Proceedings of the 11\textsuperscript{th} Executive Committee meeting of the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department held on 7/5/2012 at 12-00 Noon in SAST Office.

Members Present

3. Dr. K.V. Raju, Economic Advisor to Hon’ble Chief Minister, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.
4. Dr. H. Sudarshan, Karuna Trust, #686, 16th main, 39th cross, 4th ‘T’ Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 041.
5. Sri. D.N. Nayak, Executive Director, SAST, Bangalore.

Special invitees:

1. Dr. N. Devadasan, Director of IPH, Bangalore.

The Chairman welcomed the members and Invitees to the meeting.

Subjects on the Agenda were taken up for discussion.

1. \textbf{Confirmation of action taken report on 10th EC Meeting held on 13/1/2012}

The Committee perused action taken report and confirmed the proceedings of the 10th Executive Committee meeting.

However, the Committee felt that the pace of disposal of Preauthorisation as well as Settlement of Claims needs to be improved. Regarding progress in implementation of IT Platform, the Committee suggested that M/s. HCL Infosystems Ltd should be prevailed upon to complete all pending formalities in project implementation and that the system should go live on 22/5/2012 as scheduled.
As regards Sl. No. 7 of Action Taken Report pertaining to Revision of Benefit Packages, Dr. H. Sudarshan opined that the benefit packages for the various procedures were decided more than 2 years ago and he felt that there is need to examine the matter of revising the rates in the present context. He said, after detailed examination, the proposals for revision may be placed before the Executive Committee for appropriate decision.

The Committee agreed to the same.

2. **Extension of Vajpayee Arogyashree to Bangalore & Mysore Divisions**

*(Preparatory stages):*

(a) Calling of tenders for selection of ISA

The Executive Director explained to the Committee that the Trust is required to initiate steps to call for tenders to avail the services of an Implementation Support Agency (ISA) in respect of 17 districts of Bangalore & Mysore Divisions, to which VAS has been extended in 2012-13. He also brought to the notice of the Executive Committee that the duration of contract of ISA for Gulbarga Division is coming to a close on 16/11/2012 and that the Trust will have to initiate steps for procuring the services of an ISA for Gulbarga Division also for the period from 17/11/2012.

The Executive Director also proposed that the closing date for the contracts in respect of the 3 Divisions can be fixed in such manner as to synchronize with the closing date of existing contract of ISA in respect of Belgaum Division. After detailed discussion, the EC approved the proposal as follows;

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It was also agreed to call for RFP for availing the services of a common ISA in respect of the three divisions together. Dr. K.V. Raju, Member, suggested that while calling for RFP, offers could be invited not only from individual entities but also from consortium of organizations.

The Executive Director expressed reservations regarding the feasibility of inviting offers from consortia of companies. The Committee felt that the feasibility/suitability of entertaining offers from even the consortia of companies may be examined and appropriate decision taken by the Executive Director after consultation with the Chairman, Executive Committee.

Subject to the above observation, the Committee approved the proposal.

(b) Mega camps to be conducted in Bangalore and Mysore Divisions

The Committee examined the proposal of organizing Mega Health Camps in the 17 districts of Bangalore & Mysore Divisions, while launching the VAS in these areas. It was felt that conducting the Mega Camps at the district headquarters is necessary to mobilize the people to health screening camps and also for the purpose of giving wide publicity and creation of public awareness about the scheme.

After detailed discussions, the Executive Committee approved the proposal of organizing the Mega Health Camps in the district headquarters at a cost of Rs. 10.00 lakhs per camp.

(c). Discussion regarding the present manpower and the need to increase the manpower in view of extension of Vajpayee Arogyashree to Bangalore and Mysore Divisions

The Executive Director explained the present staffing position in the SAST and regarding the need to create the following very essential posts;

1) Regional/Zonal Co-ordinator for Bangalore Division
2) Regional/Zonal Co-ordinator for Mysore Division
3) Chief Administrative officer (Rank of Assistant Commissioner or above from Karnataka Administrative Service).
The Executive Committee approved the proposal and suggested to fill the two post of Regional/Zonal Co-ordinators on contract basis. The Committee suggested that the services of a suitable KAS Officer may be obtained on deputation basis by approaching Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms.

3. **Regarding approval for purchase of 7 desktops and 2 laptops under DGS&D**

The Committee examined the proposal for purchase of 7 Desktop Computers and 2 Laptops for the use of officers of SAST. The Executive Director explained that the items are covered under DGS&D Rate Contract and that the purchase of the gadgets is necessary to facilitate smooth functioning on the IT Platform, which is expected to become operational from June 2012.

The Committee approved the proposal.

4. **Regarding requirement of additional space**

The Committee examined the proposal regarding obtaining additional office space for SAST on hire or rental basis. Dr. K.V. Raju mentioned that since the commissioning of IT Platform of SAST is going to make the transactions online and paperless, the proposal of obtaining additional space needs further examination. He further indicated that Kandaya Bhavan building is ready and that SAST may explore the possibilities of finding office space in the said premises.

The Chairman advised the Executive Director to examine the above issues and bring the subject before the next meeting, if necessary.

5. **Progress of Preauthorization and Claims Settlement**

The Committee perused the progress of Preauthorisation and claims settlement. The Chairman wanted to know the reasons for pendency in settling the claims from the Network Hospitals. The Executive Director explained that in a number of cases, Network Hospitals send incomplete proposals without uploading all the prescribed documents regarding the clinical procedure conducted. Besides this, the shortage of the empanelled Doctors in SAST is also
affecting the progress on this. He appraised the Committee that the Trust has invited EOI from the qualified Doctors to work on the panel of SAST and that early action will be taken to increase the number of Doctors on the panel which will improve the disposal of cases.

The Committee noted the same with a suggestion that the time for settlement of claims and preauthorization should be drastically bought down.

6. **Updates on activities of Empanelment & Disciplinary Committee for information.**

The Executive Committee perused the proceedings of the Empanelment & Disciplinary Committee dated 3/4/2012 and accorded approval for the same.

7. **Simplification of procedure regarding settlement of claims:**

The Executive Director explained the background regarding action taken in the meeting proceedings dated 13/1/2012. He said these are essentially steps taken to relax certain redundant formalities and procedure in scrutiny of claims by the Hospitals. Dr. H. Sudarshan said that they can be agreed to and he further suggested that the Trust should carry out amendments to the protocol procedure in accordance with the decisions taken in the meeting dated 13/1/2012.

The Executive Committee agreed to the proposal and ratified the action taken.

8. **Position of Receipts and Payments for the year 2010-11 and 2011-12.**

The Executive Committee perused the statement of Receipts and Payments for the year 2010-11 and 2011-12 vide Annexure-E and noted the same.
9. **A Note regarding Appointment of Auditors for Statutory and Internal Audit.**

The Committee took note of the action taken by the Trust in initiating steps for appointment of Statutory and Internal Auditors for 3 years i.e., 2011-12 to 2013-14 and 2012-13 to 2014-15.

10. **Information regarding Training to ASHAs**

The Executive Director explained that the Trust is required to involve ASHAs in the implementation of VAS as they can play a crucial role between the beneficiaries of the scheme in the villages and health screening camps being organized at the district and taluk levels. They can also play an important role in disseminating information and creating awareness regarding the benefits available under the programme. The ASHAs can play a significant role in persuading the rural people to undergo treatment for tertiary ailments and also in insisting the beneficiaries to undergo follow-up procedures. In the above background, it is proposed to conduct SATCOM based training programme from SIRD, Mysore to educate and train 16126 ASHAs working in Gulbarga and Belgaum Divisions. This initiative has been appreciated by the World Bank and they have stipulated the completion of the training programme for ASHAs as one of the milestones to be achieved for the purpose of release of agreed Tranche allocation.

The Executive Director appraised that the approximate expenditure towards organizing the training including the allowance to be paid to ASHAs will be around Rs. 40.00 lakhs and he sought the approval of the committee.

After detailed examination, the Committee approved the proposal.

**Additional Subject**

**Internship to candidates from IHMR**

SAST has been in contact with IHMR in the matter of procuring the services of candidates with Diploma in Hospital Management or other connected specialities to work as Co-ordinators for developing Standard Medical Protocols, Hospital Quality Standards etc., on the basis of campus recruitments. Right now, there is no availability of candidates who have completed diploma course of two years.
The head of IHMR has requested the SAST to provide an opportunity to two candidates to undergo Summer Internship of two months in SAST. This request came through the Mission Director, NRHM. Keeping in view the need to keep a long standing relationship with IHMR, SAST has allowed the following two candidates to undergo the Summer Internship at SAST with linkage with Network Hospitals in Bangalore. They will be paid a stipend of Rs. 7,500/- each per month. Total expenditure on this count comes to Rs. 30,000/-.

Name of Interns
1) Ms. Pragnya Patnaik, B.E. (Bio Medical)
2) Ms. Rupam Kumari, B.E. (Bio Medical)

The Executive Director appraised the matter and sought approval for the same.

The Committee approved the same.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

(Proceedings approved by the Chairman, SAST/Secretary, H&FW Dept on 15/5/2012)

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Secretary to Govt. Health & Family Welfare Dept. & Chairman, SAST

Executive Director
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust
Bangalore

Date: 15/5/2012

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3. The Principal Secretary to Government, Medical Education Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore.
5. The Mission Director, National Rural Health Mission/Project Administrator, KHSDRP, Sheshadri Road Bangalore.
6. The Director Health & Family Welfare Services & Vice Chairperson of Executive Committee, Ananda Rao Circle Bangalore.
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10. Sri Mohan Das Pai, INFOSYS, Bangalore.
11. All Officers, SAST, Bangalore.