



Caribbean
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CARPHA

Preventing disease
Promoting and protecting health

The Agency

- Merger of five (5) previous regional health institutions
 - Caribbean Environmental Health Institute (CEHI)
 - Caribbean Epidemiology Centre (CAREC)
 - Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute (CFNI)
 - Caribbean Health Research Council (CHRC)
 - Caribbean Regional Drug Testing Laboratory (CRDTL)
- An institution of the CARICOM Community
- Established by Inter-Governmental Agreement, signed in July 2011 by Heads of State



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Its Development

- Heads of Government in 2002 instructed the review of the 5 RHIs to identify ways to improve governance and achieve greater efficiency and synergies
- A number of consultant reports as well as regional and national stakeholder meetings.
- After reviewing various models, decision to join the five institutions and create a brand new Agency
 - To also address critical public health services not previously covered e.g. health response to emergencies



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Governance of CARPHA

- COHSOD of Health Ministers
 - Main governing body
- Executive Board
 - reports to the COHSOD
 - Comprises Ministers (4), CMOs (2), PS (2), CCS, PAHO
- Technical Advisory Committee
 - CMOs (6), Caribbean Universities (1), partner public health agencies (3)

Member Countries

- Anguilla,
- Antigua & Barbuda,
- Aruba,
- Bahamas,
- Barbados,
- Belize,
- Bermuda,
- BES Islands (Bonaire, Saba & St. Eustatius),
- British Virgin Islands,
- Cayman Islands,
- Curacao
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Haiti
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- Montserrat
- St. Kitts & Nevis
- St. Maarten
- St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- Suriname
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Turks & Caicos Is

Its Purpose

- To work with countries and other stakeholders to:
 - Improve well-being & socio-economic development
 - More effective coordination of resources
 - Respond to burden of CDs and NCDs
 - Enhance public health response to disease outbreaks, natural disasters and emergencies
 - Reduce economic impact of disease outbreaks
- Increased productivity through healthy workforce
- Healthy regional environment



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Our Mission

To provide strategic direction in analysing, defining and responding to public health priorities of CARICOM, in order to prevent disease, promote health and respond to public health emergencies.



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Our Functions

- Leadership in public health
- Information, education and communication
- Research, policy development and evaluation
- Laboratory reference and referral services
- Surveillance and health analysis
- Health promotion
- Human resources development and training
- Strategic planning and resource mobilization
- Monitoring relevant global agreements
- Health emergency preparedness and response



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Our Priorities

- Non-Communicable Diseases and Obesity
- Infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS
- International Health Regulations
- Injuries and Violence
- Environmental Health
- Tourism and Health

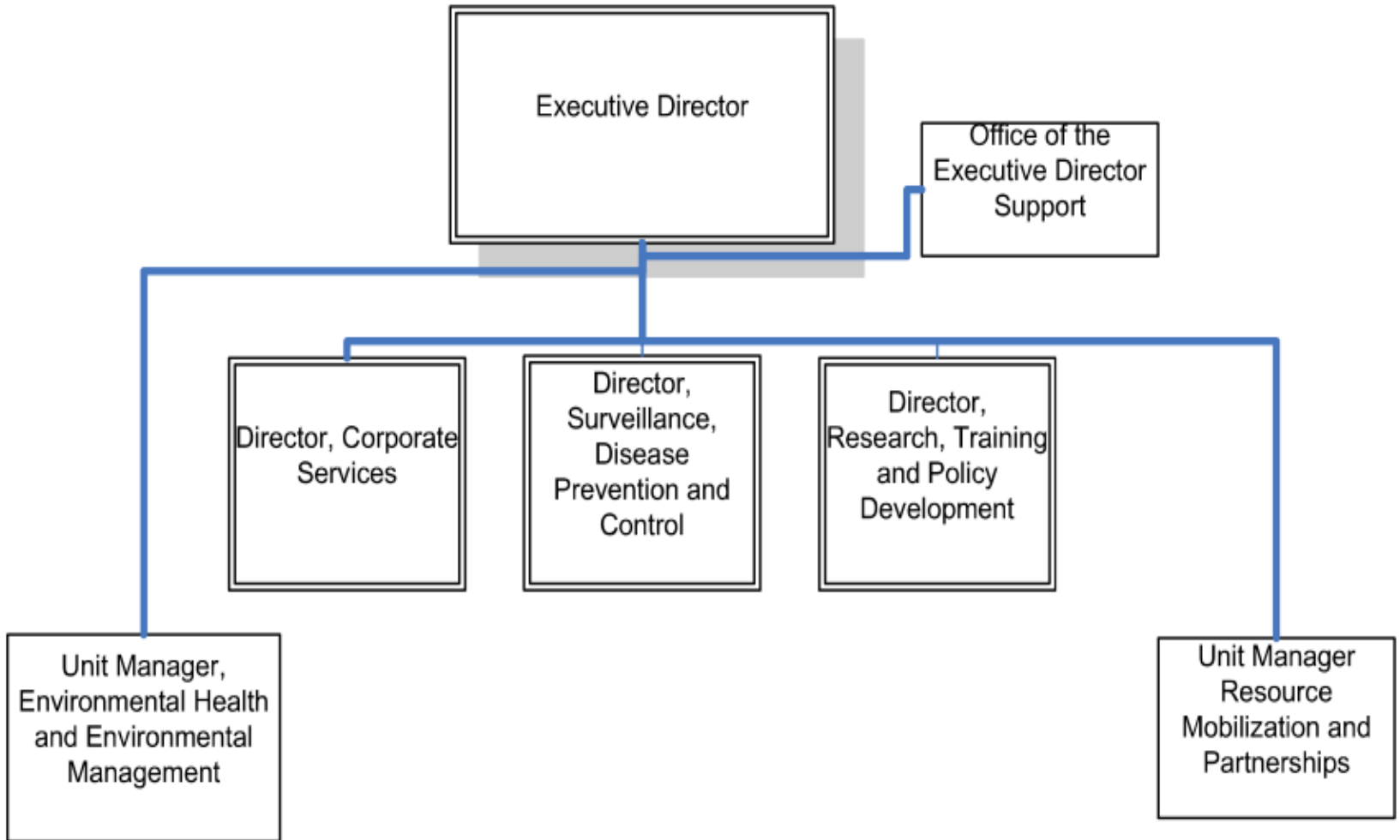
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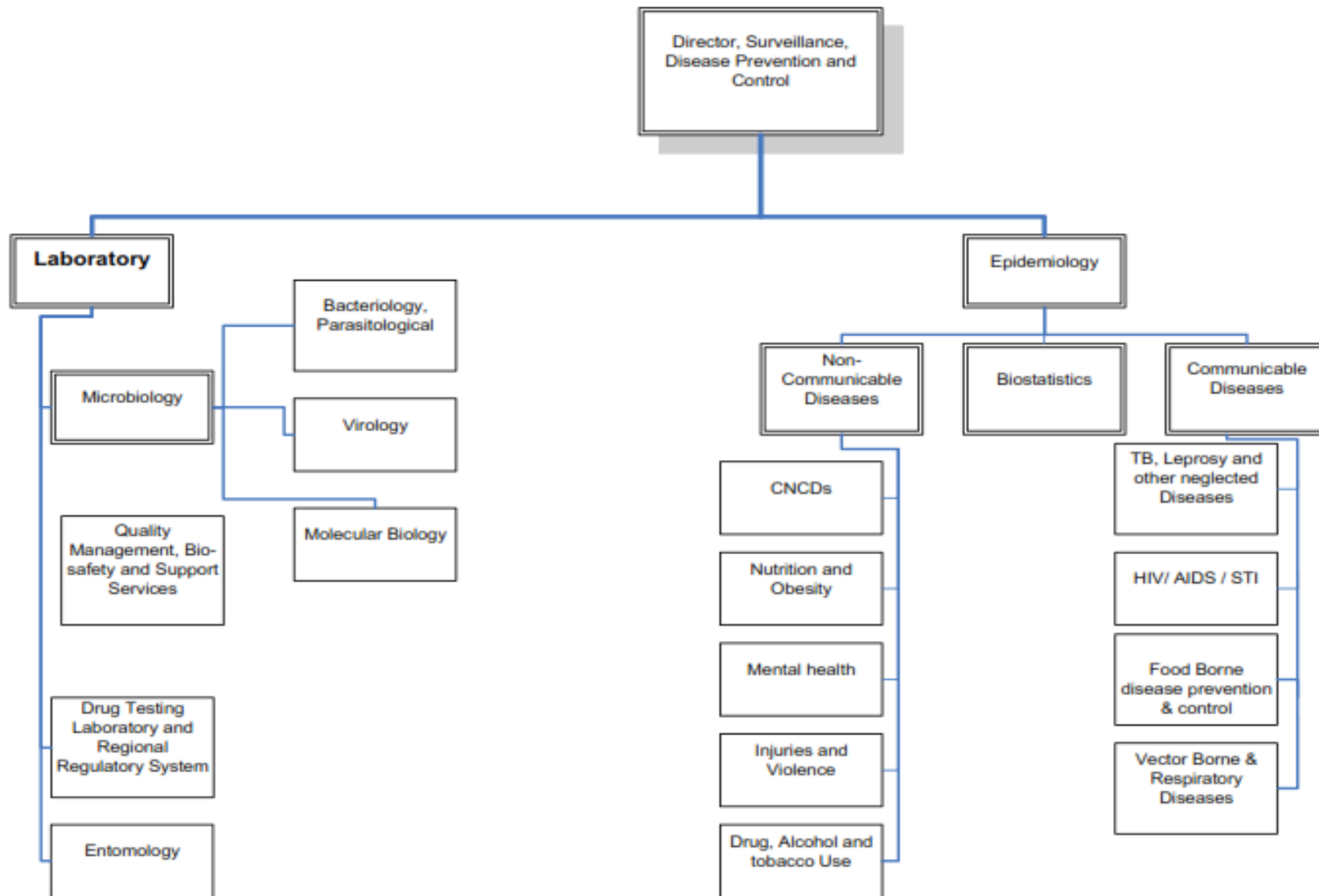


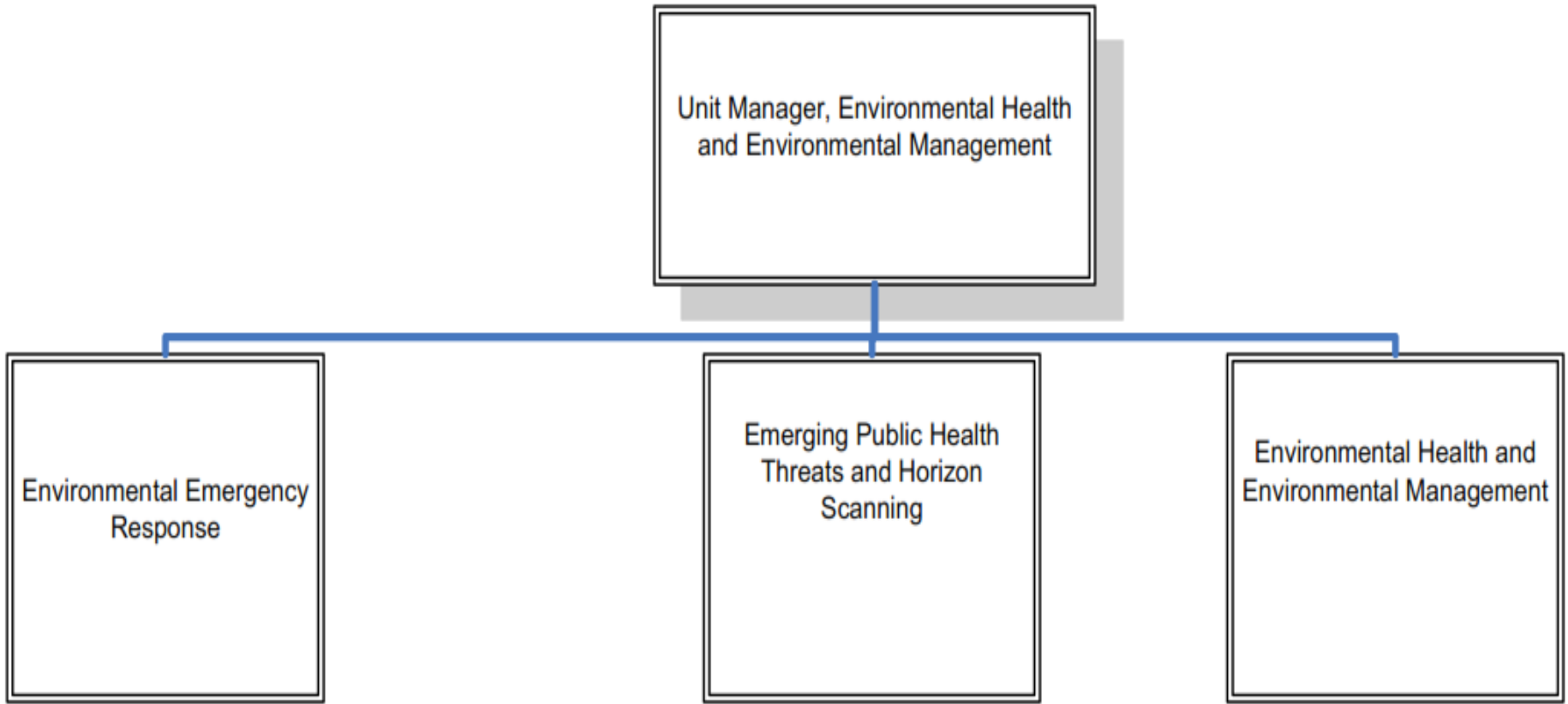
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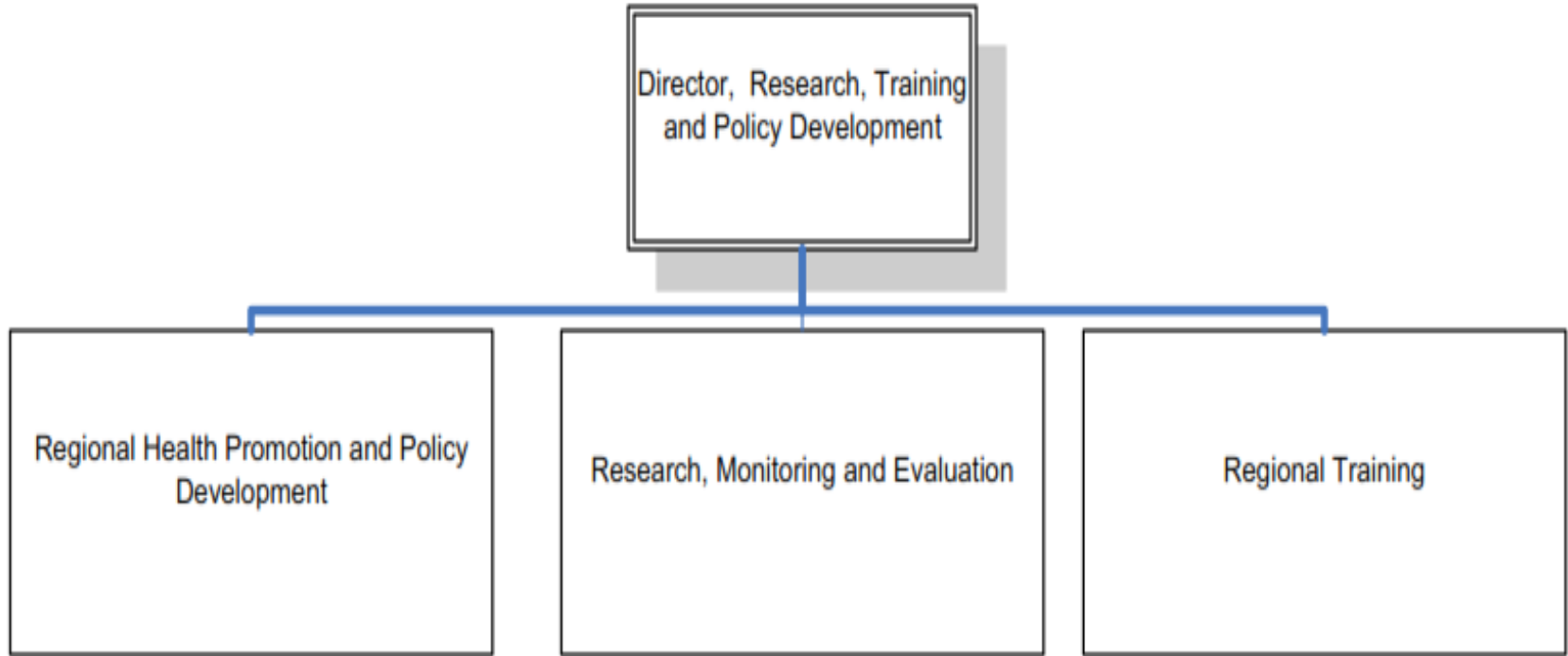
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Research at CARPHA

- Policy developed and adopted by the CARPHA Board
- All CHRC functions (and staff) included
 - Advise Governments and other stakeholders on research for health and on M&E matters
 - Strengthen health research and M&E systems
 - Build and strengthen national and regional M&E systems
 - Sharing of Region's scientific outputs
 - Facilitate the development of evidence-based health policy
 - Facilitate evidence based practice
 - Develop national and regional capacity in health research and M&E
- New functions

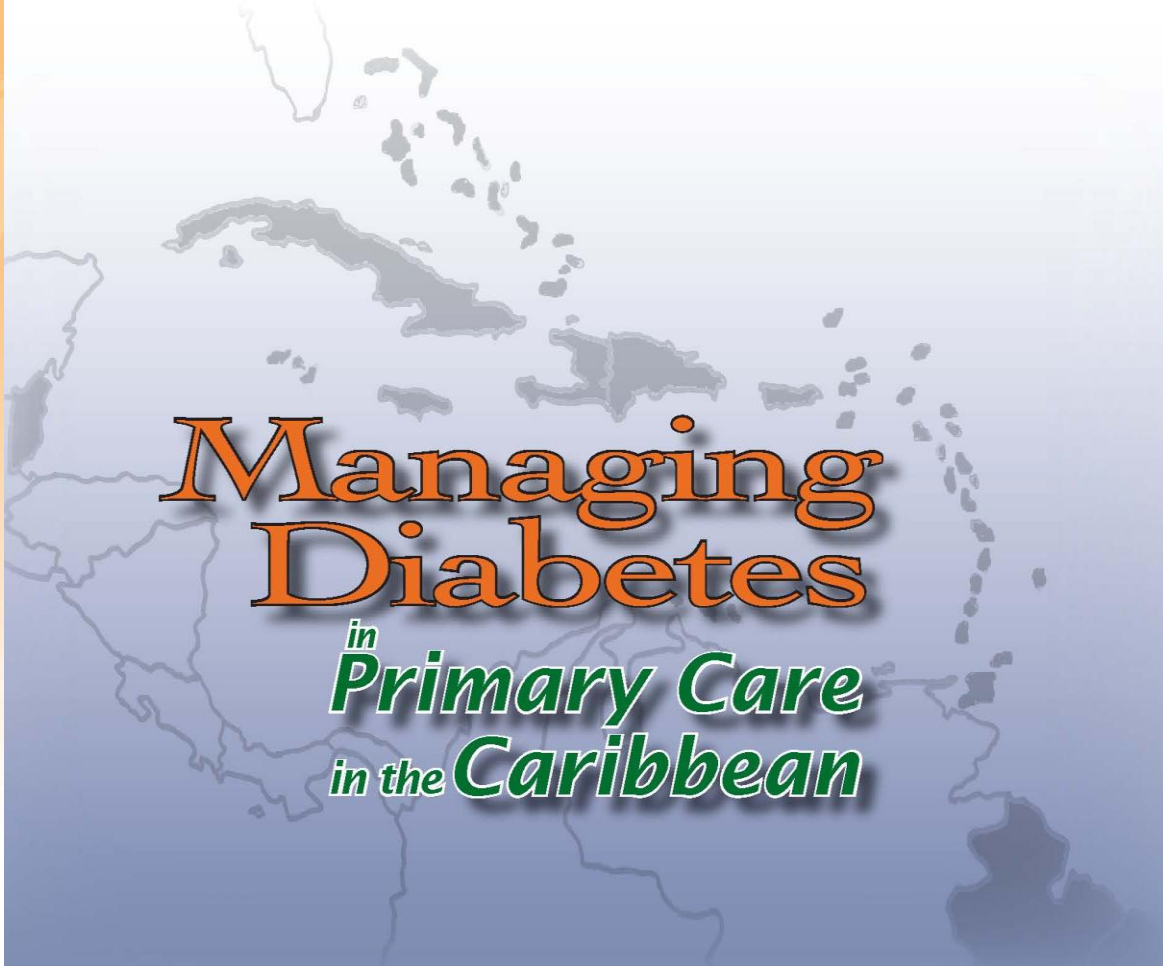


» Research Ethics Committee

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Clinical Guidelines

- Process
 - Need identified by CMOs
 - Guidelines Committees comprising regional experts
 - Drafts reviewed by MOH, professional associations
 - Launched and disseminated
 - Follow up?
- Types
 - Diabetes (1995, 2005), Hypertension (1998, 2006), Asthma (1997, 2009), Depression (2010), Maternal Care in Pregnancy (2013)
 - Pocket editions (DM, Hypertension, Asthma)
 - Patient (Asthma)



Managing Diabetes

in
Primary Care
in the **Caribbean**





Managing Hypertension

in Primary Care in the Caribbean



MANAGING ASTHMA IN THE CARIBBEAN



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Managing Depression

in Primary Care in the Caribbean



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2011 Pocket Edition of CHRC/PAHO

Managing Diabetes in Primary Care in the Caribbean



Working in collaboration with
Johns Hopkins Medicine

The complete ©2008 guidelines are available at:
<http://www.chrc-caribbean.org/Guidelines.php>



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Management of CARPHA

- Executive Management Team
 - Executive Director – James Hospedales
 - Deputy Executive Director – Donald Simeon
 - Director of Corporate Services – Jenner Caprice
 - Director of Surveillance – *Babatunde Olowokure*
- Department Management Team
 - Department managers

CARPHA Headquarters

- Trinidad and Tobago Government has committed to hosting CARPHA
- Structure being designed
- Drug Testing Lab to remain in Jamaica
- Environmental health remains in St Lucia until headquarters built

Current Situation at CARPHA

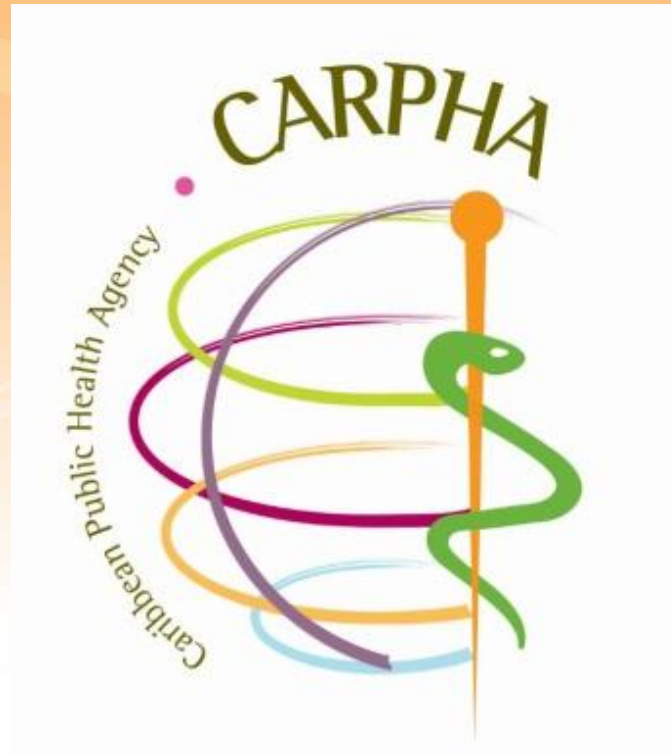
- Started operations from January 1, 2013 on 4 campuses (in T&T, St Lucia and Jamaica)
- Started to fulfill mandate
 - Provision of services
 - E.g. outbreak investigations
 - Annual Research Conference
 - Over 200 delegates
 - Research to Policy meeting on Childhood Obesity
 - To develop Strategic Plan
- Building partnerships
 - Such as Caribbean Branch of US Cochrane Center, UWI, etc.



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Looking Forward

- Many challenges
 - Five institutions into one
 - Staffing and funding constraints, etc.
- Expectations are high
- Great interest by many partners
- Success depends on stakeholders making their contributions



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