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Senator Barnes Partners With Moorehouse School Of Medicine To Introduce Alternative Mental Health Training In USVI

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Senator Alicia Barnes

Senator Alicia Barnes on Tuesday announced her partnership with the Morehouse School of Medicine Global Health Equity Project to offer trainings and community outreach initiatives for medical professionals on alternative treatment for mental health issues, to include acupuncture.

The Morehouse School of Medicine Global Health Equity Project collaborated with the Caribbean Association of Acupuncture and Alternative Medicine (CAAAM) to bring the project to the Virgin Islands this year. According to the release, CAAAM identified and recruited local health care practitioners for training, and will organize community health outreach activities next week.

Medical professionals will be trained on the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA) protocol, which has proven results and effectiveness in treating behavioural health disorders, mental illness, stress, anxiety, grief, addictive disorders, PTSD, trauma, disaster response, chronic pain, and many other chronic conditions.

Schedule:

August 7 – 9: A three-day mental health training for healthcare clinicians will be conducted on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at the Gov. Juan F. Luis Hospital in St. Croix. Physicians will be treated from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Clinician training will be held from 5 p.m. – 7p.m. The trainings will comprise of trigger-point acupuncture, which emphasizes the placement of needles on regions of the body with localized pain, combined with the NADA protocol which is commonly used for anxiety, emotional trauma, and behavioural dysfunction.

August 10: Patricia Washington, OMD, of the Morehouse School of Medicine will appear on “Solutions” with Senator Barnes on WSTX from 12 p.m. –1 p.m., to discuss alternative treatment for mental health issues. This will be followed by a mental health wellness retreat from 2 - 7 p.m. at the Green Cay Marina.

August 11-12: Treatments will be offered on Sunday and Monday at the Green Cay Marina by appointment only.