

U.S. Department of Education

Staff Analysis
of the Report Submitted by

Saba

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Background

At its March 2003 meeting, the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) determined that the standards used by the Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine (ACCM) on behalf of the Government of Saba to evaluate the country's single medical school, the Saba University School of Medicine, were comparable to those used to evaluate medical schools in the United States. As a result, the Saba University School of Medicine was granted accreditation by ACCM for a period of six years.

The NCFMEA requested that Saba submit, by June 15, 2004, a full report on its accreditation activities involving Saba University for review by the NCFMEA at its September 2004 NCFMEA meeting. The purpose of the full report was to provide the NCFMEA with a summary of the activities of the ACCM pertaining to Saba University, including an overview of accreditation activities during the period April 2003 through May 2004; a report of any changes to laws or regulations affecting the accreditation of Saba University; a report of any change in the government's recognition of ACCM; any changes since March 2003 in the accreditation standards, processes or procedures that ACCM uses to evaluate and accredit Saba University; and a schedule of ACCM meetings and a listing of on-site visits to Saba University or its clinical clerkship sites planned for July 2004 through June 2005.

Summary of Findings

Based on its review of the report submitted by ACCM on behalf of the government of Saba, Department staff concludes that Saba has provided all of the information requested by the NCFMEA. Department staff also concludes that the country's actions during the past year appear to be consistent with the NCFMEA guidelines.

Staff Summary

Overview of Accreditation Activities:

ACCM held meetings in London, England, on November 14, 2003 and in Dublin, Ireland on April 1, 2004 to discuss progress made by clinical sites in complying with agency standards. Site visit reports reviewed at these meetings included assessments of facilities, faculty, student performance, grievance policies, student exposure to patients, and libraries. In at least two cases, site teams recommended suspension of participation by Saba students in programs found to have compliance concerns such as, in one case, a lack of patient exposure and, in another case, a lack of support or ancillary teaching structure. The following is a listing of site visits by date and location:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sept. 8, 2003	Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, MD
Sept. 9, 2003	Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Silver Springs, MD
Sept. 10, 2003	Harbor Hospital, Baltimore, MD
Sept. 10, 2003	Spring Grove Hospital, Catonsville, MD
Oct. 31, 2003	St. Anthony's Hospital, Chicago, IL
	Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, IL
	Jackson Park Hospital, Chicago, IL
Nov. 3, 2003	Park Du Valle Clinic, Louisville, KY
Nov. 4, 2003	St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, MO
	St. Mary's Health Center, St. Louis, MO
Nov. 6, 2003	VA Medical Center, Kansas City, MO

Nov. 7, 2003 Chabert Medical Center,
 Houma, LA

March 10, 2004 Brookdale Hospital, New York

March 11, 2004 Bridgeport Hospital, Conn.

March 12, 2004 Lincoln Medical Center, Bronx, NY

Laws and Regulations:

ACCM reports no changes in the laws of the Island Territory of Saba affecting the accreditation of Saba University. The government of Saba continues to recognize ACCM as the official body to evaluate and accredit Saba University.

Standards, Processes and Procedures:

ACCM reports no changes in the accreditation standards, processes and procedures that it uses to evaluate Saba University.

Schedule of Upcoming Accreditation Activities:

The following visits to Saba-affiliated clinical site facilities are scheduled for September 2004:

Cherry Hospital, North Carolina
Rochester General Hospital, New York

ACCM plans to visit the Basic Science Campus of Saba University in late 2004 or early 2005

Other Information:

The New York State Board for Medicine (the Board) evaluated the pre-clinical component of Saba University's program of medical education. This evaluation included an assessment of the clinical training offered to Saba University medical students in New York hospitals, a review of faculty and student records, and meetings with academic and administrative officers of Saba University with regard to the supervision of clinical training of the students. Based on these assessments, Saba University's program of medicine was approved as of May

29, 2003, for the purpose of placing long-term clinical clerks in New York hospitals. Continuation of this approval is contingent on the results of the Board's next formal review to take place in 2004 and upon a favorable review of an interim report to be submitted to the Board in July 2004.