Advocating for the Rehabilitative Sciences in Haiti: HRF and FSRL

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Mission and Vision of HRF/FSRL

FSRL (Faculté des Sciences Réhabilitation d’Léogâne) is a new program offering degrees in occupational and physical therapy at the Episcopal University of Haiti (UNEPH) campus in Léogâne. The mission of the Haiti Rehabilitation Foundation Inc is to promote the education of providers of rehabilitation services in Haiti, including the FSRL program.

HRF/FSRL Needs Assessment

HRF/FSRL Needs (according to Expert Mentor and HRF Developmental Committee commentary):
- Revision of public education and marketing materials, including video and website
- Online platform to encourage student recruitment and share classroom experiences
- Continued and expanded financial support
- Competent and qualified individual to assume the role of full-time Dean

Community Needs (according to Expert Mentor and HRF Developmental Committee commentary):
- Education on the needs and importance of the rehabilitative sciences in Haiti
- Access to competent healthcare practitioners
- Education and understanding of disability

Experiential Component Goals

- Conduct a needs assessment of the FSRL program, its students, and the population it aims to address.
- Maintain and establish funding sources for the FSRL program, and as a result ensuring students receiving their education through FSRL will be given the opportunity to access needed educational materials, texts, technologies and literature.
- Create a website/blog for current students of the program to recruit future classes by sharing pictures, projects, videos and experiences of their educational experience at FSRL.
- Assist in the revision of marketing, public education materials and grant application documents.
- Serving as a temporary member of the HRF Developmental Committee to collaborate with experts in the field including physical therapists, occupational therapists and educators to assess the needs of the program and sustainability strategies.

Outcomes

- Creation of FSRL student blog and establishment of social media accounts to encourage future student recruitment and establish online media presence.
- Conducted interviews and filmed staff and students to develop an educational video focused on the need for the rehabilitative sciences in Haiti and the importance of the FSRL program.
- Revision of marketing materials including collaboration for content and design of brochure; revision of the “Case for Support,” a document necessary for grant applications; designing of infographics focused on student enrollment process for potential future pupils.
- Charts of advertisement opportunities to advertise the need for a dean to ensure best use of organization funding.
- Active member of the Haiti Rehabilitation Foundation Development Committee to collaborate, coordinate and connect with other committee members and experts in the field in order to address sustainability strategies to ensure program viability.
- Hosted and implemented student training session on Skype to train student coordinators to update student blog with relevant content.

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