

A COMMUNITY MEDICAL NETWORK OF VOLUNTEERS

MINDS is the largest community based human service institute in Singapore, catering to the needs of the entire spectrum of the intellectually challenged population. Specialist programs by the organisation include specialised education, vocational training, psychological management services, therapy intervention program and family assistance services.

A large proportion of its clients are from the lower income brackets of society. As such, it is difficult for these financially estranged families to seek services externally when a need arises, e.g., legal/medical consultation. Furthermore, whilst MINDS does have in-house some para-medical professionals (i.e. psychologists, therapists, social workers), it does not have doctors, psychiatrists, etc, representing the various aspects of the medical profession.

As such, MINDS, EDS, has decided to spearhead the formation of a community medical network comprising volunteer medical practitioners in the areas of primary health care screening, mental health and secondary health care specialities.

The objectives of the network are to assist in providing basic medical screening/consultation services, expert health education, guidance and training for its professional para-medical staff in managing the in-house training programs. The network members can also contribute in the management and policy development of the organisation.

SMA Members who are interested to participate in this MINDS, EDS community medical network can contact **Lohsnah Jeevanandam**, Psychologist at EDS, MINDS at **473 7512** or through email at **Lohsnah_J_EDS@minds.org.sg**