

Proceedings of the 24th Executive Committee Meeting of the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust under the Chairmanship of the Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department held on 31/10/2018 at 3.00 pm in SAST Conference Hall, Bangalore.

Members Present:

1. The Principal Secretary to Government, Health & Family Welfare Department & Chairman, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore.
2. The Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare Services, Bangalore.
3. Dr. H. Sudarshan, Karuna Trust, Bangalore.
4. The Director, Health & Family Welfare Services, Bangalore
5. Representative from Medical Education Department, Bangalore.
6. Representative from Finance Department, Bangalore.
7. The Executive Director, SAST, Bangalore.

Leave of absence :

1. The Chief Executive Officer, Yeashasvini Trust, Bangalore.
2. The Mission Director, NHM, Bangalore

Others:

1. Director (MM), SAST
2. Director (Finance), SAST
3. Deputy Director (Op), SAST

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

Subjects on the Agenda were taken up for discussion.

Subject No. 24.1

Reading and Confirmation of the proceedings of 23rd EC meeting held on 2/6/2018

The Executive Committee confirmed the proceedings of the 23rd Executive Committee Meeting held on 1/6/2018.

Subject No. 24.2

Action taken Report - Review of action taken on the decision of 23rd Executive Committee Meeting held on 1/6/2018.

SI No.	Decision Point	Action Taken	Remarks of the Committee
22nd EC Meeting held on 10/1/2017			
22.9	<p>Updates of Arogya Jaagruti Abhiyana - SC/ ST villages / Habitations & Special Health Camps</p> <p>The Chairman directed to conduct health camps with the participation of government hospitals' specialists/staff at Govt. institutions only.</p> <p>He stated that NCD section of DoH&FWS should conduct the camps. Screening in camps as done under VAS should be stopped, as referral will be done only after screening done at Government hospitals.</p>	<p>As per the decision of the Committee, health camps are conducted through NCD section of DoH&FWS with support of SAST Team.</p> <p>As of now, 238 health camps have been conducted.</p>	Action taken was noted by the committee
22.11	<p>RSBY - Chairman directed to write a letter to insurance companies reg. their low performance</p> <p>Letter sent to Insurance companies on 18.01.2017 and same was communicated to GoI.</p> <p>The performance of Insurance Companies was reviewed in regular monthly meetings and also the EDC meetings held. There has been approximately 10% increase in the performance of the Insurance Companies from the year 2016-17 (72594 claims) to 2017-18 (80504 claims).</p>	<p>The Chairman directed that the analysis of the performance of the insurance companies for the year 2016-17 and 2017-18 should be completed within June 2018.</p> <p>Reg. the unsettled claims of 2015, correspondence with the Labour dept should begin on priority.</p> <p>Coordinate with Information & Publicity Dept for giving wide publicity to the continuation of RSBY scheme.</p>	The Committee noted the action taken and also directed to submit the details of premium paid to insurance companies and no. of beneficiaries who availed treatment under the scheme in the next meeting.
23rd Executive Committee Meeting held on 2/6/2018			
23.4	Status Report of SAST Schemes 1.The Committee noted the same.	Committee constituted and met on 1/10/2018, proceedings circulated.	Action taken was noted by the committee.

	<p>2. In the context of the new referral policy of the Arogya Karnataka Scheme, the chairman questioned the wisdom of giving a preauthorization from SAST after a qualified doctor from Government hospitals has made a referral. He directed that the preauthorization policy be revisited by forming an internal committee within the government consisting of representatives of H&FW, Medical Education and SAST.</p> <p>3. He advised to explore the procedures that can have system based preauthorization and make a distinct list of the documents that are required during preauthorization and documents, which are required at the time of claims.</p>		
23.5	<p>Releases and expenditure details of schemes</p> <p>The Chairman advised to write once again to the GoI for expediting release of funds under RSBY Sr. Citizen scheme</p>	<p>Letter No. HFW/SAST/ RSBY/ CR-50/2018-19 dated 21/7/2018 sent to GoI for release of funds.</p>	The Committee Noted.
23.6	<p>Funds position of SAST as on 31/3/2018</p>	The Committee noted	----
23.7	<p>Updates on Implementation of Arogya Karnataka Scheme</p> <p>The Chairman suggested as follows;</p> <p>1. Government of India in PMRSSM scheme is making preauthorization mandatory only for 300 procedures. SAST also should look into this aspect, while revising the preauthorization policy for Arogya Karnataka Scheme.</p> <p>2. The Chairman advised to use intelligent analytics for system generated preauthorization and system driven checks such as checking the date of diagnostic reports, dates of treatment</p>	<p>The subject is placed as Agenda for 24th EC Meeting</p>	<p>A comprehensive preauthorization policy will be framed taking into account the requirements of Ayushman Bharat and the requirements after integration with Arogya Karnataka.</p>

	3. Preauthorization should be considered only where there is discretion and thereby preauthorization can be reduced to only those specialities where it is absolutely necessary.		
23.8	Organization Structure for Arogya Karnataka Scheme The Committee advised the Executive Director to work out the requirement as per the advice of the Committee and place it in the following committee meeting. It was also advised that the posts proposed to be cancelled and added should be indicated in the same diagram.	The subject is placed as Agenda for next Trust Board Meeting.	Noted
23.9	Rashtriya Swasthya BimaYojana (RSBY) Extension	RSBY Scheme has been closed on 31/8/2018 and will be transitioned to Ayushman Bharat –NHPM and integrated with Arogya Karnataka Scheme as per cabinet approval.	Noted
23.10	Revision of Trust Deed & Delegation of Financial Powers to Executive Director	Work Order has been issued to Sri. Ramanathan on 1/10/2018	Noted
23.11	Release of fund to the Conference of International Health Tourism Congress (ಅಂತರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಪ್ರವಾಸೋದ್ಯಮ ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಸಮ್ಮೇಳನ ಅನುದಾನ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ)	The Committee ratified the action taken.	No action required
23.12	Entrusting the Court Case pertaining to MD India Networks Pvt. Ltd.	The Committee ratified the action taken and expenses incurred.	No action required
23.13	Appointment of Legal Consultant The Committee approved the proposal to appoint Sri G. Sridhar as Legal consultant and approved a monthly Retainership fee of Rs. 15,000/-.	OM issued, but the advocate has not yet come forward to give acceptance letter.	Noted
23.14	Constitution of Performance Appraisal Committee	The Committee approved the reconstitution of the PAC and proposal of revised modalities.	No action required
23.15	Hiring of Vehicle through Travel Agency	The Committee approved the subject.	
23.16	Ratification of Transportation facility provided to RC Mysore The Committee approved the subject	Correspondence with Gujarat Tourism Development	The Committee suggested hiring vehicles through tendering

	with an advice that this practice should not be repeated. The chairman advised to study the hiring practice in Gujarat and explore the possibility of adopting it in SAST.	Corporation, which is providing vehicles on KM basis, the same was proposed to KSTDC. The department has not agreed for the proposal.	process.
23.17	Maternity Leave Benefits to female Employees & Paternity Leave to Male Employees of SAST working on Contract & Outsource Basis	Committee approved 180 days Maternity Leave without granting any additional leave beyond 180 to female employees working both on Contract and Outsource basis with pay. In case, the employees do not report for duty after completion of maternity leave, the services of such employee will be terminated without assigning any reason and the pay due during the leave period will be withheld	OM Issued
23.18	Hiring the services of Manpower Agency	Committee ratified the subject	No action required
23.19	Revision of remuneration for Outsourced Employees	The Committee directed to withdraw the subject and bring it up in the next meeting.	The subject will be placed before the Trust Board
23.20	Appointment of Regional Consultant, Kalburgi Division	The Committee ratified the appointment of Regional Consultant, Kalburgi Division and the period of services rendered by him so far.	No action required
23.21	Procurement of Desktops, Laptops & Tabs to SAST Office	Since the subject had been approved by the Trust Board, Chairman directed that the subject should be placed before the Trust Board.	Will be placed in the next Trust Board meeting.
23.22	Desktop & Laptops hired on Rental Basis	Committee approved the payment of Rs. 6,01,092/- to be made to KEIONICS for hiring laptops and desktops. Payment has been made.	Noted

23.23	Enhancement of Mobile Charges for Arogyamitra	The Committee advised to explore the possibility of giving fixed allowance for individual connections instead of CUG, as the rates have come down to a large extent. Under process of considering individual payment of mobile bills.	The committee noted that at present per head mobile charges are fixed at Rs.499/-per sim. The committee advised that limit was reasonable and it should not be enhanced and explore a workable solution for a non cug solution.
23.24	Ratification of action taken for appointments and Extension of Services of Contractual Staff appointed in Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust.	Committee ratified the action taken and directed the Executive Director to work out the required staff position.	Noted
23.25	Redesignation of Dr S. Rajanna, Pre-auth processing doctor as Deputy Chief Vigilance Officer, SAST	Chairman directed that the file pertaining to Dr. Rajanna should be sent to Govt. and it would be reviewed by ACS, HFW. File submitted to Principal Secretary, H&FW	Committee advised that the services of Vigilance Officer on deputation from KAS or HFW department should be sought from their respective parent departments.
23.27	Ratification and approval of special cases (not covered in the existing procedures) for treatment already provided under SAST.	Chairman advised that if the special cases are not covered under the VAS procedures such cases should be sent to Government for approval. Cases where the specialties are available in VAS but there may be difference in the procedures and methodologies, then a Committee of Experts should be formed and with their opinion it should be recommended in the next meeting. Expert Committee constituted and submitted for approval	
23.29	Online payment of PF Subscription (Employer and Employees) & Professional Tax (PT) pertaining to contract employees of SAST The proposal was approved with a caution that that only minimum	Action has been taken to make online payment of PF, PT and ESI from June 2018.	Noted

	balance should be maintained in the account.		
23.30	<p>Statutory Audit Report of Trust for 2016-17 and appointment of Statutory Auditor and Internal Auditor Committee advised as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Audit and Finance Committee should review the financial status of the Trust and place its report in the following EC meeting. 2. Appoint the statutory auditor by selection from the list of auditors forwarded by C&AG, Gol for 2018-19. 3. Continue to follow the accounting procedure as done during 2016-17. 4. Appoint internal auditor for 2017-18 through a tendering process. 	<p>The Audit & Finance Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on 23/10/2018</p> <p>Under process.</p> <p>Statutory Auditor is auditing with the same procedure.</p> <p>Work order has been issued to M/s. Patadia and Associates. However in their letter dtd.13.10.18, they have expressed their inability to take up the audit.</p>	<p>The Committee noted the action taken.</p>
Additional subjects:			
23.31	Enhancement of the remuneration of Arogyamitras	Workout the requirement of Arogyamitras, as per the advice in the earlier subject and then place a comprehensive proposal before the Committee.	As integration of Ayushman Bharat is on the anvil, factoring the requirements into consideration will be placed in the next EC Meeting.
23.32	<p>Terms of Reference for Empanelment & Disciplinary Committee</p> <p>Committee approved the fee structure for empanelling hospitals under Arogya Karnataka Scheme and directed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Have EDC committee smaller than the one proposed b) Vigilance officer will assist the EDC for findings and enquiries 	Re-constitution of EDC Committee and ToR for EDC is submitted for approval to Government.	Directions from Govt. awaited

Subject No. 24.3

Status Report of SAST Schemes

The Executive Director updated the Committee regarding the performance status about preauth approved, claims settled of the Arogya Karnataka, JSS, RSBK, RSBY schemes and also claims processed and recommended for payment of the Yeshasvini scheme.

Decision:

The Committee noted the same.

Subject No. 24.4

Releases and expenditure details of schemes

The Committee perused the details of the releases and expenditure of schemes implemented under Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust for the year 2018-19 scheme-wise. The Chairman enquired about the budget allocation and expenditure for the last year of all the schemes and also for Yeshasvini scheme.

Decision:

The Committee noted the same.

Subject No. 24.5

Maintaining ArK funds in VAS Account and transferring unspent funds of 2017-18 pertaining RAB, MSHS, ISY and VAS to AK Account.

The Executive Director explained in brief to the Committee about the maintaining of funds and transferring unspent funds of 2017-18 of different schemes are merged to Arogya Karnataka Account by closing existing accounts and the balances as on 30/9/2018.

The Executive Director also informed that RSBY will be continued in a separate account and RBSK funds maintained in separate account.

Decision:

The Committee noted the bank balances shown and suggested to maintain single accounts for each scheme presently being operated.

[Action: Director, Finance]

Subject No. 24.6

Settlement of RBSK claims

The Executive Director explained in detail about the following issues;

- (i) release and expenditure of RBSK for 2017-18 and 2018-19,
- (ii) RBSK claims of 2017-18 pending for payment
- (iii) Settlement of RBSK claims matching with VAS packages from unspent balance of 2017-18 of VAS,
- (iv) submission of revised RBSK UCs for the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 and
- (v) settlement of RBSK claims from Arogya Karnataka funds with the condition of recouping same on receipt of RBSK funds

Decision:

After detailed discussion, the Committee directed to ;

- i) settle the claims of cases matching with the package under VAS for beneficiaries with BPL cards, from the unspent balance of VAS scheme for the year 2017-18**
- ii) for the remaining claims that have arisen as a result of treatment procedures done beyond the scope of the scheme the concurrence of Finance Department will be required and to submit a file for seeking the approval**
- iii) Fix responsibility on those responsible for expanding the scope of RBSK scheme without approval from the Government and incurring expenditure without funds allocated for the additional number of treatments beyond the scheme design**
- iv) follow up with Government of India for the release of funds that are due as per scheme norms.**

[Action: Director, Finance & MM]

Subject No. 24.7

Updates on Implementation of Arogya Karnataka Scheme - Issues

The Executive Director briefed the Committee regarding beneficiaries that had availed treatment from Government & Private empanelled hospitals, no. of cards issued, empanelment of hospitals both government and private under the "Arogya Karnataka" and also some of the issues in the implementation .

The Executive Director also informed that government hospitals are stating specific name of the hospital in the referral forms, and this was brought to the notice of the Commissioner, HFW requesting to direct PHIs to follow the referral guidelines. In response, the

Commissioner, H&FWS informed that same has been instructed to all PHIs, if they failed to do, suitable action will be initiated against the concerned officials.

The Executive Director informed to the Committee that NIMHANS hospital requested for exemption on the following issues;

Sl No.	Issues	Remarks
1	Photo with treating doctor/consultant not possible	Acceptable
2	To take photo with dead body in event of death not possible	Acceptable
3	In procedure claim form and feedback form the consultant/ treating doctor signature cannot be obtained.	SAMCO Signature can be considered
4	Discharge summary are digitally verified by the consultant hence signature cannot be obtained.	Acceptable
5	All the Investigation reports cannot be affixed by the treating doctor.	SAMCO Signature can be considered
6	Travelling allowance for discharge patient cannot be provided due to non- availability of separate head account.	Not Acceptable
7	Ambulance bill, Break-up bill and discharge medicine cannot be provided.	Not Acceptable
8	To accept reports provided by the surgeon, specific report as per SAST package cannot be provided.	Not Acceptable as the mandatory reports required are suggested by experts of consultative committee.
9	Seeking for penalty exemption for late submission in claims.	Not Acceptable

The Chairman enquired regarding the number of claims received from NIMHANS.

Decision:

After detailed discussion, the Chairman directed ;

1. To have a detailed discussion with NIMANS by ED, SAST and resolve the issues with a view to minimize exceptions so that precedence is not created and frauds are checked.
2. To appoint one more Arogya mitra to the hospital

3. [Action: Director, Operations]

Subject No. 24.8

Filling up vacant posts by calling EoI and on outsourcing basis

The Executive Director explained the need to fill up vacant posts by calling EoI and outsourcing basis, as the vacancies have arisen due to the closure of contract of employees who had completed 3 years and posts that could not be filled due to non-availability of qualified resources. Approval was sought for filling vacant posts by calling EoI and on outsourcing basis.

Decision:

After detailed discussion, the Chairman suggested the following:

1. The posts viz; M&E Consultant, Regional Consultants of 4 Divisions, Empanelment & Quality Manager/ Coordinator (STP), Project Manager, District Coordinator, Kolar and Software Developer/IT Consultant and IEC consultant to be recruited by calling EoI and also authorized Executive Director, SAST to complete the process of recruitment.
2. Authorized ED, SAST to revise the remuneration based on their PG qualification and experience in the relevant field in order to get good quality resources.
3. The post of Chief Vigilance Officer should be filled on deputation either from the Health & Family Welfare Department or KAS.
4. Authorized ED, SAST to appoint a suitable resource as Legal Advisor on retainership basis.
5. The posts of Manager (HR), Coordinator (Grievance Cell), Claims Manager, MIS Team, Accounts Manager and Accounts Assistant to be filled on outsourced basis.
6. Rework the HR requirement as required for the better management of the integrated scheme and from the perspective that SAST will be a larger organisation

[Action: Director, Operations]

Subject No. 24.9

Extension of Services- SAST Contractual Staff

The Executive Director informed the Executive Committee that human resources (Officers/Staffs/Doctors) appointed on contract basis is initially for one year and is extended for further two years sequentially based on performance, which was reviewed by the Performance Appraisal Committee under the chairmanship of the Executive Director, SAST.

The Executive Director informed the committee that the contractual services of 161 employees (List in Annexure 3) that have not completed three years has been extended for another year.

Decision:

After detailed discussion, the Committee ratified the action taken and suggested to hike the remuneration by 5% after completion of one year and 10% for those who have completed two years without any increase previously.

[Action: Director, Operations]

Subject No. 24.10

Extension of Services- SAST Contractual staff, who have completed more than 3 years in SAST

The Executive Director informed the Executive Committee that the Contract Staffs (Officers/Staffs/Doctors) who are initially appointed for a contract period of one Year was extended for one more year based on their performance which was reviewed by the Performance Appraisal Committee of SAST.

The Executive Director also informed that some positions are very critical to the functioning of SAST and could not be left vacant so the term of the incumbents holding these positions was extended even though they had completed three years till replacement staff was appointed after going through the EoI process.

The Executive Director has brought to the notice of the Committee that in view of the closure of Yeshaswini Scheme w.e.f. 1-8-2018, PAC did not renew the Contract of the District Co-ordinators of Yeshaswini Scheme for further period.

Decision:

After detailed discussion, the Committee ratified the action taken.

Subject No. 24.11

Ratification on revision of claims penalty

The Executive Director explained to the Committee that penalty was imposed on Network Hospitals for late submission of claims, as per the decision of the 14th EC meeting held on 20/2/2018. No penalty is being levied under Arogya Karnataka scheme at present.

The Commissioner, H&FWS stated that Government hospitals are audited every year, they must submit claims mandatorily or the 10% incentive can be withheld.

Decision:

The Chairman directed to constitute a Committee with Director, H&FW, Director, Medical Education and an Officer from the Finance Dept and SAST Officers as members under the chairmanship of ED, SAST to study the revision of penalty proposed and place its report before the Trust Board for further decision.

[Action: Director, Operations & Finance]

Subject No. 24.12

Approval of claims based on hard copy submission by JSS Hospital.

The Executive Director explained to the Committee that as per Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust guidelines under Article 19 & 21 of MoU, Preauths and claims are being settled online of all network hospitals. Sometimes network hospitals do not submit documents online and then submit the hard copy and request for payment.

JSS Hospital, Mysore has provided treatment under Codes-681, 689, 565 and 711 for a patient. Approval was given as per the documents submitted (online) i.e., for Code-689 and 676 (Rs. 30,000/-) accordingly payment was also made. Now they are requesting to make payment for codes-681 and 565 Rs. 48,000/- by submitting hard copy.

Decision:

After detailed discussion, the Committee accorded approval to consider the claims submitted by JSS in hard copy only once. This should not be a precedence and such exemptions will not be acceptable in future.

[Action: Director, MM]

Subject No. 24.13

Incentives to ASHAs under Arogya Karnataka.

The Executive Director explained to the Committee that incentive was being given to ASHAs if they brought in any patient for treatment under VAS scheme. They were paid at Rs. 250/- for every treated case referred by them and an additional Rs. 100/- was paid if the treated patient was a woman and/or member of SC/ST, as per the decision of the 9th EC meeting held on 16/9/2010.

ASHAs are also referring cases under Arogya Karnataka and requesting for incentive, hence approval was sought for continuing incentive to them as in the earlier health schemes.

In response, the Commissioner, H&FWS informed to link this mobilization to the Directorate, as they were providing incentives in other programmes and also opined that incentives should be given to not only treated cases but also to the number of patients brought by them to the camps.

Decision:

After detailed discussions the committee directed to continue the incentives to ASHA workers from SAST and incentivize them not only for treated cases but for mobilization for health camps conducted under the Arogya Karnataka scheme and fix an incentive per person that required treatment under complex secondary and Tertiary care.

[Action: Director, MM]

Subject No. 24.14

Treatment to patient Sahil Ayaan, Kolar

The Executive Director explained to the Committee that the case recommended by the Hon'ble speaker regarding the Patient Master Sahil Ayaan, aged 4.9 years, Srinivasapura Taluk, Kolar District suffering from Thalessemia major disease to bear the treatment cost is estimated to be Rs. 13/- lakhs inclusive of all pre and post-transplant care, as this procedure is not available under Arogya Karnataka scheme

Decision:

After detailed discussion the Committee suggested to

- i) Refer the case to CM Relief fund as this procedure is not available in the scheme and SAST will not be able to release funds for it.
- ii) Flag it in the Trust Board meeting

[Action: Director, MM]

Subject No. 24.15

Pending Payments for Software Technology Parks of India, Government of India

The Executive Director explained to the Executive Committee that the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), Bangalore, a Society under the Department of Electronics and IT, Ministry of Communication and IT, Government of India has been providing space for co-location of SAST servers at DR Site. Finance Department has given an exemption as per KTCP

Act – 1999 under Column 4(G) for Rs. 16,35,007/- vide FD Notification No. DE 952 ವೆಚ್ಚ 12/12, dated 20.11-2012.

The ED, SAST also informed that payments made to STPI from Nov-2012 to Sep-2017 amounting to Rs. 6316883/-. Payment of Rs. 25,79,100/- was due from October 2017 till date. A file was moved to Finance Department for obtaining 4(G) exemptions for Rs. 25,79,100/- for the year 2017-18 and 2018-19 and it was informed that the 4(G) exemption for previous years will not be given.

The ED, SAST sought approval for making pending payment of Rs. 25,79,100/- to STPI for providing services as it is a Government of India organization.

Decision:

After detailed discussion, the Committee approved payment of Rs. 25,79,100/- to STPI.

[Action: Project Manager, IT]

Subject No. 24.16

Customization IT application for Integration of Ayushman Bharat

The Executive Director explained to the Committee that customization of the existing application for implementing the integrated Ayushman Bharat with Arogya Karnataka Scheme has to be taken up on priority and in a short time to share the data with Gol.

The Executive Director also brought to the notice of the Committee that the term of M/s HCL Infotech Pvt Ltd. had developed the system and were also maintaining it. Their term came to an end on 30th June 2018. NIC was approached to provide support and customization of the application for the new scheme. NIC declined to maintain and manage the application developed by a third party. M/s Remedinet Technologies that actually developed the SAST application and had a back-back contract with M/s HCL Infotech Pvt Ltd, have submitted a financial proposal amounting to Rs.6,90,455/-(exclusive of taxes) for customizing the application to implement the integrated scheme. After negotiations was held with the firm, it has agreed to take up the assignment for **Rs. 4,93,182/-(exclusive of taxes)**.

The Executive Director sought approval of the committee to appoint M/s Remedinet Technologies under Single Source Selection (SSS) of KTPP Act, Chapter VII A, Section 28.E(iii) as the customization has to be done quickly and M/s Remedinet Technologies was familiar with

the source code and it would take quite some time before a new resource could understand the source code and work with it. .

Decision

After detailed discussion, the Committee gave administrative approval for the customization and directed to constitute a three members expert committee as per the requirement of KTPP Act 1999 and based on the Committee's report to go ahead with the process of appointing the agency through single source selection basis for customization.

[Action: Project Manager, IT]

Subject No. 24.17

Tender for operation and maintenance of SAST IT System

The Executive Director also brought to the notice of the Committee that M/s HCL Infotech Ltd was entrusted to operate and maintain the SAST IT System for a period of 5 years from the date of "Go-Live", come to an end on 30th June 2018. SAST had requested National Informatics Centre (NIC) for maintaining the Application and provide the support for the application. NIC has replied stating that it would not maintain and manage the application developed by third party.

The Executive Director also informed that a letter was written to Centre for E-Governance for maintaining the existing IT infrastructure which is at Karnataka State Data centre and STPI, Bangalore, but there is no response from CeG in spite of repeated follow up. The Executive Director explained that the IT System has a vital role and the entire operation process of the scheme is fully dependent on IT application. IT has become very urgent to appoint hardware and software maintenance. She also informed the committee that STPI has come forward for hardware maintenance.

Decision

After detailed discussion, the Committee accorded administrative approval for the proposal and directed to constitute a three members expert committee as per the requirement of KTPP Act 1999 and based on the Committee's report to go ahead with the process of appointing the agency through single source selection basis.

[Action: Project Manager, IT]

Subject No. 24.18

Proposal to seek security deposit

The Executive Director informed the Committee that the employees who are provided with Laptop and Dongle are in the habit of not returning the equipment when they leave the services. The ED SAST also informed that a lot of follow up has to be done to get back the equipment, hence, approval is sought to collect security deposit of Rs. 50,000/- from the employees who join SAST who provided a Laptop and Dongle.

The Committee in its discussion noted that electronic items rate will be depreciated for every year.

Decision :

The Chairman suggested to look into GoI provisions for such cases and after calculating the depreciation as indicated in GOI norms, deduct the cost from the payment due, or permit them to purchase for that rate.

[Action: Director, Operations]

Subject No. 24.19

Closure of Yeshaswini Scheme

The Executive Director explained the Committee that the Yeshaswini Scheme has been transferred from Yeshaswini Trust, Co-operative Department to SAST for the implementation of the said Scheme from 1-8-2017 and Agreement was from 1-8-2017 to 31-7-2018.

The Executive Director informed that the salary and conveyance of 5 employees working in Yeshaswini Trust on outsourced basis is being paid by SAST on reimbursement mode. As the contract period ended on 31-7-2018, as per the request of Yeshaswini Trust the services of the said employees is continued till date in order to complete the closure formalities. SAST has paid the salary and conveyance upto September-2018 and sought approval for ratification of the amount paid after the closure of contract period for the months of August and Sept. 2018.

Decision:

The Committee ratified the action taken for payment made after the closure of contract period for the months of August and Sept. 2018.

[Action: Director, Operations]

Subject No. 24.20

Release of Budget to Commissionerate for the implementation of Arogya Karnataka State:

The Executive Director informed the Committee that a proposal has received from the Commissionerate to release the budget of Rs. 70.10 Crores for implementation of Arogya Karnataka Scheme at Commissionerate level for different activities.

The ED also brought to the notice of the Committee that the roles and responsibilities of as per the Arogya Karnataka GO in Para (54) it states; *“SAST shall be agency for providing support to Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare and Director, Medical Education for implementation and management of the scheme” & In sub-para (54)(ii) it states that the responsibility of Trust includes Financial Management of the Scheme.* ED SAST also informed that bills received from Commissionerate for Procurement of ICT Component Cards – Second Stage amounting to Rs.200 lakhs & for IEC activities amounting to Rs. 160 lakhs will have to be settled

Decision:

After detailed discussion, the Committee directed that all expenditure incurred by the Commissioner HFW for the activities related to Arogya Karnataka scheme; i.e., procurement of ICT components, enrollment cards, expenditure incurred on IEC activities, publicity and advertisements and payment to consultants appointed for the scheme will be paid from SAST. Approval from the Principal Secretary should be obtained before sending the bills to SAST for settlement.

[Action: Director, Operations]

Subject No. 24.21

Release of Budget to all Districts to conduct District Level Training regarding Arogya Karnataka Scheme

The Executive Director brought to the notice of the Committee that the Orientation on Arogya Karnataka Scheme was conducted for NGOs at SAST office on 29/9/2018 and 4/10/2018 to provide awareness of the Arogya Karnataka Scheme. Similarly, for the successful implementation of Arogya Karnataka Scheme awareness creation programmes for NGO's/Society/Trust etc., at the district level has been organized.

The Executive Director sought approval of the Committee to release funds to the District Coordinator of the concerned district for making necessary training arrangements, the rates fixed per district is Rs. 4000/- and for 31 Districts the amount will be Rs.1,24,000/.

Decision :

The Chairman approved to release funds Rs. 5,000/- per district to conduct orientation programme with a direction that vouchers should be maintained for the expenditure by the DCs.

[Action: Director, Operations]

Additional Subject:

Subject No. 24.22

Implementation of Integrated Ayushman Bharat –Arogya Karnataka Scheme

The Chairman informed the members of the Executive Committee that the MoU has been signed by the National Health Agency, Government of India for the integrated Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka to implement in the State in an Assurance Mode and the Government Order will be issued shortly.

The Chairman also opined that the Scheme is to be launched in the State for creating awareness among the stakeholders, public and private empanelled hospitals and also felt that the preparatory activity of the launch requires pre-launch awareness, printing of brochures, standees and preparation of IEC materials.

Decision :

After detailed discussion, the Chairman directed to :

1. Organize workshops with the empanelled network hospitals both private and government hospitals and other stake holders at headquarters and at division levels.
2. Submit detailed IEC Plan to Government about the integrated scheme.
3. Get a short film made
4. Submit file for launching of the integrated scheme to Government.
5. Regularise the hospitals that are provisionally empanelled under the scheme.
6. Map the RSBY URN number to the AB-Arkid card.

[Action: Director, Operations, Finance, MM]

Subject No. 24.22

Delegation of Financial Powers to ED SAST:

The committee authorized the ED SAST to incur expenditure up to Rs.10/- lakh. The Committee categorically resolved that any proposal of Rs.10/-Lakh and below should be cleared by the ED SAST and should not be brought before the Executive Committee.

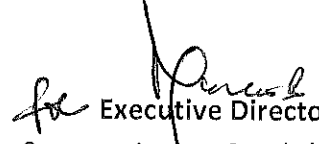
[Action: Director, Finance]

The Meeting concluded with vote of thanks.

Proceedings approved by the Additional
Chief Secretary, H&FW & Chairman, SAST

Sd/-
(JAWAID AKHTAR)
Principal Secretary to Govt.,
Health & Family Welfare Dept. &
Chairman, SAST

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Executive Director,
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust,
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Copy to:

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