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Kirk Edwards gets fitted for his denture replacement during the regional launch of Second Chance Smiles at the Hagley Park Health Centre in December.

1,045 BENEFICIARIES AND COUNTING

MORE JAMAICANS GET SECOND CHANCE SMILES

The Ministry of Health and Wellness on December 14 hosted its first in a series of regional launch events for its new oral health and dentures replacement programme, Second Chance Smiles.

Already 1,045 Jamaicans – in addition to the nine new beneficiaries from today’s launch event – have been provided with new teeth thanks to the programme.

Second Chance Smiles was announced by the Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton, during his Sectoral presentation in Parliament in May.

The day’s event was held at the Hagley Park Health Centre in Kingston and is the first of four such events to be hosted across the island’s four health regions – South East, whose event was today; Southern; North East; and Western.

“We are off to a good start with this programme and we will gather momentum in the coming months as we provide an increasing number of Jamaicans with new smiles – smiles geared at helping to enhance their life chances, socially and economically,” the Minister said.

“The goal is to help 10,000 Jamaicans under 60 years of age and we will do so,” Dr. Tufton added.

Programme beneficiaries, including Mr. Kirk Edwards, have high praise for Second Chance Smiles.

“I want to say firstly that everyone should take care of their teeth so that they don’t have to get dentures,” he said.

However, I think if you get to the point where dentures are inevitable, this programme is a blessing as without it, it would have been very expensive for me to get my dentures and rectify my smile,” Edwards added.

The Ministry of Health & Wellness has committed to investing some J\$60 Million in the programme over 18 months.

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PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS: MOHW CHRISTMAS STAFF PARTY



Party on!



New Pharmacy Council named

The Ministry of Health & Wellness has announced Cabinet approval of a new Pharmacy Council, which will serve for the next three years.

Lecturer and Pharmacist, Dr. Ernestine Watson has been named Chairperson.

The other members of the Council are:

- Pharmacist/Production Manager, Mr. Hughroy Thomas;
- Senior Lecturer, Dr. Lisa Bromfield;
- Lecturer, Dr. Michelle Russell;
- Pharmacist/Managing Director, Dr. Tyrone Smith;
- Business Owner, Dr. Diane Newman-McKenzie;
- Pharmacist, Mr. Rohan McNellie; and
- Attorneys-at-law, Ms. Janeek Forbes, and Ms. Donna Brown.

The selection of nominees for appointment to the Board was conducted in accordance with Section 10 of the Public Bodies Management and Accountability (Nomination, Selection, and Appointment to Boards) Regulations 2021, wherein all nominees are registered



Dr. Ernestine Watson, new chair of the Pharmacy Council of Jamaica.

A vibrant promotional poster for the 'Know Your Numbers Road Tour'. At the top left is the Ministry of Health & Wellness logo. The main title 'KNOW YOUR NUMBERS ROAD TOUR' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below this, a pink box contains the event details: 'TURTLE RIVER PARK OCHO RIOS WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17, 2024 10 AM TO 6 PM'. A central image shows three people: a woman in a yellow shirt holding a sign, a man in a colorful patterned jacket, and a man in a blue shirt. Text on the poster includes 'Performance by: REMONE WATSON', 'FREE Fitness Checks, Dental Checks, Denture Impressions, Blood Pressure Checks, Cholesterol Checks, Blood Sugar Checks', 'PRIZES & SURPRISES', and 'HOSTED BY Dr. Chris Tufton Minister of Health & Wellness'. At the bottom, there is a 'SIGN UP FOR YOUR DAISY CARD!' section with the Daisy logo and a note for existing cardholders. Logos for the Ministry of Health & Wellness and the National Health Team are also present.

on the Public Bodies' Database of Prospective Directors and selected from the lists of prospective directors generated from the Public Bodies' Database of Prospective Directors.

The functions of the Council include to register pharmacists, pharmaceutical students, pharmacies, and the owners of pharmacies; regulate the training of pharmaceutical students; register persons as authorised sellers of poisons; ensure the maintenance of proper standards of conduct by persons registered under this Act; and ensure compliance with the requirements of this Act.

A promotional poster for the 'Check In' health check campaign. At the top left is the Ministry of Health & Wellness logo. The main title 'CHECK IN' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, a woman with curly hair, wearing a yellow shirt, is smiling and holding a bowl of fruit. To her left, a blue box contains a checklist of four items, each with a green checkmark: 'Have you scheduled your annual health check?', 'Have you been eating healthier?', 'Have you been drinking more water?', and 'Have you been monitoring your key health numbers?'. The 'KNOW YOUR NUMBERS' logo is in the top right corner.