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Creole Speaking Medical Professionals Needed for Haiti Response Effort

TOPEKA, Kan. – To help with the relief effort in Haiti, the White House has requested the assistance of states in identifying Creole-speaking medical professionals that can deploy to Haiti in the next few days. The Kansas State Board of Nursing is heading the effort in Kansas and is asking qualified professionals to sign up as soon as possible.

Depending on specialties, there will be opportunities to work in existing hospitals, on the hospital ship USNS Comfort and at emergency field hospitals. Currently, the need for all Creole-speaking doctors and nurses is most urgent. However, priority will be given to professionals with specialties most relevant to the crisis, such as general surgery, family, orthopedics, infectious disease, pediatrics and nutrition. Volunteers will need to be able to report to Miami.

Any medical professionals who speak Creole can sign up in one of two ways:

1. Individuals can go online and fill out a form here, ignoring the SEIU specific questions:
<http://action.seiu.org/helphaiti?source=haiti&subsource=whitehouse>
2. Organizations can submit multiple names by entering information into the attached Excel template and emailing the completed spreadsheet to volunteerhaiti@seiu.org. Be sure to write **WHITE HOUSE** in the subject line.

The Kansas State Board of Nursing recommends that interested professionals sign up immediately, given the large number of people interested in volunteering in the relief effort for the earthquake stricken country.

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