:

Pedro Ruiz, MD: executive vice-chair UM Department of Psychiatry and President of WPA (World Psychiatric Association

Barth Green, MD, PhD: co-founder and chair of Project Medishare for Haiti

Mireille Merove-Pierre, CPA: co-chair of Medishare in Haiti (NGO)

Haiti First Lady, Mrs Martelly

Haiti Health Minister, Dr Florence Duperval Guillaume

Dr Jocelyne Pierre-Louis from Health Ministry

Dr Jean Robert Brutus, Medical Director of FHI (Family Health International) of Haiti, Health NGO

Architects: Ms Ginette Baussan Bungener, Ms Karine Jadotte Bouchereau and Ms Marie-Lyne Benjamin Rousseau from BJ Architecture/Urbanist Firm

Genevieve Douyon from Education Ministry

Antoine Levelt, Chair and Exec Director of Fonds de Parrainage National, an Education NGO

President Jn Bertrand Aristide from UniFA (University of the Aristide Foundation)

Dr Guy Noel, Health Liaison with First Lady and Minister of Health offices

Ambassador of Cuba

Ambassador of Mexico and his deputy

Dr Jeanny Girard, Medical Director of Mars & Kline, Chair of Psychiatry at the Haiti National Universities

Giuseppe Raviola, MD from PIH/ZL, Health NGO

Herns Marcelin, PhD and INURED Board, Research and Education NGO

SITE VISITS:

Mirebalais Hospital (350 beds, psych beds), Drs Paul Farmer and Giuseppe Raviola, Partners In Health/Zanmi Lasante (PIH/ZL), NGO

Hospital Bernard Mews Foundation, Dr Barth Green and Mireille Merove-Pierre, Medishare NGO

ACTIONS:

A. Rebati members assisted Health Minister Dr Guillaume and the Mexican Ambassador in writing 3 grants with request for funding to Rebuild the 2 psychiatric hospitals Mars & Kline and Beudet, and the purchase of CDTI Hôpital du Sacré Cœur from Dr Reynold Savain (... to convert the 60 bed hospital into mental health, med psych and stroke/Neurology beds):

1). First Grant for \$10 million USD to rebuild Beudet (\$6 MM) and Mars & Kline (\$4 MM). Results: pending renewal of CIRH by Haitian parliament. CIRH statute expired in October 2011. All rebuilding and recovery programs are at a stand still until the Haitian Congress renew the CIRH statutes and funds. The health Minister handles that file personally.

2). Second Grant requesting for \$6MM USD to the Finance Ministry to purchase CDTI. Results: Finance Ministry approved purchase. Dr Gabriel Thimote, General Director of Health Ministry and Dr Jeanny Girard, Director of Mars & Kline are handling this file.

3). Third Grant for \$10 MM USD to the Carlos Slim Foundation through the Mexican Government for the Rebuilding of Beudet and Mars & Kline. Results: pending response. Dr Guy Noel and the Mexican Ambassador in Haiti are assisting the Minister of Health, Dr Guillaume in that effort.

B. Rebati hired BJ Architecture Haitian Firm provide the only structural assessment and costs estimates to date, for the rebuilding of the only 2 Haitian psychiatric hospitals, Mars & Kline and Beudet that were destroyed by the earthquake of January 12th, 2010. This assessment by BJ served as the basis for the writing of the 3 aforementioned grants.

RECOMMENDATIONS to REBATI BOARD:

1. Apply for NGO license in Haiti under the name of Rebati Lasante to acquire a legal status. This will allow to have a bank account in Haiti for transfer of funds. This will facilitate cooperation and joint ventures with other NGO and governmental institutions.

2. Merging with Project Medishare to integrate mental health programs in their existing primary care infrastructure in Haiti. Drs Green and the Medishare invited Rebati to merge with them and welcome mental health integration and including helping Rebati finding lands in Haiti to build a brand new psych hospital in Port-au-Prince or Petion Ville using the same financing model and approach they have fir the Hospital for Bernard Mews Foundation. Both boards will have to meet and agree on the merge. Medishare has been operating in Haiti for the past 25 years and their main weakness is in providing care in mental health. They hope to use Rebati expertise to provide mental health by integrating us into their system.

3. Help the Ministry of Health create an National Office of Mental Health that will be based in Mars & Kline or its replacement. Dr Jeanny Girard is working with members of Haitian Parliament on legislation to that effect. He hopes that Rebati will help him writing the statutes and legislation with budget consideration.

4. Rebati to support Dr Girard in training seminars for primary care physicians, medical students and residents in mental health throughout Haiti 10 departments. This Program is underway financed in part by Caritas and catholic church. Rebati may help in setting up general funds for training and fundraising and providing mental health providers through HAPA. Rebati and HAPA may help in drafting the curriculum of the training seminars.

5. Rebati should support the Fonds de Parrainage National run by Antoine Levelt. This fund supports 33,000 Haitian students, teachers, their schools in proving materials, computers and teachers training and continuing education. Their hope is to be able to support 250,000 students (i.e., 10% of school age students). They are only supported by local donors and some grants through UNESCO. Levelt is a former UNESCO employee and has created the National Fund for Education an NGO, 25 years ago. He was the only employee for the first 5 years of the fund existence. Now the Fund has about 100 employees. Rebati can help setting up general funds for fundraising. Rebati may help setting up mental health education curriculum in schools and train teachers as therapists to combat stigma of mental health and for prevention. Only \$100 a

year is required to support a student, his teacher and school. We should help them achieve their goal.

6. Rebati should merge with INURED which will help provide manpower and research support for our activities in Haiti. They are fully funded and respected by Haitian government and academic institution. They would provide data collection and systems analysis for research and to the National Office of Mental Health and the Health Ministry in their decision making process for procedures and budget matters concerning mental health matters.

This is the very first draft of a summary of our contacts, achievements and recommendations up to now. Please feel free to make comments, critics and corrections. I have to double check on names spelling and exact names of NGO. Please do not distribute to larger group yet. I do not want to create an seismic uproar yet or another seismic reaction from the other board members.

I will forward all attachments for the grant requests and Building assessments by BJ once we agree on the final text. I am in contact with the Minister of Health, Dr Guillaume and Dr Girard.

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MC and Guerda please see below comments and more info by Ginette and Gary to include in final report.

I forgot to add my meeting with the current President of the WPA (World Psychiatry Association), Dr Pedro Ruiz. He promised Rebati his full support to find and channel Ressources to Haiti through WHO, PAHO and World Bank including sending its own members from French speaking countries to run mental health clinics and training primary care physicians, students or any healthcare providers.

The WPA run programs in all continents including Paraguay in our hemisphere. They will make Haiti a priority. I would recommend for Rebati to write a formal Request or a grant to the WPA for assistance in helping developing a mental health database or system and infrastructure in Haiti through WHO/PAHO in Haiti. Then, I will talk to Dr Ruiz and how to proceed.

Dr Ruiz has good connections to find Ressources and fundings he told me. He holds MC and Annelle in high regards. MC you may want to talk to Annelle about how to formulate a durable proposal to WPA or how to approach Dr Ruiz.

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That's part of HAPA program to support training in all 4 medical schools in Haiti including Titid Medical School. Please send your comments to the whole group including the Cancun program to build hospital by the Mexican Government and your project with Roselyn Benjamin at her trauma center. We need to include all comments in the final statement.

Great job Richard! Should you mention Titid's medical schools and help he would want to teach his med students/ Of course they are only first year!

Thanks for doing it. Hope to see you after Jan 30 when I return. All the best.
Ginette