

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 ACCM to evaluate the Saba University School of Medicine were comparable to those used to evaluate medical schools in the United States. The Saba University School of Medicine is the only school operating on the Island Territory of Saba and on February 2005, it completed a full accreditation review. Saba was directed to submit a full report on its accreditation activities involving Saba University by June 15, 2004, for review at the September 2004 NCFMEA meeting. Based on the testimony and information submitted by the Accreditation Commission on behalf of the Government of Saba, the NCFMEA formally accepted the report and requested a follow-on report of ACCM's accreditation activities for review at the September 2006 meeting of the NCFMEA.

There were no NCFMEA meetings for the years 2005-2006. The report before you today, represents the requested report from the 2004 NCFMEA committee meeting plus updated information to include scheduled activities for 2007.

Summary of Findings

Based on a review of the report submitted by the Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine on behalf of the Government of Saba, Department staff concludes that Saba has provided all of the information requested by the NCFMEA.

Staff Summary

The Accreditation Commission on Colleges of Medicine (ACCM) on behalf of the Government of Saba submitted a report of its accreditation activities for 2004-2007. Included in the report was an overview of accreditation activities including changes in ACCM's structure and staffing, an annual survey analysis for 2004-2005, and a brief description of a site visit to Saba University School of Medicine's basic science campus and a list of its compliance elements.

The membership of the inspection team changed. Dr. Geoffrey Chadwick, a member of the inspection team submitted his resignation to the ACCM on November 26, 2004.

A subcommittee of the ACCM met in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin on May 12, 2004 to discuss the nomination of a new chairman of the ACCM. Professor Ian Temperley was proposed as the new chairman and this was ratified at a full meeting of the ACCM on June 4, 2004. A full meeting of the ACCM was held in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland on that date and Professor Temperley was unanimously elected as the new chairman of the ACCM.

On January 20, 2005, the ACCM became incorporated as a limited company under the Companies Act of the Republic of Ireland, 1963-2003. The ACCM now acts under the auspices of the Medical Accreditation Company of Ireland Ltd and is registered with the Companies Office in the Republic of Ireland. While this is a change in the legal status of the ACCM it does not however affect its responsibilities in continuing to implement high academic standards of all schools it accredits.

ACCM provided supporting documentation and provided a chronology of its accrediting activities for 2004 through 2007 and a schedule of upcoming accreditation activities.

### **Overview of accreditation activities:**

#### **2004**

- September 13, 2004 -- Rochester General Hospital, Rochester, New York
- September 14, 2004 -- Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro, North Carolina
- September 16, 2004 -- Submission of the Inspection Report of the Clinical Sites of Saba University School of Medicine to the NCFMEA, Washington D.C.
- November 26, 2004 -- Full meeting of the ACCM in the Royal Society of Medicine, London, U. K.

#### **2005**

- February 16-17, 2005 -- Site visit to Basic Science Campus, Island Territory of Saba
- June 3, 2005 -- Full meeting of the ACCM in St James's Hospital, Dublin, Ireland
- September 26, 2005 -- Visit to Harbor Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland; Sheppard Pratt Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland
- September 28, 2005 -- South Broward Memorial Regional Hospital, Hollywood, Florida

- November 25, 2005 -- Full meeting of the ACCM in the Royal Society of Medicine, London, U.K.

## **2006**

- June 9, 2006 -- Annual General Meeting of the Medical Accreditation Company of Ireland Limited St. James's Hospital, Dublin, Ireland
- November 7, 2006 -- Visit to Administrative Office, Gardner, MA
- November 24, 2006 -- Full meeting of the ACCM in the Royal Society of Medicine, London, U.K.

## **2007**

- May 13-15, 2007- Invitational Conference on Accreditation on Medical Education Programs in the Caribbean
- June 8, 2007 - Annual General Meeting of the Medical Accreditation Company of Ireland Limited.

### **Laws and regulations:**

There have been no changes since September 2004 in the laws of the Island Territory of Saba affecting the accreditation of Saba University. The Government of the Island Territory of Saba continues to recognize the ACCM as the official body to evaluate and accredit Saba University.

### **Standards, processes, and procedures:**

There have been no changes in the accreditation standards, processes, and procedures that are used by ACCM to evaluate Saba University since the submission of the 2004-2005 Report.

### **Schedule of upcoming accreditation activities:**

- A Full meeting of the ACCM in Colleges Room, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin, Ireland.
- September 2007 - Representatives of the Island Territory of Saba will participate at the meeting of the NCFMEA, Washington D.C.
- September 2007 - Visit to Basic Science Campus, Island Territory of Saba
- Visit to Broughton Hospital, Morganton, N.C. Psychiatry core. This will be included in review of all clinical sites that must be undertaken prior to accreditation decision in 2009
- November 23, 2007 - Full meeting of the ACCM in the Royal Society of Medicine, London, and U.K.

On February 28, 2007, ACCM was notified that the Saba University School of Medicine was anticipating a change of ownership of the Medical School to Equinox Capital, Inc. a Delaware company. On April 13, 2007, ACCM notified the Executive Director of the NCFMEA that the change of ownership was finalized. The ACCM reports that it will undertake a site visit to Saba University School of Medicine this fall in accordance with its policies within six months on

notification of the change of ownership, i.e. prior to October 10, 2007. The purpose of the visit will be to establish that the new owners can ensure continuing compliance with the present accreditation standards.