1. Introductions

Josh Lem IHC Club President

Sharon Gorman IHC Club Advisor

2. Programs represented at meeting: ABSN, BSN, FNP, CM, PT, PA, OT

We would love to have OT and more Podiatry Students!

3. Sign-ups and info for Potential 2015-16 Medical Trips

a. Panama April 2015

We provide 3 days of primary care clinic in a school in a remote and rural part of Panama, primarily for indigenous persons. All of our patients walk to clinic (sometimes all day!). We have basic medical screening and examination, physical therapy, pharmacy (basic), and some health education. We have students and faculty from DPT, FNP, nursing, and PA who go/have gone in the past, and we always have work for people to do when we are running clinics!

Deposits for the trip are due on February 25th to Sharon Gorman. It will be $200 (generally non-refundable). The remaining cost for in country will be $650 and the flight will be around $700. So we're looking at a total of $1500-1600 for the week per person. A rough itinerary: we stay at a comfortable hostel 1 night after getting into the country. Then we take an 8 hour, fairly bumpy ride up the mountain to Batata where we will have our base camp at the school. We have 3 days of clinic. We also like to throw in a travel day either at the beginning or at the end.

Dates for Panama are still slightly fluid because we are still trying to see when the providers can make it. For now it looks like the 24th of April to the 1st of May (will be around this time, may leave a day on either side due to providers/airfare)

See the Community Learning Series Panama Talk for more information - https://www.samuelmerritt.edu/academic_support/CLSvideos

b. Philippines TBD 2016 - Trip still in preliminary planning stages.

c. Cuba with Medicc TBD 2016 - Trip is more of a cultural exchange & educational exchange to learn about Cuba and their healthcare system (no patient care).

4. Fundraising

Vital part of organizing and implementing these medical service trips. Funds go toward the purchase of medications and supplies to operate the clinic. Necessary for all trip participants to contribute and participate in fundraising to help make trips successful. We need between $3000 and $5000 per trip to purchase supplies!
Planning for Spring Fundraising:

Annual Gala Event - Auction, Raffle, Food for sale Z-Cafe & Bar-- The Gala night, our big fundraising event will be in early March at Z bar. We will be making food to sell, auctioning off items that we provide or are given to us, and having a raffle. I'd like everyone to participate in some way or another and you'll be getting more information in a bit from those in charge of the activities for the Gala.

Commonwealth Pint Night-- Our first pint night of the year will most likely be on a Wednesday from 4-6 at commonwealth to attempt to catch as many students as we can. I'll get the exact date out to everyone as soon as I know. We need to promote this when we have the date, Sharon can print flyers to hand out/hang up

Bake sales - Finals Week (Starbucks usually has program to donate coffee to groups, get donated coffee and sell it?

Vitamin Drive -- Everyone should start to collect unopened, unexpired adult, prenatal, and children's vitamins to bring with us on the trip. We need a leader for this to organize across programs!

Web fund raising with home page -- Really important guys and gals. I found a very easy way to fundraise for IHC. It's a website that gives 3 cents to an organization (for instance our club) every time it is opened as the home page of a web browser. This means that all we have to do is set this webpage as our homepage and we will make 3 cents per person per day for the club. Please tell everyone you know about this and we can raise so much money sooooo easily and for free. This is the link to get started. http://www.welzoo.com/join/SMU-International-Healthcare-C/uKPVLQEIHC Meeting-10/20/2014

More ideas? -- Also, any other fundraising ideas are greatly appreciated and accepted. Anyone can organize a fundraiser anywhere (not just Oakland). Just keep us informed so we can share it via SMU emails, SMU website, IHC facebook page (which can be shared), and flyers (we can have SBA print them for us).

5. Closing

It's not too late to sign up for April trip, and keep in mind you can always attend as an Alumni! Email Joshua.lem@samuelmerritt.edu or attend our next IHC meeting (Time and Date-TBD, in Feb)

Meetings will be announced via SMU email, on Facebook, and on the IHC website.