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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 might be interested in the **Dr. Mario Pagenel Global Mental Health Delivery Fellowship** with Partners In Health (PIH) and Harvard Medical School (HMS), with a placement in **Haiti** with PIH's sister organization, **Zanmi Lasante (ZL)**, in collaboration with the Haitian Ministry of Health. We are recruiting a board-eligible or board-certified psychiatrist to join us beginning in **July 2012**. The Fellow will serve as a clinical psychiatrist with PIH, with an appointment as a 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/>.

The Fellowship, now in its second year, provides an opportunity for career development in global mental health delivery for post-graduate psychiatrists. It offers a combined focus on training and education, research and advocacy. Global mental health delivery fellows will be based in Haiti for 1-2 years. This Fellowship is offered in collaboration with HMS, the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Children's Hospital Boston, and Massachusetts General Hospital. The Fellowship honors Dr. Mario Pagenel, beloved physician and Director for Training and Medical Education at PIH in Haiti, who perished in Haiti's 2010 earthquake: <http://www.pih.org/news/entry/world-mental-health-day-2011/>.

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. For more than 20 years, 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 its 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 worked to implement a comprehensive, Haitian-led response to our patients' mental health needs, more than tripling the size of our mental health and psychosocial team. As PIH/ZL has worked to coordinate activities within the context of a broader national response, it has continued to expand psychosocial support and mental health services, integrating mental health and psychosocial support with medical and community-based interventions. By sixteen months after the earthquake, the ZL mental health and psychosocial support team had offered more than 20,000 individual services, including psychoeducation, counseling, and individual and group therapy. 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 locally feasible and sustainable structures for mental health care and, over time, to establish generalizable models for a system of mental health service delivery to serve Haiti and its people. With the near completion of construction of a national teaching hospital at Mirebalais, there will be 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 quality mental health care and devising 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; providing support to efforts related to the development of a model mental health service at the new hospital at Mirebalais; 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 serve as a supervisor for future US-based psychiatric resident and medical student experiences in Haiti with ZL.

Over the course of the year the Fellow will develop an area of academic focus in global health related to mental health service delivery, selecting 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 3-week intensive summer program in Global Health Effectiveness at Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health: <http://globalhealthdelivery.org/2011/11/join-over-100-health-professionals-trained-in-global-health-effectiveness-2/>.

We welcome candidates with interests in:

- Collaborative learning
- Teaching and mentorship
- Specialty interests, for example in consultation-liaison psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry, and 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 3 weeks of time 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 **1-2 page letter** describing their experience and interest. Applications should be received by **February 6, 2012**. Formal applications should be submitted on the PIH website at:

<http://tbe.taleo.net/NA1/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=PIH&cws=1&rid=193>.

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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