

## HEALTH SECTOR TO ADOPT...

# DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH

Quality healthcare is important to Tobago.

But more emphasis is also being placed on wellness, and improving family life. Dr. Agatha Carrington, Secretary of Health, Wellness and Family Development, said this is the reason for changing her Division's designation from Health and Social Services.

"The focus is now on health, wellness and family development," Dr. Carrington said yesterday (February 22) at the post

Executive Council media briefing. "That is important because we have to address these matters with respect to lifestyle diseases in the population, as well as addressing social issues in our families."

The Secretary said her Division is also looking at how the island's health centres can best serve these areas.

She said centres of excellence for health and wellness are being proposed, which will help the Division address wellness issues on the island.



**SINGING FOR THE CROWN:** Alex Gift, the "Tobago Chalkie", performs "Dey Not Well" during the Tobago Calypso Monarch competition last night (February 23). The rendition earned Gift the 2017 title and the \$100,000 first prize.

## ATHLETES TOLD: 'DEFINE YOUR OWN SUCCESS

Tobago's young athletes are proving their worth on the track and in the field.

But there are other aspects of success they need to be aware of. They learned about preparing for scholarships and life after secondary school at a recent symposium hosted by Tobago Falcons Athletic Club.

Theophilus Trim, acting director in the Department of Sport, told the athletes that it's important for them to understand what success really means.

"It is so important to establish your own definition of success, otherwise you might end up chasing a superficial version of success or someone else's definition that would neither fulfil nor satisfy you," Trim said.

They were also given advice from a number of experienced athletes and administrators, including four-time Olympian Cleopatra Borel (shot put) and World Championships bronze medallist (400 metres hurdles) Josanne Lucas.

### THA SECRETARIES AND PORTFOLIOS

**Kelvin Charles** - Chief Secretary, Secretary of Education, Innovation and Energy

**Joel Jack** - Deputy Chief Secretary, Secretary of Finance and the Economy

**Marslyn Melville-Jack** - Secretary of Community Development, Enterprise Development and Labour

**Jomo Pitt** - Secretary of Sport and Youth Affairs

**Hayden Spencer** - Secretary of Food Production and Fisheries

**Clarence Jacob** - Secretary of Settlements, Urban Renewal and Public Utilities

**Kwesi Des Vignes** - Secretary of Infrastructure, Quarries and the Environment

**Dr. Agatha Carrington** - Secretary of Health, Wellness and Family Development

**Nadine Stewart-Phillips** - Secretary of Tourism, Culture and Transportation

**Ancil Dennis** - Asst Secretary in the Office of the Chief Secretary

**Sheldon Cunningham** - Asst Secretary of Infrastructure, Quarries and the Environment

**Marisha Osmond** - Asst Secretary in the Office of the Chief Secretary

**Shomari Hector** - Asst Secretary, Community Development, Enterprise Development and Labour

## SCHOOL REPAIR PROGRAMME TO BE AMENDED

Tobago's School Repair Programme is set to be overhauled, and the changes will benefit both the schools and the communities where they are located.

During a stakeholder session on Tuesday (February 21) at the Victor E. Bruce Financial Complex, Chief Secretary Kelvin Charles, who is also the Secretary of Education, Innovation and Energy, assured primary school principals that there will be improvements to the programme.

Charles said individuals and small contractors from those communities will be hired to conduct repairs. He believes this approach will empower communities and enhance their well-being.

The School Repair Programme operates year round. However, major remedial works are done during the July/August vacation period to avoid interruptions in the school schedule.