

The CAAM-HP has resumed the publication of its Newsletter. This will be issued biannually. Here is an update on some of the activities.

## Revision of Procedures and Standards for Medicine

Given its experience with a number of site visits and in keeping with procedures for revision on a five-year cycle, the process of the revision of standards for the accreditation of medical programmes has begun. This process is being led by a committee appointed by the Secretariat and should take place over a two-year period beginning January 2016. The Authority will also be revising its accreditation procedures.

## CAAM-HP Annual Report

The Secretariat has published its annual report for 2014-2015. It is available in electronic form on the CAAM-HP website. Please send an email to [info@caam-hp.org](mailto:info@caam-hp.org) to request your electronic copy.

## CHOGM 2015 Report

CAAM-HP was featured in the 2015 Report of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). CHOGM is held every two years and is the Commonwealth's highest consultative and policy-making body.

## NCFMEA Update

### ***Successful comparability determinations***

- ♦ Antigua – Initial determination in 2013; due for redetermination in 2016
- ♦ Jamaica – Initial determination in 2015

### ***New application***

- ♦ Grenada – Initial determination underway

### ***Visits to clinical sites***

CAAM-HP has formally adopted as policy the requirement by the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education & Accreditation (NCFMEA) of the US Department

of Education that all clinical sites receive onsite visits, effective August 1, 2015. These visits will take place during the scheduled survey visits and over the period of the accreditation.



From left: Dr Peter Bell, American University of Antigua; Hon. Michael Browne, Minister of Education, Antigua; Mrs Lorna Parkins, Executive Director, CAAM-HP; and Dr Ian Walwyn, Advisor to the Minister at the NCFMEA meeting in Washington, October 2015.

## CAAM-HP and FSMB

Represented by the Executive Director, CAAM-HP continues to participate in the annual meetings of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) at its invitation. In addition, FSMB and CAAM-HP have sought to establish a working relationship by sharing information on their work. To this end, a team from the FSMB visited the CAAM-HP at its annual meeting in 2015.



FSMB Team participating in the discussions at CAAM-HP's annual meeting



CAAM-HP & the FSMB Team

From left: Prof Marlene Hamilton, Chair, CAAM-HP; Dr Donald Polk, Previous-Chair, FSMB; Dr Dan Gifford, Chair, FSMB; Mrs Lorna Parkins, Executive Director, CAAM-HP; Dr Arthur Hengerer, Chair-elect, FSMB; Dr David Johnson, Senior VP for Assessment Services, FSMB; Mr Kevin Caldwell, Senior Director of Ancillary Services, FSMB

*2015 was an active year for the Authority.*

*2016 is shaping up to be another busy year.*

## Upcoming Site Visits

Visits to the following schools are expected in 2016:

- ◆ The University of the West Indies (UWI) School of Veterinary Medicine (February 2016)
- ◆ The UWI School of Medicine multi-campus (April 2016)
- ◆ University of Guyana (TBA)
- ◆ Avalon University School of Medicine, Curacao (TBA)
- ◆ Caribbean Medical University, Curacao (TBA)
- ◆ Windsor University School of Medicine, St Kitts (TBA)

The Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and other Health Professions (CAAM-HP) has had much to be proud of since its establishment in 2004. Nonetheless, the Authority is cognizant of areas in need of improvement in the context of a global and changing environment particularly as it relates to accreditation practices. As this once fledgling body grows and its work expands, it remains committed to ensuring educational quality of programmes in medicine and other health professions.

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