

HHST Meeting September 18, 2023

Results of a recent survey of parishes on health care

We went over the spreadsheet briefly – Tina will consolidate information in a more concise and readable way and send that out to HHST members.

Considerations of Funding sources

Talked about the possibility of going after grants – the following list was provided by David Siler with Parish Twinning Program of the Americas:

A couple of possibilities that I am aware of that may provide health-related funding in Haiti:

- Kellogg Foundation – Dana Francois, Program Officer
- Catholic Medical Mission Board, Inc. – www.cmmb.org
- Dalton Foundation – contact is Barbara Campbell who is the E.D. – bcampbell@daltonfoundation.org and 216-762-0595 (I have met Barbara) – she would also be able to point you to other possible funders
- Ansara Family Fund at the Boston Foundation – Karen Ansara www.ansarafamilyfund.org
- Imago Dei Fund – Jennifer Oakley, Program Partner or Shelia Leddy, Program Partner
- Light a Single Candle Foundation – Pat Smith
- USAID – Natalie Patel, Haiti Program Advisor
- Wagner Foundation – www.wfound.org – Lily Sargeant, Program Officer
- CHA – Bruce Compton – not a funder, but Bruce is the head of CHAs Global Health – I know Bruce well – he would be a great place to start - <https://www.chausa.org/global-health/Overview>

On a related note – the Dalton Foundation provided funding to map all of the healthcare providers in Haiti – check out <https://relinkglobalhealth.org/> - it has a feature “Healthcare Services Finder” where you can search by all kinds of criteria.

A few questions we might consider when looking at the funding agencies:

- What is their overall area of interest?
 - To whom have their grants gone in the past?
 - Are there any grants for areas which we are considering
 - Range of grants awarded
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- Medication/Supply Support Program

Report from Fr. Herald

I remind you that our pastoral priority is, above all, to manifest the presence of God with his children, especially those who are sick and those who help them in all the ways advocated by the Church.

As actions:

1. We continue to organize training sessions for health workers.
2. We continue to technically supervise the health centers in the different parishes.
3. We intend to train child trainers, in schools, in the field of mental health.
4. Training of families in the different parishes on nutrition and prevention of certain diseases.
5. We want to continue mobile clinics, especially in inaccessible areas abandoned by the state, but unfortunately, we do not have the economic means.
6. We would like to establish health support for all teachers in our schools by promoting a discount in expenses when they attend our clinic and also encouraging them in the prevention of diseases.

Our biggest obstacle to achieving our goals is the economic means we lack. It has been a long time since the commission received the usual assistance promised on several occasions by the Diocese of Richmond. It is only the revenue from the Notre Dame Clinic that allows us to hold on, but in a very precarious way and with too many difficulties.

I am counting on your understanding and also your help. I am available for all your questions.