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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

We are writing in the hopes of attracting excellent psychiatrists—either graduating senior psychiatric residents or fellows, or more experienced psychiatrists out of training—who are interested in the **Dr. Mario Pagenel Fellowship in Global Mental Health Delivery** with Partners In Health (PIH) in collaboration with Harvard Medical School (HMS).

Global mental health delivery fellows will be based in Haiti for one or two years with PIH's sister organization, **Zanmi Lasante (ZL)**, in partnership with the Haitian Ministry of Health. The Fellowship provides an opportunity for career development in global mental health delivery and offers a combined focus on clinical care, training and education, research and advocacy.

More specifically, we are recruiting a board-eligible or board-certified psychiatrist to join us beginning in **July 2016**. The Fellow will both serve as a clinical psychiatrist with PIH through the PIH mental health program (<http://www.pih.org/priority-programs/mental-health>) and hold an appointment as Research Fellow in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at HMS as part of the Program in Global Mental Health and Social Change: <http://ghsm.hms.harvard.edu/>

PIH, now active in 12 countries, is a Boston-based not-for-profit organization that for more than two decades has focused on the health of the poor. The site of our oldest and largest program, Haiti has been the true heart of PIH since its founding. Throughout this time, PIH and ZL have been providing vital health care services in Haiti's Central Plateau and Artibonite Valley. For additional information, go to <http://www.pih.org>

Since the January 2010 earthquake, the Haitian Ministry of Health has prioritized mental health as a significant component of Haiti's effort to rebuild health care infrastructure and services, with the ultimate goal of a national mental health plan and decentralized mental health services. Following the earthquake, PIH/ZL implemented a comprehensive, Haitian-led response to mental health needs and tripled the size of our mental health and psychosocial team. PIH continues to expand psychosocial support and mental health services, integrating mental health and psychosocial support with medical and community-based interventions.

PIH/ZL has staffed each of its hospitals in the Central Plateau and Artibonite Valley with a full complement of Haitian psychologists, social workers, and social work assistants, with the aim of delivering services and developing a comprehensive continuum of care for mental health needs spanning the community to the hospital. By building capacity through the employment, training, and mobilization of Haitian mental health clinicians, PIH/ZL seeks to develop feasible and sustainable structures for mental health care and, over time, to establish generalizable models for a system of mental health service delivery in Haiti. With the opening of a national teaching hospital in Mirebalais,

there exists a timely opportunity to develop a model hospital-based, public-sector mental health service.

The work of the Fellowship involves:

- developing strong productive relationships with Haitian colleagues to identify core challenges to the quality of mental health care and devise collaborative plans for improvement;
- accompanying Haitian health care workers (physicians, nurses, psychologists, psychiatric nurses, social workers, social work assistants, and community health workers) in developing their capacity to implement new program initiatives and quality care interventions in mental health;
- sharing clinical expertise at the bedside and through didactic teaching;
- supporting development of a model mental health service at Mirebalais Hospital;
- liaising with the Haitian Ministry of Health; and
- developing an area of academic focus in research or education related to global mental health delivery.

The Fellow will also supervise US-based psychiatric residents and medical students working in Haiti with ZL.

The fellowship will consist mostly of service delivery and includes an academic research component. Over the course of the year, the Fellow will develop an area of academic focus in global health related to mental health service delivery, and select an academic mentor with expertise in their area of interest. Fellows will therefore have the opportunity to collaborate in and develop mentored research and educational projects, and will have the option of participating in ongoing research efforts. To facilitate career development in global mental health, Fellows will be eligible to attend a three-week intensive summer program in Global Health Delivery at Harvard Medical School and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health: <http://www.globalhealthdelivery.org/ghd-academic-offerings/harvard-globalhealth-delivery-summer-intensive/?ref=blog113>.

We welcome candidates with interests in:

- Collaborative learning
- Teaching and mentorship
- Specialty interests, for example, in consultation-liaison psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry, or emergency psychiatry
- The improvement of healthcare within the public sector
- Community outreach, primary care, and hospital based tertiary care
- Research in global mental health delivery
- Social justice

Some proficiency in Haitian Creole and conversational French is strongly preferred. This is a salaried position with benefits. PIH will provide airfare between Boston and Haiti, as well as living accommodations and meals in Haiti. Applicants must be prepared to commit to at least 75% time in Haiti over the duration of the fellowship. Fellows will have another three weeks in Boston to develop and refine global mental health delivery related skills and knowledge in collaboration with chosen program mentors.

Interested applicants are asked to submit a **CV** with the names of **two references**, and a **one-to-two page letter** describing their experience and interest.

Applications should be received by **April 1, 2016**. Formal application should be submitted on the PIH website.

Please share this request for applications with colleagues, training program directors, or others with an interest in global mental health delivery.

Sincerely,

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