Proceedings of the 14th Executive Committee meeting of the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust under the chairmanship of the Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department held on 20/2/2013 at 3-45 PM in SAST Office.

Members Present

1. Sri. M. Madan Gopal, Principal Secretary to Government, Health & Family Welfare Department & Chairman of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore.
2. Dr. K.V. Raju, Economic Advisor to Hon’ble Chief Minister, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.
3. Dr. H. Sudarshan, Karuna Trust, #686, 16th main, 39th cross, 4th ‘T’ Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 041.
5. Dr. P. Boregowda, Executive Director, SAST, Bangalore.
6. Officers of SAST

The Executive Director, SAST welcomed the Chairman and members to the meeting.

Subjects on the Agenda were taken up for discussion.

1. **Confirmation of the proceedings of 13th EC Meeting held on 20/12/2012**

   The Executive Committee confirmed the proceedings of the 13th Executive Committee meeting held on 20/12/2012.

2. **Action taken report of the proceedings of the 13th EC Meeting held on 20/12/2012**

   The Executive Committee perused action taken report in respect of proceedings of the 13th Executive Committee meeting held on 20/12/2012 and approved the same.
3. **Ratification of appointment of**
   
   (a) Dr. Narayana Swamy as Deputy Director on Deputation &
   (b) Sri. W. Suresh Wesley as Consultant, M&V

   The Committee noted and ratified the appointment of Dr. Narayana Swamy as Deputy Director on deputation and Sri. Suresh Wesley as Consultant, M&V.

4. **Updates on activities of Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee for information:**

   The Executive Committee perused the proceedings of the Empanelment & Disciplinary Committee dated 29/1/2013 and noted the same. The Committee approved to include the following additional members to Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee:

   1. Director, State Institute of Health & Family Welfare
   2. Executive Director, State Health Resource Centre
   3. All the Regional Consultant to assist the empanelment in their respective regions.

   The Executive Director informed the Committee that Oncology specialist needs to be included as member of the EDC Committee. The Chairman suggested to include Dr. Shenoy, former Director, KIDWAI and Dr. Srinath from Shankar Cancer Hospital by replacing Dr. M.G. Prasad and Dr. Hanumanthappa. The Chairman suggested that the working of regional consultants is not being properly monitored, as there is no clear TOR at the time of appointment. Therefore, Committee decided that in all these cases there must be a periodic review of their work. In case of reappointment/continuation of consultant, the work review need to be approved through Committee before continuing the service of the consultants.

   Dr. K.V. Raju suggested to open a page in website wherein Regional Consultants would record their day to day activities which helps in monitoring their function and progress.

   *(Action - Director, MM)*
5. **Empanelment of Network Hospitals under VAS with the neighbouring States**

The Executive Director explained the Committee about the empanelment of hospitals in the neighbouring States. He told that five hospitals have been empanelled after due inspection of Hospitals and few more hospitals have applied through online which needs to be inspected. He also informed that Kamineni hospital, Hyderabad has good bed strength with well-equipped infrastructure, has been de-empanelled from Rajiv Arogyashri Scheme. The Committee felt that this hospital also to be empanelled.

The Chairman suggested empaneling the hospitals at Mehaboobnagar as it is closely accessible to the beneficiaries of Raichur district. It was decided that Dr. Sudarshan and team to visit Kurnool, Mehaboobnagar and Dr. Prakash and Team to visit Miraj, Kollapur and Sholapur to inspect hospitals at the earliest and empanel the eligible ones.

(Action - Director, MM)

6. **Progress of Preauthorization and Claims Settlement Processes**

The Committee perused the progress of Preauthorisation and claims settlement. The Committee expressed its happiness for the detailed analysis of the data and suggested to give district-wise analysis also in future.

(Action - Consultant, M&V)

7. **Receipts and Payments for the Year 2012-13 from 1-04-2012 to 31-01-2013**

The Executive Committee perused the statement of Receipts and Payments for the year 2012-13 from 1/4/2012 to 31/1/2013 and noted the same.

(Action - Director, Finance)
8. Benefit Package:

a) Inclusion & Deletion of procedures & Package amount:

The Committee approved the proposal of inclusion and deletion of procedures and suggested for deletion of 13 procedures and inclusion of 59 new procedures as suggested by Consultative Committee of doctors and recommended by EDC, thus totaling to 448 procedures. The list of deletion procedures is enclosed in the Annexure I&II to the proceedings.

Regarding changes in the package amount, the Committee examined the proposal of EDC. After detailed discussions approved the revised package amount as mentioned in the Col No. 6 of the revised amount format. The increase in the package amount was approved by taking into consideration the cost of implants (Plates and Screws), increase in the cost to stunts and conduits etc, and the rates offered by other Health Insurance Schemes of Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, and ensured that our revised rate is less than the rates of other States.

The Committee also examined the recommendations of the Special Committee headed by Dr. H. Sudarshan, Dr. Dhanya Kumar and Dr. Prakash to examine the proposal of the Expert Committee and by taking all the above factors into consideration, the EC gave its approval for the revised amount as per Annexure-III.

The Committee suggested to Dr. Prakash, Director, MM and Dr. Viswaradhy, Consultant to submit the proposal of procedures pertaining to Trauma cases for the next EC Meeting.

b) Revised Pre-Op & Post-op investigations for VAS procedures

The Committee approved the recommendation of EDC for the changes in the investigations required for approval of pre-authorisation and claims. The list of revised Pre-Op & Post-op investigations for VAS procedures is enclosed in Annexure-IV to the proceedings.

(Action - Director, MM)
Sanction of incentives for NABH accredited hospitals under VAS:

The Executive Director explained the Committee that giving incentives to NABH Accredited Hospitals would help hospitals to offer quality medical treatment.

He also informed that the same facility is provided to hospitals in Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu and Kerala State by giving 2.5% of the package amount and EDC has also recommended to give 2.5% as incentive to NABH accredited hospitals. After detailed discussion the Committee approved to give 2% of the package amount as incentives to NABH Accredited Hospitals.

(Action - Director, MM)

Submission of claims:

(A) Introduction of penalty clause for delay

After detailed discussions, the Committee approved to introduce penalty clause for delay in submission of claims to Network Hospitals as follows;

(a) Upto 30 days - No penalty
(b) 31 days to 45 days - 5%
(c) 45 days to 60 days - 10%
(d) 61 days to 90 days - 30%
(e) Beyond 90 days - No claim will be settled

(Action - Director, Operations)

(B) Time-line for submission of claims

The Committee decided to provide 15 days of time as a last chance and then reject and close the cases of the year 2010-11 and 2011-12.

(Action - Director, MM)
11. **Incentives to treating staff at Government hospitals**

The Executive Director explained the Committee that extending incentive to staff at Government Hospitals is one of the milestones of the World Bank, also similar facility is made available in Andhra Pradesh under Rajiv Arogya Yojna Scheme also.

The Committee decided not to withdraw Government Order issued No. HW/SAS/ 22 /2009-10, Bangalore Dated 12/12/2012 as the incentive not only encourages treating staff to evince more interest, but also strengthens the Government hospitals to offer the facilities to the needy patients.

**(Action - Director, Operations)**

12. **District & Taluk level Health camps**

The Committee approved to conduct health camps at Sub Division level for Gulbarga and Belgaum Divisions and to conduct monthly camps at District Level and once in 2 months at Taluk Level in Bangalore & Mysore Divisions.

**(Action - Director, MM)**

13. **Enhancement of remuneration for Drivers & Group D**

The Committee approved the enhancement of remuneration for the post of Drivers and Group ‘D’ as mentioned below;

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**(Action - Director, Operations)**
14. **Fixation of TA/DA, Honorarium, Sitting Fees and other allowances**

The Committee approved for fixation of TA/DA, Honorarium, Sitting fee and other allowances as suggested by an Official Committee constituted by SAST.

**(Action - Director, Operations)**

15. **SAST Office Interiors**

The Executive Director explained the Committee that an additional 3000 Sq. Ft. of office space has been taken from BMTC to implement Vajpayee Arogyashree Scheme for Non-BPL families in BBMP areas. He informed that the interior designs and drawings are got done by an expert Architect. He further appraised the Committee about the action taken as per the decision of the Committee in its previous meeting and the competitive rates obtained from Nirmithi Kendra and Karnataka Land Army Corporation who have got KTPP exemption and also from BMTC.

The Committee approved the rates of Nirmithi Kendra to furnish interiors for a total area of 15000 Sq. Ft. at a cost of Rs. 209 lakhs and directed Executive Director to get the work done at the earliest.

**(Action - Director, Operations)**

**Additional Subjects**

1. **Extension of support of ISA to the Non-BPL Beneficiaries of BBMP**

The Executive Director informed the Committee that VAS Scheme is going to be extended to the Non-BPL families in BBMP area as per the decision taken in the Trust Board meeting held on 22/12/2012 and the BBMP has sought the approval of the Government for further action in the matter.
He also informed the Committee that the present ISA has submitted a proposal for processing of Pre-auths, Claims, providing MIS support, appointing Co-ordinator for BBMP area based on the number of beneficiaries and appointment of additional Arogyamithras at 20 active Network Hospitals with a remuneration of Rs. 15,000/- per month.

The EC approved the total proposal of the ISA.

(Proposal - Director, Operations)

2. **IEC Activities**

The Committee ratified the action taken to provide Aprons and Bags to Arogyamithras of Bangalore & Mysore Divisions at a cost of Rs. 2.43 lakhs. Regarding establishment of KIOSK, the Committee approved to supply KIOSKs to District Hospitals and Taluk Hospitals and only the flexi to CHCs. The Chairman expressed that there are no building in many of CHCs and Taluk hospitals, therefore ensure proper use of KIOSKs/Flexis

(Proposal - Director, Operations)

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

(Proceedings approved by the Chairman, SAST/ Principal Secretary, H&FW Dept)

**Sd/-**

*(M.MADAN GOPAL)*
Principal Secretary to Govt. Health & Family Welfare Dept. & Chairman, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust

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Executive Director
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust
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Date: 27/2/2013

Copy to:
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2. The Secretary to Government (Exp.), Finance Department, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.
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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9. All Officers, SAST, Bangalore.