Brown’s Hall Health Centre Opened

The Type 1 facility was built at a cost of $25 million, funded by Kemtek Development & Constructions Limited and Omni Industries Limited. The building was designed by the National Health Fund (NHF) and the Ministry of Health and Wellness.

The health centre is equipped with two examination lamps, two examination beds, one wheelchair, dressing tables, waiting area, patient chairs and other items/equipment.

Residents can access services at the health centre, such as maternal and child health, dressing, immunization and family planning. A medical doctor will be at the institution on a 3rd Wednesday for curative services.

The health centre opening hours are from Mondays to Fridays at 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
The Board and Management of SERHA lauded the exceptional Community Health Aides (CHAs) from SERHA for working very hard at the Norman Manley International airport and in the communities during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The CHAs have played an instrumental role in assisting the Health Promotion Officers, HIV Unit and the Public Relations Unit with the distribution of promotional materials and masks to help prepare persons to safeguard themselves against contracting the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Superstars for this month are: Community Health Aides
Two Contracts Signed: (1) to Provide Dietary Services for KPH and VJH and (2) for the Procurement and Installation of the Neurosurgical Microscope for KPH

Two Contracts were signed for the provision of Dietary Services in the amount of $1.164 billion for the KPH and VJH, and for the procurement and installation of the Neurosurgical Microscope for KPH valuing $69.3 million. Sharing in the moment were (seated): Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton, Minister of Health and Wellness and Ms. Maureen Golding, Regional Director, SERHA. Looking on is Mr. Neville Lyn, Managing Director, Patsy Lyn Caterers Limited (top photo) in respect of the dietary services. Under the Contract, three meals will be provided daily for Medical Doctors (Interns) and patients at the Kingston Public and Victoria Jubilee Hospitals.

Mr. Dennis Williams (standing - second photo) Managing Director, Industrials and Technical Supplies Limited observing the signing of the Contract for the procurement and installation of a Neurosurgical Microscope for KPH.

The signing ceremony for both Contracts was held at the National Chest Hospital on August 10, 2020.

Mr. Charles said that these investments are testaments to the Government’s commitment to providing high-quality services in the public health system.
The Urology Department at the Kingston Public Hospital (KPH) received a cheque valued at $1 million on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 from the Jamaica Medical Foundation (JMF). The money will be used to purchase much needed equipment to enhance the urology services at the KPH. During the presentation exercise, Dr. Reaud Iqbaul Gafoor, Consultant Urologist at KPH extends profound appreciation to the foundation for the generous donation to the Urology Department that will improve the team’s ability to perform more life-saving procedures like hemorrhages from urinary tract, prostate and bladder cancers.

Cedric McDonald (second left), Chairman of the JMF’s fundraising committee, presents the symbolic cheque representing the $1 million raised from a successful wine, fashion and art fundraising event to Dr. Reaud Iqbaul Gafoor (second right), Consultant Urologist at KPH. Sharing in the handover are Dr. the Hon. Oliver E. Jones (left), Chairman, JMF and Dr. Natalie Whylie (right), Senior Medical Officer, KPH

The South East Regional Health Authority (SERHA) mourns the loss of Mr. Hopeton Hepburn and Mrs. Aleena Moncrieffe, Community Mental Health Officers (HPC/RN3) at the St. Catherine Health Department. Mr. Hepburn died on Monday, August 3, 2020 and Mrs. Moncrieffe died on Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

May their soul rest in peace.
Health Ministry Lauds the European Union

The Health and Wellness Ministry extends its gratitude to the European Union for its contributions to the upliftment of the Jamaican Public Health System through the Programme for the Reduction of Maternal and Child Mortality (PROMAC).

This programme has allowed for the construction of Maternal and Neonatal High Dependency Units in 3 of the Region’s hospitals (Bustamante Hospital for Children, Spanish Town and Victoria Jubilee Hospitals). The programme also included training of the necessary staff.

The Health Ministry and SERHA look forward to the success of the High Dependency Units as they hasten the reduction of maternal and child mortality in Jamaica.

Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton (right), Minister of Health and Wellness presents a gift of appreciation to Her Excellency Malgorzata Wasilewska, Ambassador, European Union Delegation to Jamaica, on July 22.

Senator Norman Grant Donated Items to BHC

Senator Norman Grant (centre), President of the Jamaica Agricultural Society (JAS), donated masks and packages of coffee to Mrs. Camile Wallen-Panton, (right), Chief Executive Officer, Bustamante Hospital for Children (BHC) and Mrs. Beverley Senior-Berry (left), Director of Nursing Services, BHC. The ceremony was held inside the conference room at the institution on August 21, 2020. Mrs. Panton expressed gratitude to Senator Grant for the kind gesture that will benefit the staff during the current pandemic.
A retired Medical Doctor, Lloyd A. Cole, visited the newly developed High Dependency Units in July 2020 at the Victoria Jubilee Hospital. Dr. Cole served at the Victoria Jubilee and the Kingston Public Hospitals (VJH & KPH) for many years. He was assigned mostly to the Special Neonatal Care Nursery at the VJH. He was also involved in other various operations at the KPH and he developed the breastfeeding protocol. Dr. Cole is also the founder of KPH/VJH Restoration Trust. Funds were donated by the Trust in 2017 to build a modern medical/surgical block at KPH to replace the burnt out wards that were gutted by the fire and to assist with the general upkeep and maintenance of both hospitals. The highlights of the visit are below:

Health Minister Visited Medical Post at the Morant Bay

On August 7, 2020, the Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton, visited the medical post at the Morant Bay New Testament Church of God to discuss, with Ms. Maureen Golding, Regional Director, SERHA and other members of the management team of the St. Thomas Health Department, the plans to tackle to increase spread of the coronavirus in the parish. Minister Tufton also inquired about the communities that are affected and the general population in St. Thomas.

Mrs. Charmaine Shettlewood, Senior Public Health Nurse, said that the Health Department will conduct fever assessment, contact tracing and the removal of positive COVID-19 patients from their homes into an isolation ward, as part of the Region’s strategy.
COVID-19 Promotional Flyers

WEAR A MASK
SAVE YOUR LIFE

Always wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds BEFORE putting on a mask.

When wearing a mask, ensure the mask isn’t dirty by being careful when taking off.

When removing the mask, hold the ear loops not the face and put in a clean bag.

When tossing your mask in a trash can, don’t put your hands in the trash can instead use a bag.

The mask should NOT be worn on your forehead, under your chin, or on your neck.

Do NOT remove the mask when speaking.

Do NOT touch the front of the mask at any time.

EXTRA TIPS:
- If you have a mouth guard, make sure to take it out and put it on properly.
- Ensure your mask is always not touched.
- Don’t make face-to-face contact.

6 FEET APART IS BETTER THAN 6 FEET UNDER

Persons with underlying health conditions like diabetes and hypertension are at a greater risk of developing complications from Covid-19 which could result in hospitalisation or even death.

STOP THE SPREAD. STAY AT LEAST 6 FEET FROM OTHERS IN PUBLIC SPACES

MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE
WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES

Help stop the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a mask in public places.

#IN THIS TOGETHER

USE SANITIZERS WITH AT LEAST 70% ALCOHOL

Only when washing hands with soap and water is not possible.

WASH HANDS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE

THIS SHOULD ALWAYS BE YOUR GO TO OPTION
I want to hear from you!
Tell me what is happening in your facility. Call Shuwana Johnson, Public Relations Officer at (876) 816-8058.
E-mail: shuwanaj@serha.gov.jm or serhapublicrelations@gmail.com

COMPENSATION

Excerpts from the Staff Order for Public Service

6.7.10 Entertainment Allowance

i) The Ministry with responsibility for the Public Service may authorize the payment of entertainment allowance to certain officers whose duties make them particularly liable to substantial expenditure for entertaining on government business, other public officials, private individuals or representatives of other governments.

ii) Such allowance should cover:

a) all entertainment in the officer’s home.
b) all entertainment of persons who are not visitors to the island.
c) entertainment of visitors to the island at small luncheon, cocktail party, dinner party, or any other appropriate occasion.

iii) Officers on acting appointments in positions, which require them to entertain, will be eligible to receive entertainment allowance, if the acting appointment exceeds twenty (20) consecutive working days.

6.7.11 Allowances During Leave

i). Allowances During Leave i) An employee who is acting for a continuous period of at least one (1) year in a position which is not vacant shall be entitled to continue receiving an acting allowance during absence on vacation leave of up to ten (10) working days.

Continuation in the next publication

Look out for more information on Compensation and Allowance in the next Newsletter.

Deadline for all applications is Monday, September 28, 2020. Interested persons are asked to submit their applications with resumes to:

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Human Resource Management & Industrial Relations
South East Regional Health Authority
The Towers, 2nd Floor
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Email: employment@serha.gov.jm