

Proceedings of the 19th Executive Committee meeting of the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust under the Chairmanship of the Principal Secretary to the Government, Health & Family Welfare Department held on 30th July 2015 in the Conference Hall of SAST, Bangalore.

Members Present :

1. The Principal Secretary to the Government, Health and Family Welfare Department and Chairman of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust - **Chairman**
2. The Mission Director, NHM, Bangalore - **Member.**
3. Dr. H. Sudarshan, Karuna Trust, Bangalore - **Member.**
4. The Executive Director, SAST, Bangalore - **Member Secretary.**

Leave of absence :

a. Members

1. The Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Bangalore.
2. The Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare, Bangalore.
3. The Director, Health and Family Welfare Services, Bangalore.

b. Special Invitees

1. The Chief Executive Officer, Yashaswini Trust, Bangalore
2. The Chief Executive Officer, RSBY, Bangalore.

The Executive Director, SAST and Member Secretary of Executive Committee welcomed the Chairman and Members of the Executive Committee and others to the meeting.

Thereafter subjects, as per Agenda, were taken up for discussion and following decisions were arrived at.

19.01. Confirmation of the proceedings of 18th Executive Committee Meeting held on 04.05.2015

The Executive Committee confirmed the proceedings of the 18th Executive Committee meeting held on 4th May 2015.

19.02 Action taken on the proceedings of the 18th EC meeting of the SAST held on 04-05-2015

The Executive Committee perused the action taken report in respect of the proceedings of 18th Executive Meeting held on 4-5-2015 and approved the same. The Executive Committee perused the action taken report in respect of the proceedings of the 18th Executive Committee held on 4th May 2015 and approved the same subject to the following.

Sl. No.	Decision of the Executive Committee	Action taken	Remarks of the Committee
17.7	Introduction of penalty clause for delay : an amendment	The Chairman enquired about the details of penalty collected from the public and private hospitals.	Compliance noted and closed.
17.11	Health Camps- Publicity & Outreach through local cable TV Network.	The Chairman suggested to utilise the services of 104 to publish information on schemes of SAST also. He also informed IEC Consultant to meet the Commissioner, H&FWS and co-ordinate with the IEC plan for the Department.	Compliance noted and closed.
18.3	Hiring the services of Implementation Support Agency (ISA) for Mukyamantrigala Santwana Scheme (MSS).	After detailed discussion, the Committee decided to undertake the task of processing claims under MSS by SAST itself.	Compliance noted and closed.
18.5	Budget of the year 2015-16	The Committee discussed at length and suggested to send a proposal to the Finance Department explaining the reasons for higher allocation of funds.	Compliance noted and closed.

18.6	Establishment of KIOSKs in Network Hospitals	The Executive Committee discussed the subject and decided to temporarily suspend the empanelment till they adhere to the provisions of MoU (Article - 15, Clause-15.1).	Compliance noted and closed.
18.9	Intimation letter to the beneficiaries of schemes of SAST	The draft letter has been approved by Hon'ble Chief Minister and Health Minister and the letters are being sent to the beneficiaries.	The matter was discussed as to whether the letter should be posted or handed over to the beneficiary at the time of discharge along with other documents. After detailed discussion, it was decided to handover the letter to the beneficiary at the time of discharge along with other documents such as discharge summary etc. keeping it in an attractive folder.
18.10	Appointment of co-ordinator of Grievance Cell.	The Committee approved the subject.	Compliance noted and closed.
18.11	Developing systems and protocols in cases of beneficiary deaths in network hospitals empanelled with SAST.	After detailed discussion, the Committee approved the setting of mortality audit Cell at SAST and accorded sanction of creation of two posts.	Compliance noted and closed.
18.12	Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme	The Executive Committee, after detailed discussions, decided : a) To follow STGs developed for Oncology. b) To restrict it to different types of stents/implants as per the provisions in the scheme. c) In cases where the recommendation is	Compliance noted and closed.

		beyond the above such cases to be referred to the Specialists Committee.	
18.13	Rajiv Arogya Bhagya Scheme (RABS)	<p>a) The Committee ratified the action taken to obtain declaration form.</p> <p>b) The Committee decided to fix maximum limit of 60% for Semi private and 100% for Private ward as acceptable limit. Further the Committee directed to the Executive Director to negotiate with hospitals and convince them to offer rates within the maximum limits.</p>	Compliance noted and closed.
18.14	Mukyamantrigala Santwana Scheme (MSS).	<p>Proposal for the sanction of additional grants for MSS to the tune of Rs. 73.00 crore for the year 2015-16 was already submitted to the Government vide letter No. HFW/SAST/VAS/RAB/MSS/123/2015-16 dated 18.05.2015 and being pursued.</p> <p>The decision of the Committee has been communicated to the concerned on 18.06.2015.</p>	Decided to request the Government to release additional grants for implementation of MSS and to request Hon'ble Chief Minister to launch the programme, as the Government of India is contemplating enactment of Road Safety Act shortly and to ensure cashless treatment to Road Accident Victims.
18.15	Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) for Child Health Screening and Early Intervention Services under NHM	The Committee approved the proposal of conducting special camps and also suggested to avail funds for the camps as well as for	Compliance noted and closed

	for Tertiary Care.	treatment from KHSDRP/ NHM.	
18.18	Project Restructuring - World Bank - New Revised Milestones under Health Financing to SAST	The Committee examined various milestones of the World Bank and noted that the SAST has accomplished the tasks of V milestones. It also accorded approval to <u>the 99 no.</u> of posts proposed and also permitted to call short term tender to position an agency to do.....	Compliance noted and closed.
18.19	Request of Ashbin Saharawi RugnalayaAni Santhodan Kendra Niyamith Solapur: Exemption of penalty pertaining to 12 cases	The Committee decided to extend the facility of waiver off the penalty and to return the amount collected as one time permission.	Compliance noted and closed.
18.20	Highlights of the report of the study on Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) & Cardiac Care in Karnataka, India commissioned by SAST	While appreciating, expressed 90% of appropriate case, this Committee suggested to get the details of 10% of inappropriate cases and to initiate rectification measures.	Compliance noted and closed.
18.23	Hosting of JLN Costing Train the Trainer Workshop	The decision is communicated to the JLN.	The matter has been discussed with JLN, it has been planned arrange between 10 th to 14 th of August 2015 at Bangalore.

19.03. Progress of schemes under SAST in terms of pre-auths approved and claim settled.

The Executive Director SAST explained in detail to the Committee the progress of schemes under SAST in terms of Pre-auths approved and Claims settled

both in terms of beneficiaries and expenditure from year 2010-11 to April 2015. In respect of Rajiv Arogya Bhagya (RAB) Status from January 2015 till 30th June 2015 and Jyothi Sanjeevani Scheme (JSS) Status from January 2015 till 30th June 2015. Rashtriya Bala Swasthya Karyakrama (RBSK) :

The Executive Director stated that the average cost of VAS beneficiaries is around Rs. 55,000, RAB Rs. 39,000 and JSS Rs. 85,000.

Decision :

The Executive Committee noted the progress achieved.

19.04 Strategies to increase SC and ST coverage under the schemes :

The Executive Director SAST explained in detail to the Committee regarding action taken to achieve the target fixed both under SCP and TSP and the Status of SCP & TSP Beneficiaries under Vajpayee Arogya Scheme (VAS) and brought to the notice of the Committee. He also stated that the funds allocated being much more, it is not possible to utilize the entire amount. Hence, there is need to revise the target,

Decision :

After detailed discussions, following decisions were arrived at ;

1. To hold similar special camps to increase the coverage of SC and ST beneficiaries.
2. To request the Government to reduce budget allotment keeping the methodology of the Government in allocating SCP/TSP funds.
3. To increase the coverage, it was decided to consider :
 - (a) Free investigations for SC/ST beneficiaries.
 - (b) To add 1% or 2% to the package amount to provide free diet to the attendant also.
 - (c) The proposal may be submitted to the Government seeking approval for the Sl. No. (3) above.

(Action : Director Finance/IEC/M&E)

19.05 Progress of Mortality Audit Cell Activities :

The Executive Director explained in detail regarding the Training provided to 60 Network Hospitals, SAST & ISA Doctors, District Programme Managers, Regional Consultants and Divisional Managers of ISA and about formation of Review committee of specialists for conducting Mortality Audit. He also stated that one more training will be arranged in this regard.

The Chairman of Executive Committee suggested to have more effective monitoring in this regard and to place the outcome of the audits for the said period in the next meeting.

Decision :

The Executive Committee noted the progress and decided to place the details in the subsequent EC Meetings.

(Action : Doctor (Mortality Audit Cell))

19.06 Quality Assurance Cell :

The Executive Director briefed the Committee about Standard Treatment Guidelines finalized for Oncology procedures. Also SAST has initiated action to finalize Standard Treatment Guidelines for Neuro Surgery procedures which is placed as separate subject. STG for Cardiac procedures, SAST has not taken up since Andhra Pradesh has taken up the task of preparing the STG.

The Executive Director brought to the notice of the Executive Committee regarding Quality Assurance Cell and appointment of Doctor to take care of the same is pending as no suitable candidate was available.

The Chairman, Executive Committee directed to change the name of the Cell "Quality Assurance Cell" to "Quality Facilitation Cell" as suggested by Dr. H.Sudarshan.

Decision :

After detailed discussion, the Executive Committee approved the subject.

(Action : Deputy Director Quality Assurance)

19.07 Standard Treatment Guidelines (STG) for Neuro Surgery Procedures :

The Executive Director explained in detail about formation of the Committee, Members of the Committee, the STG prepared by them etc. and after discussion the STG prepared was placed before the Committee was accepted.

The Chairman insisted that the SAST should ensure that the STG prepared is followed by Network Hospitals.

The Executive Committee approved the STGs for Neuro Surgery and ratified the action taken to implement the same.

(Action: Director (MM))

19.08 Issues relating to implementation of Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) :

The Executive Director explained the slow progress in the implementation of RBSK by SAST. He brought to the notice that the tertiary care is entrusted to SAST and although our hospitals are prepared to treat the beneficiaries, the referral system by the field functionaries is not effective. In the last six months only seven children have been treated against identified 10000 children. The Directorate took almost four months of time to inform SAST about the persons who are authorized to refer the children.

As this system is found to be not effective, SAST, in consultation with the Commissioner and Mission Director, NHM decided to hold special camps wherein the RBSK teams will bring the children to the Camp and our Network hospital doctors would subject the children for further investigation and the needy children will be advised to come to the hospital for surgical intervention. In the meeting with the Mission Director, it was decided to hold camps on 29-8-2015 in Gulbarga and Belgaum Divisions as the fund availability is only Rs. 13.00 crores as per PIP approved. There is no financial requirement for organizing these camps to SAST.

Based on the availability of funds, the same approach would be continued for Mysore and Bangalore Divisions. Dr. Sudarshan suggested that all the needy children of the State should be treated by SAST by incurring required expenditure and get it recouped later by NHM, for which the Principal Secretary, H & FW suggested to go according to the availability of the funds.

Decision :

The Executive Committee discussed in detail the pros and cons of implementation of RBSK and decided to request Mission Director, NHM to provide necessary funds through supplementary PIP approved by the Government of India.

**(Action - Mission Director, NHM ,
Director (MM) and Deputy Director, RBSK)**

19.09 SAST preparedness for implementation of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima

Yojane (RSBY) :

The Executive Director briefed the Committee about the action taken for implementation of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojane.

He brought to the notice of the committee that it is reliably learnt that the Government of India is thinking of continuing the implementation of RSBY on insurance mode only. However, he presented the preparedness of SAST to

implement RSBY on an assurance mode which would strengthen the Karnataka State move towards Universal Health Coverage while the National Health Mission is providing adequate and free primary health care to all those living both in Rural and Urban Areas, and the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust is protecting the poor from medical expenses for tertiary care. The secondary care in Karnataka is fragmented. It is been provided by different departments NHM (self department), Yeshawini (Co-operative Department), ESIS (Labour Department) and RSBY (Labour Department).

Decision :

After detailed discussions, the Committee decided to await the decisions of Government of India.

(Action: Project Manager, JSS)

19.10 Irregularities in the working of Omega Hospital, Mangalore-Dakshina

Kannada District

The Executive Director briefed about the irregularities committed by the hospital, the findings of the Enquiry Committee and the recommendation of the EDC.

Decision :

The Executive Committee decided to defer the case and wanted the clarifications on:

- (a) The systematic cause corrections required to be adopted at ISA & SAST level to avoid similar issues in future, and if malafide, to fix responsibility.
- (b) To fix the responsibilities of the individual doctors vis-à-vis the management of the hospital under the ambit of liability legal frame work.
- (c) Sub-committee consisting of Dr. H. Sudarshan, Dr. Devadasan and the Executive Director to examine the recommendations on the lines proposed above and to recommend action to be taken to the Executive Committee.

19.11 Grave Irregularities in the working of Karnataka Cancer Hospital,

Bangalore :

The Executive Director, brought to the notice of the Executive Committee the grave irregularities noticed and the functioning of the Karnataka Cancer Hospital, Bangalore. He briefed the action taken so far - like suspending the empanelment temporarily and with holding the payment to the hospital. As per the decision of the EDC, an FIR has been filed, an Expert Enquiry Committee has been constituted with a terms of reference and by fixing forty-five days of time.

Decision :

The committee noted the action taken so far and desired that the Enquiry Committee findings are placed in the next EC Meeting.

(Action: Project Manager, JSS)

19.12 Re-Designation of SAST Officers :

- (a) Dr. P. S Revadi who was appointed as Project Manager Mukya Mantrigala Santwana Scheme is re-designated as PG Doctor (Death Audit Cell) w.e.f. 6-7-2015.
- (b) Dr. D. M. Koradhanyamath who was appointed as Co-ordinator (STP) was posted as Regional Consultant for Bangalore Division w.e.f. 06-07-2015.
- (c) Dr. Anindita Bhowmik, who was appointed as Deputy Director, SAST has been posted as Project Manager, RAB from 28-7-2015.

Decision:

The Committee ratified the action of the Executive Director of re-designating the Officers of SAST.

19.13 Project Restructuring - World Bank - RTA Milestones under Health Financing to SAST

The Executive Director explained the progress of achievement of various milestones as under :

- (a) The 5th Milestone report has been prepared by in-house officers, the same has been accepted by World Bank. KHSDRP has already released an amount of 5 Million Dollars to SAST.
- (b) All necessary action is being taken to accomplish the various sub-milestones of the 6th Milestone and informed that by the end of August 2015 the report will be submitted to the World Bank.
- (c) To accomplish the requirement of 7th milestone, it is necessary that SAST should have implemented the Mukyamantrigala Santwana Scheme without which we will not be in a position to claim the amount of 5 Million Dollars, therefore he requested the Principal Secretary, H & FW to take necessary action and see that the MSS is launched at the earliest.
- (d) He also briefed the Committee that Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, in his recent "Man Ki Baat" has expressed that he expects all the Road Accident Victims in the country to get cashless treatment for which he is getting the new Road Safety Act approved in the Parliament. As the Government of

Karnataka has already issued Government Order vide No. HFW 47 FPR 2014, Bangalore, dated 12-11-2014 to implement MSS Scheme, he requested that the State Government should not lose the credit of innovative initiative already taken.

Decision :

The Committee, after detailed discussion, decided to request the Government of Karnataka to immediately launch the programme by providing the budgetary support of atleast Rs. 30.00 crore for the remaining part of 2015-16.

(Action: M& E Consultant)

19.14 Nominating Executive Director, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust as Co-Chairman for Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee (EDC).

Executive Director briefed the Committee that in the EDC Committee of SAST Director (MM) is the Member Secretary and Executive Director is not a part of the EDC Constituted. He explained that they will be circumstances, where he will have to take immediate action against erring hospitals and therefore requested the Committee to appoint the Executive Director as the Co-chairman of the EDC. Dr. Sudarshan suggested that the Executive Director should be made the Ex-Officio Member Secretary of all the sub-committees of SAST.

The Executive Committee agreed to the proposal and decided to reconstitute the EDC with Executive Director as Co-Chairman and Member Secretary for other sub-committees of the SAST.

(Action: Director (MM))

19.15 Revision of benefit packages under SAST schemes :

The Executive Director explained the Committee that various Consultative Committees were formed with the approval of Principal Secretary, H&FW and the deliberations of these committee are vetted by the Review Committee and the recommendations of the same was presented. The Chairman desired to work on the financial implications of the revision of package rates as well as inclusion of new packages. Dr. Sudarshan brought to the notice that all necessary precautions have been taken and the recommendations could be agreed upon.

Decision :

The Executive Committee, decided to defer the proposal for the time being and directed to resubmit after the financial implications are worked out.

(Action : Director (MM))

19.16 Ratification of continuation of Contractual Consultants of SAST :

The services of the following consultants, who are working on contractual basis, are being extended for the period of one more year;

Sl. No.	Name and Designation of consultant	Extended	
		From	To
1	Dr. D.M. Koradhanyamath Co-ordinator (STP)	11/06/2015	10/06/2016
2	Dr. Dhange, Regional Consultant, Belgaum Division	27/06/2015	26/06/2016
3	Smt. Kruthika, Accounts Manager	1/07/2015	30/06/2015
4	Smt. Kaveriamma, Claims Manager	1/07/2015	30/06/2015
5	Sri Virupaksha, IT Executive	1/07/2015	30/06/2015
6	Mehamood, Claims Manager	14/07/2015	13/07/2016

Decision :

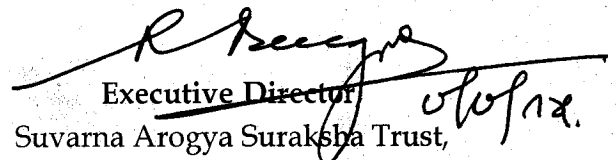
The Executive Committee decided to ratify the action taken to continue the staff on contractual basis.

The meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks.

Proceedings Approved by
the Principal Secretary,
H&FW & Chairman, SAST

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(ATUL KUMAR TIWARI)
Principal Secretary to Govt.
Health and Family Welfare Dept &
Chairman,
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust

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Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust,
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Department and Chairman of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Vikasa Soudha,
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1. The Secretary to Government, (Exp.V) Finance Department, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.
2. The Principal Secretary to Government, Medical Education Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore
3. The Commissioner Health & Family Welfare Services, Ananda Rao Circle, Bangalore
4. The Mission Director, National Rural Health Mission/Project Administrator, KHSDRP, Sheshadri Road Bangalore.
5. The Director Health & Family Welfare Services & Vice Chairperson of Executive Committee, Ananda Rao Circle, Bangalore
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