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Citation on Dr. Wendy Sealy
Recipient of the Caribbean Nurses’ Organization Honorary Award

Dr. Wendy Sealy commenced her journey to her current achievements in 1986 after she successfully completed the certificate in General Nurse training at the Barbados Community College. She continued her academic and professional ascent by pursuing a certificate in Psychiatric Nursing, a certificate in Nursing Education, Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education, a Masters of Education and finally completing a Doctor of Philosophy of Education in 2010. This was all in preparation for her role in the development of Nursing and Nurses in Barbados.

Prior to assuming her current position as the Chief Nurse in Barbados, she was a Nursing Tutor at the Barbados Community College as well as the Psychiatric Hospital. Dr. Sealy is now a part time lecturer at the University of the West Indies, where she lectures on Educational Policy and Planning, Cost Analysis in Educational Policy Analysis and Planning and Management.

Dr. Sealy gained her early clinical nursing skills at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital where she had always demonstrated her excellent leadership skills. It was evident from those early years that she would have excelled in her chosen career.

She has been and continues to be involved in several committees which have the responsibility for nursing education and practice, not only in Barbados but regionally.

In 2003 she took up the challenge as the Training Coordinator and Project Consultant of the Caribbean HIV/AIDS Regional Training (CHART). She managed this area for ten years. She is currently the chairman of the National HIV/AIDS Commission in Barbados with the responsibility for monitoring and evaluation.

Dr. Sealy is involved in several and diverse policy development organizations, of these are the Regional Nursing Body where she is the Deputy Chairman and the Nursing Council of Barbados where she chairs the Continuing Education committee. In these capacities, she is well placed to influence nursing education and practice in the region.

Despite her very busy schedule, she still finds time to dance, a pastime that she thoroughly enjoys. She remains very active in her National Nurses
Association and continues to contribute significantly to the educational and professional development of nurses and was a past Executive member of the BNA. For her professional growth and development, she was awarded the Eunice Gibson Award for professional growth and development in 1998 by the BNA. (Eunice Gibson was the founder of the BNA).

Her involvement in the Caribbean Nurses Organization goes as far back as 1998 when she chaired the Education committee for the CNO conference which was held in Barbados. As the Education Chairman, she was directly responsible for coordinating and preparing the educational program for the conference. Additionally she was the chairman of the Closing Ceremony. She served on the CNO Board as the Assistant secretary for three consecutive terms during the period 1998 to 2004.

She is a very sought-after speaker and has presented on wide and varied topics locally, regionally and internationally. She has presented at the CNO conference in 2006 which was held in the Bahamas on the topic “Caribbean Partnership for Nurses in HIV and AIDS care. She is very dynamic and demonstrates her passion whenever she makes her presentations.

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