Proceedings of the 15th Executive Committee meeting of the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust under the chairmanship of the Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department held on 3/5/2013 at 10.30 AM 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. Sri. R.R. Jannu, Mission Director, NRHM & Project Administrator, KHSDRP
6. Dr. Dhanya Kumar, Director, Health & Family Welfare Services.
7. Smt. Manjula Geetha, Deputy Secretary, Finance Department
8. Sri. Mahabood Shah, Under Secretary, Medical Education Dept.
9. Dr. P. Boregowda, Executive Director, SAST, Bangalore.
10. 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 14th EC Meeting held on 20/2/2013**

   The Executive Committee confirmed the proceedings of the 14th Executive Committee meeting held on 20/2/2013.

2. **Action taken report of the proceedings of the 14th EC Meeting held on 20/2/2013**

   The Executive Committee perused the action taken report in respect of proceedings of the 14th Executive Committee meeting held on 20/2/2013 and approved the same.
3. Receipts and Payments for the year 2012-13 from 1/4/2012 to 31/3/2013

The Executive Committee perused the statement of Receipts and Payments for the year 2012-13 from 1/4/2012 to 31/3/2013. The Executive Director briefed the Committee that out of the annual expenditure of Rs. 8264.11 lakhs, Rs. 6804.61 lakhs are spent towards the settlement of the claims. The Committee noted the same.

(Action - Director, Finance)

4. Progress of Preauthorization and Claims Settlement Processes

The Committee perused the cumulative progress achieved in respect of 38044 preauthorization proposals amounting to Rs. 215.47 crores and settlement of 24503 claims amounting to Rs.142.18 crores since the inception of the Scheme.

After a detailed discussion the Committee felt the necessity of achieving more progress under other specialities also when compared to Cardiology and Oncology cases by taking necessary action.

(Action - Consultant, M&V)

5. Updates on activities of Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee for Information:

The Executive Committee perused the action taken in respect of empanelment of hospitals in the neighbouring States and noted the total empanelment of 136 hospitals in the State and 9 hospitals in the neighboring States till date.

(Action - Director, MM)
6. **Report on Spot Verification**

The Executive Director explained the Committee that 558 cases pertaining to 2010-11 and 2011-12 which were pending due to various reasons were taken up for a special clearance drive by forming spot verification teams. The outcome of the drive is that 516 cases were settled by releasing an amount of Rs. 265.40 lakhs to the Network Hospitals. He also highlighted that:

i) the VAS has been very popular among the masses and the satisfaction of the beneficiaries is high;

ii) there is a need to strengthen the follow-up process further by evolving necessary methodology;

iii) the role of field Arogyamithras needs to be changes by giving more thrust on ensuring the patients undergo follow-up.

The Committee expressed its happiness, as this effort has not only ended in clearing the pending files but also resulted in settling the claims of the hospitals to a tune of Rs. 255.40 lakhs. This pro-active action has helped in strengthening the backbone of PPP.

7. **Follow up protocols recommendations for patients undergoing Cardiac procedures under Vaipayee Arogyashree Scheme**

The Executive Director briefed the Committee the need for strengthening the follow-up procedures for atleast 10 top procedures of Cardiology. He also said that this would help SAST in fulfilling the milestones fixed by World Bank. He informed that the protocols are developed in consultation with the doctors of Sri. Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology, wetted by World Bank Expert, Peer group of cardiologists of all network hospitals and in-house group.
The Committee examined the proposal in detail and decided as follows:

I. to involve District hospitals for subsequent follow-ups,

II. to request District Surgeon to nominate one of the Physician for this purpose,

III. to offer Rs. 100/- per patient per visit of follow-up,

IV. to transfer the package amount to District Surgeon and he shall spend the amount towards:
   a) honorarium to Physician
   b) cost of investigations
   c) cost of medicines, to be dispensed to the patient
   d) to remit the balance to the account of Arogya Raksha Samithi.

V. Drug Logistic Society to ensure the availability of medicines required for this purpose,

VI. Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare Services to ensure the availability of equipments required,

VII. To request Government to issue Government Order in this regard.

(Action - Director, MM)

8. TOR for Field Arogyamithras

The Executive Director explained the necessity of reviving the roles and responsibilities of Field Arogyamithras in view of the induction of ASHA workers under VAS. The Committee perused the TOR prepared in respect of Field Arogyamithras and approved the same.

(Action - Director, MM)
9. **Appointment of Arogyamithras for newly empanelled hospitals in neighbouring States**

The Committee noted and approved the appointment of 9 Arogyamithras with an honorarium of Rs. 8500/- per month per person in the newly empanelled hospitals in the neighbouring States.

(ACTION - Director, MM)

10. **Purchase of computers, Laptops and Xerox Machine to SAST office and Regional Consultant’s office**

In view of the extension of the VAS to the entire State and in view of IT system made live the Committee ratified the procurement of 6 desk tops, 1 laptop and a multipurpose photocopier machine under DGS&D rate contract at a cost of Rs. 5.13 lakhs.

11. **Ratification of appointment of Director (Finance)**

The Committee noted and ratified the appointment of Sri M. M. A. Shariff as Director (Finance).

12. **Extending Vajpayee Arogyashree Scheme to Non-BPL families of BBMP Area**

The Executive Director brought to the notice of the Committee that the Government vide G.O. No. UD 118 MNY 2013 dated 20/3/2013 has ordered the extension of VAS to about 2,72,046 Non-BPL families of BBMP area. He explained to the Committee that the said Government Order is not clear about the budgetary provision of Rs. 30.00 crores by BBMP in favour of SAST and for having obtained the approval of the cabinet. He also said that the Principal
Secretary to Government in Health & Family Welfare Department has written D.O. letter to Principal Secretary to Government, Urban Development Department seeking clarifications.

The Committee noted the same.

13. **Resignation of Dr. Panduranga T Pujari, Regional Consultant, Gulbarga Division**

The Committee noted the resignation tendered by Dr. Panduranga T Pujari, Regional Consultant, Gulbarga Division and also noted the action taken for in charge arrangements in this regard.

The Committee approved to fill up the said post through inviting EOI.

*(Action - Director, Operations)*

14. **Filling up the vacancies as per the Organogram in view of extension of the Scheme throughout the State and probability of extension to the BBMP area**

The Executive Director explained the Committee, the need to fill up the vacant posts in SAST as per the World Bank organization chart. In view of the extension of VAS to the whole State and possibilities of extension of the Scheme to the Non-BPL beneficiaries of BBMP area and to the Government employees, the committee approved the to fill up the following posts and suggested to recruit the said posts with a minimum age limit of 30 years:
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(Action - Director, Operations)

Additional Subjects

1. Relaxation of eligibility criteria for empanelment of Network Hospitals

The Executive Director explained the Committee that out of 261 hospitals applied for empanelment 136 hospitals have been empanelled. He further explained that the request of many hospitals has been rejected on the ground of less than 50 beds though the other required criteria are fulfilled.

The Committee discussed the issue and approved to relax the conditions of minimum 50 beds depending on the number of specialities for which they have applied, however, a minimum of 10 general beds to be ensured.

(Action - Director, MM)

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

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