

## ***External Organization Involvement***

### ***National Committee on NCDs***

***The team attended the scheduled meeting of the Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to provide the overall strategic directions, leadership, expertise and guidance to the Ministry of Health and Wellness and all other relevant stakeholders on matters related to the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases in Jamaica.***

### ***Matters discussed include:-***

- ***Health Insurance***
- ***Meeting with Parish Councils re Sensitization***
- ***Front of Package Labelling***
- ***Transfat in Foods***



## ***Message for the month - April 2024***

Greetings to you my colleagues.

April has come and we are forced to realize that the year is no longer new in relation to Calendar. For us though, it is a new year in relation to the fiscal policies of our country. Here, we celebrate a fun day known as "April Fools Day." One of the origins of the date, goes back to 1582 in France when they switched from the Julian Calendar (April-March) to the Gregarian Calendar (Jan-Dec). Since then the day has been used by Pranksters worldwide to bring joy and laughter. Let us not however take the significance of April Fools to be the reality. Let us be good to each other. We will continue the Advocacy relating to Compensation Review and Socio Economic Welfare of our Nurses. Membership Committee will be feting the teams starting in April with our Regional Wellness Tours and the Presidential Tours will continue. We look forward to the continued support of you the members.

## Did you know?

Vaccination week in the Americas (VWA) is an annual Public health campaign by the member states of PAHO to promote equality and access to immunization. It is marked each year during the last week of April. This year it will be celebrated April 20-27, 2024. PAHO, together with the countries and territories of the Region of the Americas and its partners will celebrate the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual VWA and the 13<sup>th</sup> World Immunization Week (WIW) under the call to action. “Engage now to protect your future #GetVax.” The WHO reports that there are 25 diseases for which vaccines exist for their prevention and control

## Activities

- ✚ April 2 – Meeting with MOFPS
- ✚ April 3 – Executive Meeting
- ✚ April 6 – NSOY Project- Health Fair – St. Thomas
- ✚ April 7 – World health Day
- ✚ April 8 – Property Management Meeting and Publicity and Public Relations Meeting
- ✚ April 10 - NERHA Regional Wellness Day  
- Castleton, St. Mary
- ✚ April 17 – Funeral Service for Past JEANA President – Mr. Allan Jeffrey  
- NAJ Education Committee Webinar
- ✚ April 18 – Administrative Professional’s Day  
- Committee Meetings  
- Captain ICAN 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner
- ✚ April 20-27 – PAHO Vaccination Week in the Americas
- ✚ April 24 – SRHA Regional Wellness Day
- ✚ April 25 – World Malaria Day
- ✚ April 26 – NAJ Fundraising Fish Fry
- ✚ April 29 – Nursing Services Committee Audit  
- Bustamante Hospital.



## Save the date!

- Int’l Nurses Day – May 12, 2024
- NOY/NSOY Competition – June 15, 2024
- Nurses Week – July 14-20, 2024
- International Day of the Midwife – May 5, 2024
- SERHA Wellness Tour- May 15, 2024
- Summer School – July 16-17, 2024 – The Summit
- CNMF – September 2024 – Malta
- NAJ AGM/IC – Oct 10-13, 2024, Jamaica Grande
- CNO Conference – Oct 20-26, 2024 - Guyana



## Motivational Corner

**“Don’t follow the crowd. Let the crowd follow you.” – Margaret Thatcher**

**“UNITED IN SERVICE.”**

Dawn-Marie Richards  
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