

Pan American Health Organization TCC FINAL REPORT / INFORME FINAL PROYECTO CTP SUMMARY SHEET	
Report Date / Fecha del Reporte: February 2002	
1. GENERAL INFORMATION/INFORMACIÓN GENERAL	
Project title/ Título del proyecto "Mental Health Advanced Practice Nursing in the Caribbean"	Country Leader/País Líder:
Participating countries/ Países participantes Belize, Guyana, Dominica, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago	Start date/ Fecha de inicio End date/ Fecha de finalización Start/Inicio: February 2000 End/Finalización: 2001
2. PROJECT BACKGROUND AND ORIGIN/ ANTECEDENTES Y ORIGEN DEL PROYECTO	
a) Context/ Contexto	
<p>This TCC came out of the need for countries in the Caribbean subregion to address the problems surrounding the implementation of advanced practice nursing in mental health/psychiatric care.</p> <p>The move toward deinstitutionalization of psychiatric patients and the development of community care began in the '60s in the Caribbean. During the last two decades, as more countries in the region moved the care of persons with psychiatric illness out of psychiatric hospitals into the community, a number of innovations in models of care were implemented.</p> <p>A common characteristic among the countries was a shortage of psychiatrists. To facilitate the delivery of care, Jamaica and Trinidad & Tobago created Mental Health Officers (MHO) in the '60s and '70s respectively and Belize and Guyana introduced the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) in the '90s.</p>	
b) Purpose/ Propósito	
To facilitate the sharing of experiences among countries in the delivery of mental health services using an advanced nursing practice model, and to resolve issues around training, legislation, regulation, and administration.	
c) Expected results/ Resultados esperados	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exchange of experiences in the delivery of comprehensive mental health services using a nurse practitioner model. 2. A set of strategies that could be used for the development, passage, and implementation of legislation to regulate advanced nursing practice, based upon the experiences of the countries. 3. A detailed outline and terms of reference for an expert to develop a model manual for the functioning of PNPs. 4. A model manual of policies and procedures which could be adapted for use in each country. 	
3. PROJECT EXECUTION/EJECUCIÓN DEL PROYECTO	
a) Achievement of the expected results /Logros de los resultados esperados	
The TCC was successful.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There was exchange of experiences in the delivery of comprehensive mental health services among the countries involved. Materials exchanged included legislation and regulations in effect or in draft, curricula, job descriptions, program descriptions, manual information, and contact information for future exchanges. 2. Strategies were identified that could be used for the development, passage, and implementation of legislation to regulate advanced practice nursing. 3. A detailed outline and terms of reference for the development of the manual were produced. 4. The manual was produced by August 2000 and circulated to the participating countries for their perusal and comments. 	
b) Specific products/Productos específicos	
Draft Manual of Policies and Procedures to facilitate advanced nursing in mental health.	
c) Additional achievements/ Logros adicionales	
d) Limitations/ Limitaciones	
e) Total budget and amount spent/ Presupuesto total y ejecutado	
4. STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED, e.g. MINISTRIES, INSTITUTES, FOUNDATIONS, NGOS/ ACTORES INVOLUCRADOS, ej: MINISTERIOS, INSTITUTOS, FUNDACIONES, ONGs	
Ministries of Health, Nursing School, Mental Health and Rockview psychiatric facilities, Nursing Councils, and Psychiatric Units.	
5. LESSONS LEARNED/LECCIONES APRENDIDAS	

6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS / CONCLUSIONES Y RECOMENDACIONES

- A TCC (2 days) to support an evaluative progress meeting of the same participants (whether possible) from the 5 countries involved in the original meeting. Other countries from the region can be invited to participate.
- A TCC for standardization of the component of mental health-psychiatric nursing in the basic nursing curricula of the Schools of Nursing in the region.
- A TCC for standardization of Mental Health Nurse Practitioner curricula throughout the region.
- Standardization of the integration of community mental health services into primary care services throughout the region. (No primary care service can be considered complete without a mental health care component).
- Identify limitations to the setting up of community mental health services in countries where these services do not exist and assist them in overcoming these limitations.
- Psychiatric nursing experts from the region to meet biennially to share and discuss mental health psychiatric nursing practice in the countries (Support from PAHO will be required).
- PAHO be asked to facilitate the training of nurse educators in mental health/psychiatric nursing as there is a serious shortage of these educators in all the countries that participated in this project.