



**CARIBBEAN NURSES
ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE
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WHAT IS CNO

- CNO is the professional organization of the National Nurses Associations in the Caribbean and Caribbean Nurses living abroad
- Thirty three National Nurses Association are members of which 27 are active.

CNO

- CNO was founded by nurses on August 16, 1957 on the island of Antigua by Ms. Mavis Harney and fourteen other Nurses.
- The founders include two nurses from St. Croix and one from St. Thomas.
- From St. Croix Ms. Flora Balchette and Mr. James Gordan.
- From St. Thomas Ms. Evelyn Prince

PURPOSE OF CNO

- To improve the health of all people in the Caribbean
- Improve standards of nursing care
- Advance the educational, economic and professional welfare of nurses
- Influence health and nursing regionally
- Ensure that an adequate quality of well trained, skilled nurses are in the region to provide quality nursing care

STRUCTURE OF CNO

- The current president of CNO who was elected at the conference is Mrs. Elenora Warner- Antigua
- Ms. Gwendolyn Snaggs Trinidad/Tobago Vice President
- Divided into three regions with a Regional Director for each region
- Virgin Islands is in Region 2. Our Regional Director is from Anguilla Ms. Alicia Haywood

Synapses of conference

- Sunday church service at Spring Gardens Moravian Church
- Opening ceremony 10/16
 - Each country marched in with flag of their country
 - Preceded by military personnel

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- Tuesday 18 –Friday 21 6:30am exercise on the beach
- Business meetings from 8:30am to 10:30am
- Educational sessions from 11am to 4pm with an hour break for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30pm

SCHEDULE CONTINUES

- Myriad of educational sessions
- Presenters from United States, Canada, England and the Caribbean
- Dr. Oscar Ocho, Dr. Cynthia Archer-Gift and Dr. Feleta Wilson presented on:
Perception of Male Sensitive Health Services Among Men on Trinidad and Tobago

PRESENTATIONS

- Examined men's perspective on masculinity and male health services
- Men less likely to participate in primary care and preventative health care services
- Men believe that health care services are female oriented
- Accessing medical attention is wasting doctor's time

PRESENTATION

- Men feel it is a weakness to be sick.
- “Taking risk was normal masculine behavior. This view was best demonstrated by the statement: “If you meet somebody and they tell yuh they don’t drink, they don’t smoke, they don’t lime...they does only be with dey wife...You not a real man you have to do a certain amount of things ... things that detrimental to your health. If you not doing things that detrimental to your health you is not a man...”.(GA Trade Union).

PRESENTATION

- Study was done by focus groups and semi structured interviews
- 73 men participated in the study
- Ages 19-60
- More education needed to encourage men to seek medical attention and not engage in risky behavior

PRESENTATION

- Presentation by Pamela Shaw from London whose topic was Join-up Working Between Health Visitors and Midwives: Striving to Promote Positive Outcomes of Pregnancy and Infancy

PRESENTATION

- Discussed home care team, visiting pregnant mothers and following up with infants at home
- Able to monitor development of infant
- Provides immunization
- Support for parents
- Monitor health of family members

PRESENTATION

- Dr. Jonas Nguh presented on Nursing and Midwifery: Pioneers in Transforming Health Care
- Pioneer- someone who develops or is the first to use or apply a new method , area of knowledge or activity

PRESENTATION

- Registered Nurses driving health care transformation
 - Pt. centered care
 - Nurse Navigators
 - Nurse Practitioners
 - Nurse led clinics
 - Quality
 - Wound Care Nurses
 - Nurse Case Managers

PRESENTATION

- Improving Population Health
 - School nurses
 - Nurse initiated health promotion
 - Public Health Nurses

PRESENTATION

- Accountability
 - Improve pt. safety
 - Reconciliation of medication list
 - Reduce bed turn around time

PRESENTATION

- Benefits of perseverance
 - Fewer medical errors
 - Increase revenue and improved reimbursement
 - Increase nursing and physician satisfaction

PRESENTATION

- What can you do to transform health care
 - Use evidence base practice
 - Representation on boards
 - Pt. advocacy
 - Involvement in policy making

Social activities

- Governor General reception
- Homecoming Dinner
- Cultural Night

Business Meetings

- Vocal group
- Finances of the organization
- Dues
- President's report
- Acceptance of minutes from last convention
- Resolutions

Closing Ceremony

- Group marched in by countries
- British Guyana inducted into organization
- Gifts to outgoing president
- Recognition of Nurse of the year from the Associations
- 60TH anniversary will be celebrated in St. Vincent
- Next conference will be held in Barbados in 2018