

Caribbean Poison Information Network Report on the INTOX Poison Management Training January 21-22, 2006

The first day's proceedings began with a brief Opening Ceremony. Mr. Michael Tucker, Chairman of CARPIN's Management Committee outlined statistical evidence on incidents of poisonings, CARPIN'S role and the funding received from NHF to carry the work forward. Mrs. Y. Johnson Reid, Project Manager, gave an overview of CARPIN's vision, the 2005 accomplishments and the 2006 goals.

There were eighteen (18) participants, all Pharmacists (sixteen from public & private sectors of Jamaica, one from St. Lucia representing OECS countries and one Post Dip. pharmacy student assisting at CARPIN.

The Presenters were: Christopher Murray
Calvern Bushay
Dr. Eugenie Brown-Myrie
Julie-Ann Robinson
(Lead person conducting the INTOX training & workshop)

The Facilitators were: Marcia Williams
Deuane Taylor
Dr. Jean Williams-Johnson

Mr. Calvern Bushay and Dr. Eugenie Brown-Myrie played dual roles as Presenters and Facilitators.

Only 5 of the 18 participants completed and returned the Fact Finding questionnaire distributed. All five persons showed willingness to work with CARPIN (3 as Sentinel Site Operators & 2 would serve on the education Sub Committee.)

Ways of protecting children from poisoning suggested by the respondents were:

- Education and awareness
- Poster competition
- Proper storing of products out of reach of children
- Keeping chemicals locked away

The following were their suggestions for educational materials to be developed:

- Coloring book
- Comic strips for children, i.e. child friendly material
- Video presentation for the public
- Posters and Flyers
- Drama
- Website

Suggestions for educational materials cont'd

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- Have quarterly subscription to pharmacist and other health care professionals
- Report cases and incidents along with possible recommendations and findings in the Caribbean.

The suggested topics to be addressed in the educational material include:

- How to avoid poisonings
- First Aid
- Self help tips (preventative)
- Toxicology on selected herbal preparations that are commonly recommended in Community Pharmacies.

Comments made at the Closing Exercises:

- Dr. Brown-Myrie commended Miss Julie-Ann Robinson on conducting the INTOX training & workshop efficiently and stated that she should be the chief trainer from now on.
- Secque Forbes thanked CARPIN for the workshop, as it was useful to pharmacists. She added that she felt empowered.
- Mrs. Gibbs said that the Ministry of Health looked forward to close collaboration between themselves and CARPIN.