

Farewell Symposium in Honor of Mr. Kenneth Cuvalay and his Legacy Thursday, 6 July 2017, St. Eustatius:

After 18 years at Novadic-Kentron of which the last 7,5 years at Mental Health Caribbean (MHC), Kenneth Cuvalay will stop his working career at Novadic-Kentron. This does not mean that his working activities end but, rather, that he will take on a new set of responsibilities as director of his own Foundation The Quill. His intention is to initiate a population study on mental health in the Dutch Caribbean together with the Netherlands Institute of Mental Health and Addiction (Trimbos Institute), a non-profit research and knowledge center. On Thursday, July 6 2017, Kenneth Cuvalay will give his valedictory speech in St. Eustatius at 3:45 pm as part of a one-day Symposium.

Mr. Cuvalay is a health care professional with one foot in Dutch and one in Caribbean tradition. This was one of the main reasons for VWS to ask him to be part of the project 'Psychiatry & Addiction BES' that started in 2010. The ideal way for Mr. Cuvalay to leave his footprints behind, is by way of sharing ideas and knowledge in an intellectual debate. MHC has therefore decided to organize a symposium in his honor. And it seems only logical to make the synergy between Dutch and Caribbean health care traditions the main theme of this symposium. Mr. Cuvalay was one of the primary founders who helped build the psychiatry and addiction care on St. Eustatius and Saba, which is Mental Health Caribbean (MHC).

The theme of the Symposium is **"Present Situation And Future Perspective Of Mental Health Care In The Dutch Caribbean"**.

Part of Cuvalay's drive has always been his idealism to contribute to the community of St. Eustatius. Therefore, included as part of the program are information sessions for the general public during lunch break, a writing contest for teenagers, and a personal story of a client in order to also involve the community of St. Eustatius.

PROGRAM SYMPOSIUM 6 JULY 2017

Location: St. Eustatius, Ernest van Putten Youth Center (Lions' Den)

9:00-9:45	Arrival (with refreshments)	
9:45-9:50	MC: Mrs. Alida Francis	Word of welcome
9:50-09:55	Mr. Charles Woodley, Commissioner of Health, St. Eustatius	Opening
9:55-10:00	Mr. Derrick Simmons, Commissioner of Constitutional Affairs, St. Eustatius	
10:00-10:20	Mr. Nico Oudendijk, representative Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS) The Hague the Netherlands	Psychiatric and addiction care since the Kingdom transition 10-10-10
10:20-10:25		

10:25-10:35	Mr. Vaders, community psychiatric nurse	Experiences in mental health care in Saba.
10:35-10:50	Short break	
	First session of presentations	
10:50-11:10	<i>Presentation 1:</i> Dr. Gerwin Schobbe, M.D. -Public Health Physician, Department of Public Health, St. Eustatius	<i>Theme:</i> Eliciting and evaluating cultural information in diagnostics and clinical assessment: the DSM in relation to cultural differences, e.g. Katamble, brua, Obea, demon possessions.
11:10-11:30	<i>Presentation 2:</i> Dr. Judith Arndell, Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Director Turning Point, St. Maarten	<i>Theme:</i> The impact of religion, stigma of seeking help, culture and obeah related to mental health
11:30-11:50	<i>Presentation 3:</i> Drs. Carmencita Chemont, Clinical /Health Psychologist, St. Maarten	<i>Theme:</i> Illness experience and behavior, patterns of health seeking behavior of patients
11:50-12:10	<i>Presentation 4:</i> Ms. Jetty Constansia and Ms. Christine Alvarez, MHC	<i>Theme:</i> Prevention
12:10-13:00	Lunch break	
	Second session of presentations	
13:00-13:20	<i>Presentation 5:</i> Dr. Cheryl Ferero, M.D. -Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist at FACTS, St. Maarten	<i>Theme:</i> Effective initiation and continuation of mental health treatment among individuals with common mental disorders
13:20-13:40	<i>Presentation 6:</i> Dr. Virginia Asin Oostburg, M.D. - MPH, BPT. Head Collective Prevention Services Chief Medical Officer. Ministry of Public Health Social Development and Labour Philipsburg, St. Maarten	<i>Theme:</i> Adaptations to barriers in ethical and effective health care in small communities
13:40-14:00	<i>Presentation 7:</i> Teresa E. Leslie, Ph.D. Physical Anthropology, Cultural Anthropology. Department of Public Health. Black Studies. Public Health Foundation, St. Eustatius	<i>Theme:</i> Anthropological insights to mental health
14:00-14:20	<i>Presentation 8:</i>	<i>Theme:</i> Mental disorders in the Dutch Caribbean community: prevalence,

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- Dr. Sachin Gandotra, Psychiatrist Mental Health Foundation, St. Maarten

Thank you speeches and awards:

- Dr. Albert de Waag, Physician St. Maarten
- Eileen Healy, Former director of Mental Health Foundation St. Maarten
- Erik Jansen, Director Mental Health Caribbean