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Training

As prescribed under the Law, the Commission conducted 2 training sessions in 2014 on the mental health legislation; the first session conducted in July 2014 had 24 participants drawn from Family Support Unit, Behavioral Health Associates Cayman, Department of Counselling Services, Department of Community Rehabilitation, HM Northward Prison Services, Health Services Authority, Judicial Administration, Department of Children and Family Services and the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service.

The second session, held in October 2014, was mainly for members of the Royal Cayman Islands Police Services. However, due to several requests we had in attendance staff from the Attorney General's Chambers and Judicial Administration.

Both training sessions were received well by all the participants and stimulated lots of dialogue and interactive discussion.

More training sessions are planned for the year 2015.

Email address and Facebook Page

The MHC established its own email address where persons can email their queries directly to mhc@gov.ky.

Special thanks to Dr Taylor Burrowes for setting up the facebook page at www.facebook.com/mhc.gov.ky

World Mental Health Day

This day is celebrated annually on 10th October, 2014. The theme for 2014 was "Living with Schizophrenia". A number of activities were organized by the staff of the Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Department at the Health Services Authority (HSA) in collaboration with the Mental Health Commission. These included a church service, appearances on Talk Today and For the Record, and a long service awards ceremony for members of staff at the H.S.A.

Detention Forms

Under the Mental Health Commission Law, 2013, all detention forms must be forwarded to the secretary of the Mental Health Commission for storage and filing. During the period April – December 2014, the Mental Health Commission received close to 50 individual detention forms. The following represents the breakdown of the forms received:

- Request for review – 6
- Request for an Emergency Detention Order by a Constable - 5
- Assessment for the possible issuance of an Emergency Detention Order – 18
- Observation Order - 6
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment Order -11
- Treatment Order - 2



