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Proceedings of the 13th Trust Board Meeting, held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka in Committee Room No. 313, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore on 5/2/2020.

Members Present:

1. The Chief Secretary to Government, Government of Karnataka, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru - Chairman
2. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Health & Family Welfare Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru - Deputy Chairman
3. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Medical Education Department-Trustee
4. The Secretary to Government, Dept. of Housing - Member
5. The Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare Services, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru. Chief Executive -Trustee
6. The Executive Director, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust - Secretary to the Trust
7. The Mission Director, National Health Mission - Trustee
8. The Director, Medical Education Dept. Trustee
9. Representative from Finance Department, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
10. Representative from Dept. of Information and Technology
11. Representative from Labour Department – Trustee
12. The Director, Kidwai Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru - Trustee
13. Representative from Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology, Bengaluru -Trustee
14. Representative from NIMHANS, Bengaluru - Trustee
15. Dr. H. Sudarshan, Karuna Trust, Bengaluru – Trustee
16. Representative from National Health Authority, New Delhi – Special Invitee

Members absent:

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Co-operation Department, M.S. Building, Bengaluru – Trustee
2. The Principal Secretary to Govt. Dept. of Urban and Development – Member
3. The Director, Health & Family Welfare Services, Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru–Trustee
4. Dr. Devi Shetty, Cardio Thoracic Surgeon, Narayana Hrudayalaya, Bengaluru -Trustee

The Executive Director welcomed the Chairperson, Deputy Chairman and all the members of the Trust.

13.1 Confirmation of the proceedings of the Eleventh TrustBoard Meeting held on 13/5/2019

The Trust Board confirmed the proceedings of the Twelfth Trust Board Meeting held on 13/5/2019.

13.2 Action taken report of the proceedings of Twelfth Trust Board Meeting held on 13/5/2019

The Executive Director presented the action taken report on the proceedings of the 12th Trust Board meeting and the same has been noted.

For the following subjects, Chairperson directed further action to be taken as under;

Action taken report from 12th Trust Board Meeting

SI No.	Decision Point	Action Taken	Remarks of the Board
12.6& 12.7	Board directed that action to recognize the CPS courses early should be initiated by the department to alleviate the problem.	----	The Chairman directed action to be initiated by the Directorate of H&FWS within a week.
	Organ Transplant Board approved that for the implementation of organ transplantation scheme for live related transplants only, (and not for unrelated transplants or cadaveric) the necessity of referral from PHIs to private empanelled hospitals shall be exempted.	Cadaveric transplants have been permitted to be done in private network hospitals without referral as the organ allocation is done by Jeevasarthakathe on seniority basis. Live organ transplants from all over Karnataka have to visit Center of Excellence, Bangalore to get the referral, which is causing hardship. Private network hospitals are requesting for getting referral from Medical Colleges and District Hospitals where suitable Specialists	The Board decided to modify the words as "Cadaveric transplants are permitted in private empanelled hospitals without referral".

		(Nephrologists, Cardiologists and Gastroenterologist) are available to refer the organ transplant cases	
12.8	Budget for the year 2019-20 Board suggested that in the eventuality of the expenditure going out of control, to examine the suggestion of getting an affidavit from a patient that he/she does not own assets above Rs. 25 lakh, at the government level and place it before the cabinet for decision.	---	A proposal that the Directors of the concerned Institutions be authorized to seek an affidavit from beneficiaries claiming BPL category in case of doubt. be submitted for approval to Government.

13.3 Confirmation of the proceedings of 25th and 26th Executive Committee Meeting

The Trust Board confirmed the proceedings of 25th and 26th EC meeting held on 31/7/2019 and 7/11/2019.

13.4 Progress of schemes being implemented by SAST

The Executive Director briefed the progress of the schemes implemented by SAST with reference to empanelment of hospitals, treatment availed by the beneficiaries in AB-ArK, Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme and Organ Transplant and enrollment of beneficiaries under AB-ArK.

The members discussed the issues of the scheme in detail. The gist of the discussions is as under:

- The Executive Director informed that in Bangalore, corporate hospitals viz Manipal, Fortis, Baptist, Appollo, Columbia Asia were not keen to empanel under the scheme, despite efforts to get them to empanel. Only one Missionary hospital i.e., St. Johns hospital is empanelled under the scheme, others have not come forward.
- The Executive Director also informed that Karnataka stands 2nd in empanelment of private and government hospitals and 4th in enrolment of cards as per the data updated by Gol in the PMJAY -Ayushman Bharat Website.
- Dr.Sudarshan expressed his appreciation for the progress achieved under the scheme and pointed out that compared to previous years there was a threefold increase of

beneficiaries. He also opined that if additional staff was provided to SAST, there is a strong likelihood of Karnataka standing first in the country.

- The Executive Director presented the performance of all schemes being implemented in SAST with comparative statement for the years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, rate of utilization and percentage of utilization of government and private hospitals. Presenting the claims submission status of both Government and private empanelled hospitals, she stated that claims settlement could be speeded up if Finance Department permitted filling up of existing vacancies.
- The Chairman sought the list of major private hospitals that were not empanelled in the scheme in Bangalore to initiate talks with the hospitals and persuade them to get empanelled under the scheme.

Decision :

The Trust Board directed to make efforts to empanel more private hospitals. The Chairman also directed the representative from Finance Dept. to clear the file relating to filling up of vacancies in SAST at the earliest.

13.5 Funding details of Gol for Ayushman Bharat – Arogya Karnataka

The Executive Director presented the details of funds received from Gol and expenditure incurred for settlement of claims since 30th Oct. 2018. She also informed that Gol has provided for admin cost of Rs. 18 crores, of which, Rs. 9 crores was utilized.

Decision:

The Board noted the details of funding by GOI and State Government

13.6 Financial status of all schemes of SAST

The Executive Director briefed the financial status of all schemes implemented in SAST with reference to budget allocation, releases from Gol and Karnataka and expenditure incurred till date.

Decision:

The Board noted



13.7 Budget for the year 2020-21

The Executive Director explained in detail the budget proposal for the year 2020-21 for Ayushman Bharat- Arogya Karnataka and other schemes implemented by SAST.

Decision:

The Board noted

13.8 Resolution to remove two Trustees

The Executive Director informed that Dr. K.V. Raju, Economist had tendered his resignation from the membership of the Trust and Sri Mohan Das Pai, Infosys, Bangalore had not attended any of the Trust Board meetings. Government had permitted removal of their names from the Trust Board. She sought approval to amend the Trust Deed accordingly.

Decision:

The Board approved amendment of the Trust Deed and suggested that one member from PHANA could be made a Trustee.

13.9 Updates on CM Relief fund

The Executive Director updated the status of applications processed under the CM Relief Fund and informed that a software had been designed and developed for online submission of applications from CM Relief Fund section for speedy disposal. She also informed that from about 3 weeks, no cases from CM Relief Fund Section were being received for payment advice in SAST.

Decision:

The Board Noted.

13.10 Updates on "Clarification of admissible amount for Medical Reimbursement bills"

The Executive Director updated the status of bills, relating to Medical Reimbursement of State Government employees who had availed treatment in non-empanelled hospitals. She



also informed that software development was entrusted to NIC for online submission of the medical bills of the employees for speedy disposal.

Decision:

The Board noted.

13.11 Updates of meetings of "Expert Committee for recommendation of uniform package rates for healthcare assurance schemes in participating establishments" under KPME Act

The Executive Director informed that the "Expert Committee for recommendation of uniform package rates for healthcare assurance schemes in participating establishments" under KPME Act, had met on 02/07/2019, 15/10/2019 and 02/12/2019.

The Expert Committee had accepted the recommendation for revising the package rates for Cardiology, Urology, Orthopedics and Oncology specialties proposed by the Sub-committee formed by it for the purpose. The National Health Authority had shared the Health Benefit Package 2.0, wherein the number of procedures are increased to 1574 from the earlier 1349, with modified rates. The Sub Committees had looked into the revised rates in HBP 2.0 while proposing the new rates.

A proposal to include Bone Marrow Transplant and combination organ transplants such as Kidney and Liver, Kidney and Pancreas, Heart and Lungs and Limbs, in organ transplants scheme was also made by the Committee.

All of these new inclusions and revised rates have to be concurred by the Finance Dept., after which, it will be communicated to Gol.

Decision :

The Board noted and suggested to pursue with the Finance Dept.

13.12 Best Practices initiated in implementation of Ayushman Bharat- Arogya Karnataka Scheme



The Executive Director explained to the Board that best practices such as Biometric authentication of the beneficiaries, Classification of treatment procedures to utilize in house capacities optimally, Reaching the last mile, Incentives to the team of treating staff, Online Referral system, Approvals for treatment by Specialists, SMS alerts, Consultative Committees of specialist, Call centre, Common contact toll free no. for all Arogyamitras - 1800 425 2646 and GPS based Mobile App application for capturing attendance of Arogya Mitras and District Coordinators are being followed in the implementation of Ayushman Bharat – Arogya Karnataka Scheme.

Decision:

The Board noted and appreciated the best practices initiated in the implementation of the scheme and suggested that the Executive Director, SAST should submit proposal for Prime Minister's Excellence in Administration Award.

13.13 Creation of healthcare revolving fund by using the retained amount of package rates by SAST

The Executive Director explained to the Board that since inception of integrated Ayushmaan Bharat - Arogya Karnataka from 30.10.2018 till 31.12.2019, **Rs.20873.47** lakhs was paid to PHIs as claims under simple secondary care, complex secondary care and tertiary care against the actual package rates of **Rs.27906.83 lakhs**. Reimbursement of package cost was limited to 50% to 75% of the package rate except for cardiology procedures wherein 100% of package rate is being reimbursed. Hence an amount of **Rs.7033.36 lakhs** of undisbursed amount is remaining with SAST.

Therefore, a proposal to create a Health Care Revolving Fund (HCRF) with this amount for up gradation of facilities in PHIs such as procuring appropriate equipment, providing infrastructure and filling the HR gaps is placed for consideration. For effective utilization of the proposed fund, a Committee is proposed to be constituted under the chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Dept., with Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare Services & Executive Director, SAST as Members and Director, Health & Family Welfare



Services as Member Secretary and the terms and conditions for utilization, mode of utilization will be formulated by the Committee.

The members discussed the subject in detail. The gist of the discussions is as under;

- The Director, KIDWAI requested for reimbursement of 100% of the package amount for oncology procedures performed, as the cost of treatment is higher than the package cost.
- The Commissioner, H&FWS emphasized utilizing the amount towards strengthening of the capacity of PHIs, considering the steady increase in the procedures conducted at PHIs since the inception of AB-Ark scheme.
- Dr.Sudarshan opined that the amount presently with SAST be retained with SAST as corpus fund.

Decision:

The Board suggested to work out the percentage of package cost to be released to PHIs for super specialty treatment and come up with a proposal for utilization of the retained package cost by Additional Chief Secretary, H&FW and obtain the concurrence of Finance Department. The presently accumulated amount of Rs.7033.36 lakhs can be retained by SAST as a corpus for the time being and till further orders. ACS, HFWs to prepare proposal for utilisation of this fund and submit to Finance Department for concurrence by 10.03.2020.

Additional Subjects

13.14 New Proposals for Health benefit schemes

The Executive Director placed the new proposals i.e, (i) health benefits to retired State government employees and their dependants (ii) New Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme and, (iii) Health Benefit Scheme to Anganwadi workers in the Women & Child Welfare Department that have been submitted to Government.

Decision:

The Board noted and suggested to submit the proposal of Health benefit scheme to Anganwadi workers to the Women & Child Welfare Dept. in the pre-budget discussions.



13.15: Hiring of Advisor Health under Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka Scheme in the office of the Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare Services

The Commissioner, H&FWS informed that an AB-ArK Cell in the H&FWS is functioning as a coordinating body between SAST and Health & Family Welfare Dept. including all empanelled PHIs. The scheme further needs integration with other schemes like Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), Rashtriya Kishore Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK), NCD & HWC (for continuum of care) and NPCB (Blindness Control) etc.

The Commissioner sought approval to hire a person with vast experience in public health domain with minimum 20 years experience with a proven track record in managing public health programmes/national programmes, on contract basis with a remuneration of Rs. 75,000/- per month and provision of office space, vehicle & mobile charges. Remuneration for the proposed post will be paid from AB-ArK funds available in the Commissionerate.

Decision:

The Board approved hiring an Advisor under AB-ArK scheme in the office of the Commissioner, H&FWS on contract basis with remuneration of Rs. 75,000/- per month. Remuneration for the post will be paid from AB-ArK funds available in the Commissionerate.

The Meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks.



Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka &
Chairperson, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust.

