

Morehouse School of Medicine Wins Healthcare Model Competition at Barbados Comes to Atlanta Event

The Honorary Consul of Barbados at Atlanta, Dr. Edward Layne, in partnership with the Consulate General of Barbados in Miami and a number of Barbadian government officials, recently hosted the 4th biennial Barbados Comes to Atlanta (BCTA) event at the Marriott Marquis downtown from May 26 – May 29, 2016.

This event showcased Barbados business, investment opportunities, food and culture. In commemoration of Barbados's upcoming 50th anniversary, the event intended to engage discussions around strategies for advancing sustainable development for the country across four sectors: education, medicine and healthcare, science and technology, and business.

Morehouse School of Medicine, CDC, Georgia State University and Georgia Institute of Technology were invited to submit healthcare models as a part of a competition for the BCTA event. SHLI, led by Drs. Gigi Bastien and Brian McGregor, submitted a proposal and presented a model for policy and practice reforms intended to support sustainable development in the nation's healthcare system, with a focus on integrated care strategies to address non-communicable and lifestyle diseases. They also delivered a presentation to event attendees, which included key government officials, Atlanta business leaders, and members of the Barbadian diaspora from around the U.S.

At the culminating black tie gala event held on the evening of May 29 it was announced that SHLI won the healthcare model competition! Plans to continue to explore opportunities for ongoing collaboration in implementing the proposed reforms are in motion.



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