

BEST PRACTICE SYMPOSIUM IN SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2023

Transforming Communities
Through Economic
and Psychosocial
Best Practices

Wednesday, November 8, 2023
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel

Our Partners



The Ministry of
National Security



Programme

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Meet our Partners

9:00 AM – 9:40 AM

Opening Ceremony

National Anthem

Opening Prayer Dr Elaine McCarthy
Chair, Jamaica Umbrella Group of Churches

Opening Remarks Mrs Rochelle Whyte
*Senior Technical Advisor to the Director General
Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)*

Welcome Ms Barbara Scott
*Deputy Director General,
External Corporation Management and Project Development, PIOJ*

Greetings

Mr Omar Frith
Deputy Executive Director, Social Development Commission (SDC)

Mr Omar Sweeney, CD
Managing Director, Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF)

Mr Karl Hyatt
*Acting Chief Technical Director, Ministry of Industry,
Investment and Commerce (MIIC)*

Mr Delroy Simpson
Chief Technical Director, Ministry of National Security (MNS)

Musical Selection Mrs Arielle Maddix

Remarks Hon Fayval Williams, MP
Minister, Ministry of Education and Youth

9:40 AM – 10:00 AM

Coffee Break



Programme

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Session I

Transforming Communities through Psychosocial Best Practices

Moderator: Mr Orville Simmonds
Senior Case Management Coordinator, MNS

Best Practices in Psychosocial Services for At-Risk Youth

Dr Carlos Bauche Madero
Co-founder and Director of ProSociedad

Psychosocial Responses to Youth Violence:

A Collaborative & Supervisory Model in Action.....Dr Kai A. D. Morgan
Licensed Clinical Psychologist

Testimonial..... Ms Joetta Bryan
Guidance Counsellor, St Peter Claver Primary School

Testimonial..... Mr Tiyane Brown
*Transforming Our Perspective (TOP) Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
Participant, Norwood, St James*

Q & A

Bouncing Back by Breaking Barriers: Integrated Systems Therapy and Service Delivery for Struggling Youth.....Dr Ganesh Shetty
*Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist,
Ministry of Health and Wellness*

Q & A

12:30 PM – 1:15 PM

Lunch

1:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Session II

Transforming Communities through Economic Best Practices Responding to Social Threats

Moderator – Ms Charmaine Brimm, JP
*Technical Specialist: Socio-economic Development
Community Renewal Programme (CRP), PIOJ*

Homeboy Industries Gang Rehabilitation and Re-entry Model:

A Community of Kinship Mr Hector Verdugo
*Associate Executive Director
Homeboy Industries (HI)*

Fresh Perspectives on Community Transformation:

A Working Model..... Dr Henley Morgan, OD
Executive Director, Agency for Inner-city Renewal (AIR)

Q & A

Programme

Panel Discussion

Transforming Communities through Economic Best Practices Responding to Social Threats

Panellists:

Dr Henley Morgan, OD
Executive Director, AIR

Mr Hector Verdugo
Associate Executive Director, Homeboy Industries (HI)

Mr Deandre Comers
Director of Strategic Projects, Homeboy Industries (HI)

Mr Tarik Weekes
*Managing Editor and Research Fellow, Institute of Criminal
Justice and Security, UWI*

Mr Charles Clayton
Programme Director, CRP

Q & A

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Closing Exercise

Summation.....Mrs Rochelle Whyte

Evaluation of Symposium.....Audience

Vote of Thanks Ms Mona Sue-Ho
Senior Manager, Social Development, JSIF

