

Bayonnais Clinic Status August 2013

The clinic, whose official name is the Bethesda Health Center of Bayonnais, has been operating 5 days a week since June of 2012. It is staffed by Dornevil Romulus MD, Simon Alexandre DDS, 3 graduate registered nurses, an accountant and an administrator as well as two housekeepers. Its operations are directed by a board made up of providers, representatives of OFCB and representatives from the community (see attached list). A copy of the case statement for clinic fund raising is also attached that describes the history of both OFCB and the clinic.

When the board of Friends of OFCB met in Bayonnais for the June 2013 leadership conference, the clinic board presented a detailed agenda for clinic development. Preparation of this document allowed them to focus on the most critical issues in the clinic's immediate future. Some of the items were obvious and others had been mandated by the Haitian Ministry of Health in their site visit a few weeks earlier. The attached agenda is interesting; it contains their plans for the clinic as well as for the school, the bank and the agronomy program. The short term clinic plans were:

- Finishing of the present structure with plaster, painting and floor tile
- Building the power supply and constructing a separate building or the generator
- Enclosing a separate area for administering vaccinations
- Construction of an incineration pit
- Creating an adequate medical record system (estimate \$3,000)
- Providing dental equipment to allow restoration work (estimate \$10,000)
- Furnishing/stocking a laboratory (estimate \$17,000)
- Providing computers and an internet connection (estimate \$11,000)
- Constructing a more accessible latrine and adding showers (estimate \$10,600)

They have begun prosecuting these items in approximately the order shown, with the assistance and advice of our friends at the San Francisco chapter of Engineers Without Borders and Lee Holder from Charlotte who has taken on the challenge coordinating all OFCB construction projects with Friends. The Ballantyne Rotary Club has funded a water purification system for the clinic to be installed by the end of 2013.

The funds for the first four of these projects are coming from two challenge grants that have raised \$117,000 for the clinic over the last five months; we are searching for additional gifts to pursue the rest. One of the stated objectives of the OFCB Strategic Plan is to raise financial support outside of Friends, which is a very healthy goal.

Friends overall financial goals for the clinic are to raise \$2,200,000 over the next 3 years. This will be used as follows:

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| • Construction of 3 additional buildings | \$800,000 |
| • Additional power supply, wiring | 184,000 |
| • Furnishings/equipment | 252,000 |
| • Ambulance | 73,000 |
| • Construction of staff housing with power | <u>128,700</u> |
| Total capital cost to complete | |
| \$1,437,700 | |

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| Operational support (5 years @ \$150,000/year) | <u>750,000</u> |
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| <u>Capital and Operating Cost 2013-2018</u> | <u>\$2,187,700</u> |
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Friends has established a fund raising steering committee that is actively pursuing the \$2,200,000 goal. The chair is Dr. Pressly Gilbert (presslygilbert@gmail.com). He will be delighted to talk with groups/individuals interested in funding any of the opportunities listed above.