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**Proceedings of the 28<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust under the Chairmanship of the Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department held on 31/3/2021 at 3.00 pm in SAST Conference Hall, Bangalore.**

**Members Present:**

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

**Leave of absence:**

1. The Principal Secretary, Medical Education Department, Bangalore.
2. The Chief Executive Officer, Yeshasvini Trust, Bangalore

**Others:**

1. Director (Finance), SAST
2. Director, MM, SAST
3. 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. 28.1**

**Reading and Confirmation of the proceedings of 27<sup>th</sup> EC meeting held on 4/9/2020**

The Executive Committee confirmed the proceedings of the 27<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting held on 4/9/2020.

**Subject No. 28.2**

**Reading and Confirmation of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Empanelment & Disciplinary Committee Meeting held on 28/1/2021 and 17/3/2021**

The Executive Committee confirmed the proceedings of the 4th and 5th Empanelment & Disciplinary Committee Meeting held on 28/1/2021 and 17/3/2021.

**Subject No. 28.3**

**Action taken Report - Review of action taken on the decision of the 26<sup>th</sup> EC meeting held on 7/11/2019 and 27<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting held on 4/9/2020**

The Executive Director presented the action taken report of the proceedings of the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting.

**Decision:**

**After detailed discussion, the Committee noted Action taken report of 27<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting decisions and for the Subject 26.7 - Procurement of Laptops and Desktops; the committee suggested to place before the TAP Committee for procurement of Laptops and Desktops**

**Subject No. 28.4**

**Status of the schemes**

The Executive Director updated the Committee on the performance status of Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka Scheme, Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme, Organ Transplant schemes up to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021, with reference to the monthly performance for the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20 & 2020-21.

**Decision:**

**The Committee noted the status of schemes.**

**Subject No. 28.5**

**Expenditure details from 1/4/2020 to 30/3/2021**

The Committee perused the expenditure of schemes implemented under Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust.

It was also brought to the notice of the Committee that Rs. 300.00 lakh released from Hatti Gold Mines Limited for implementation of Hatti Suvarna Arogya Yojane.

**Decision:**

**The Committee noted.**



## **Subject No. 28.6**

### **Budget for the year 2021-22**

The Executive Director explained in detail the budget proposal for the year 2021-22 for Ayushman Bharat- Arogya Karnataka and other schemes implemented by SAST.

#### **Decision:**

The Committee noted

## **Subject No. 28.7**

### **Updates on implementation of integrated Ayushman Bharat- Arogya Karnataka Scheme – Issues**

The Executive Director briefed the Committee regarding number of beneficiaries that had availed treatment from Government & Private empanelled hospitals, no. of cards issued, empanelment of hospitals, both government and private under "AB-ArK" scheme .

The Executive Director also briefed the status of empanelment of hospitals for Covid 19 treatment, the number of preauthorizations approved, number of claims received from the hospitals, claims processed and settled details as on 30/3/2021 to the Committee.

#### **Decision:**

After detailed discussion, the Committee noted and suggested to issue Circular to all Covid-19 empanelled hospitals to empanel under AB-ARK scheme for treating comorbid patients.

## **Subject No. 28.8**

### **IT System of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust**

The Executive Director briefed the Committee about the following IT system/application of SAST;

- Continuation of Annual Maintenance Support of SAST IT System
- Annual Support for GPS based Attendance Management System
- Upgradation of Existing IT System
- Migration of NAVISION Software.
- Customization done in SAST application from Apr 2019 – Mar 2021

#### **Decision:**

After detailed discussion the Committee suggested to

1. Convene a meeting with Centre for Smart Governance to discuss on taking over the Maintenance support of IT System, Call Centre application and GPS based

Attendance Management system and to submit the recommendation of the meeting.

2. To extend for 6 months with existing terms and conditions for Support of SAST IT system, Call Centre application and GPS based attendance system.
3. Ratified the action taken on customization done in SAST Application from April 2019 to March 2021

#### **Subject No. 28.9**

##### **Ratification of Formation of Anti-fraud Cell**

The Executive Director explained that Anti-fraud cell constituted as per the NHA guidelines under AB-ARK scheme to prevent, detect and deter fraud effectively. Executive Director also informed that one fraud case of Nagappa Hadli Hospital, Bangalore, was investigated by the Anti-Fraud Committee.

##### **Decision:**

**The Committee ratified for formation Anti-fraud Cell and to make use of fraud software provided by NHA.**

#### **Subject No. 28.10**

##### **Nagappa Hadli, Hospital Bangalore:**

The Executive Director explained to the Committee that Nagappa Hadli Hospital, Bengaluru had submitted a fictitious preauth for a surgical procedure. Investigation of the case has revealed fraudulent claims and preauthorization. As per the decision of the ED, the hospital was de-empanelled immediately and hospital name deleted from SAST Portal. EDC also suggested to obtain opinion from Legal Department before the complaint to Cyber Crime Branch.

Further, Executive Director informed that the OM was issued for the continuation of the services of Dr. Rajanna, Regional Consultant, Bengaluru Division was withdrawn as he failed to carryout duties as per the decision of EDC meeting

##### **Decision:**

**The Committee suggested to take legal opinion in the fraud case of Nagappa Hadli Hospital, Bengaluru.**

#### **Subject No. 28.11**

##### **Covid-19 patient's complaints registered in SAST reg: collection of extra amount**

The Executive Director explained in brief to the Committee that the complaints received from Covid-19 patients to SAST Vigilance and Grievance Cell which are referred by

Government for cashless treatment and collection of amount from walk in patients over and above what is fixed by the Government for treatment.

**Decision**

The committee noted and suggested to check the hospitals to return extra amount collected, divide the cases in two categories and to take further action depending on the severity.

**Subject No. 28.12**

**Ratification of action taken for Appointment and Extension of Services of Contractual Staffs appointed in Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust**

The Executive Director explained in brief to the Committee regarding;

- a) appointment of vacant posts i.e, Hardware/Network Specialist and IT Executives through contract
- b) Extension of Services- SAST Contractual Staffs and
- c) Appointment of vacant posts i.e, RCs/ARCs/Doctors/Executives through contract.

**Decision**

After detailed discussion, the committee suggested to

- a) defer the subject and suggested to place before next meeting
- b) ratified extension of services of contractual staffs
- c) defer the subject
- d) submit proposal to government on the requirement of Medical and Accounts staff for processing claims on prorata basis with financial implication.

**Subject No. 28.13**

**Arogyamitras appointed due to Surge in Covid -19 cases**

The Executive Director informed the Committee that 563 Arogyamitras are temporarily appointed additionally to provide 24\*7 Service in empanelled Hospitals at Bangalore Urban District as per the proceedings of Covid Task Force meetings. As the response was poor due to the scare of Covid-19, qualification was relaxed to PU Passed on the directions of the Task Force Committee. In response to this 139 Arogyamitras reported for duty. At present 124 Arogyamitras are working at various empanelled Hospitals at Bangalore and their period is ended by 31/3/2021.

Hence, Executive Director sought approval to continue 124 Arogyamitras period till September 2021 due to surge through an outsource agency.

**Decision :**

The Committee approved to continue 124 Arogyamitras period till September 2021 through an outsource agency.



## **Subject No. 28.14**

### **Ratification of Smt. Supriya M S, ADF on deputation**

The Executive Director explained to the Committee that the letter sent to depute a person for the post of Assistant Director (Finance) to Karnataka State Audit And Accounts Department which was vacant, as there are 2 posts of Assistant Director (Finance) on deputation basis to be filled as per the decision of 26<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting. Accordingly Smt. Supriya M S, Assistant Director (Finance) (Gazetted officer) has been deputed to this office. The Director (Finance) has opined for ADF (1) will be entrusted with claims supervision & ADF(2) (Non-Gazetted officer) Finance will be entrusted with Accounts supervision to bring stability.

#### **Decision:**

**The Committee ratified the deputation of Smt. Supriya M S ADF.**

## **Subject No. 28.15**

### **Ayush & Unani Doctors**

The Executive Director explained to the Committee that the 27<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting held on 04-09-2020 (Subject No-27.15) approved to continue the doctors appointed with BAMS/BHMS/BUMS qualification for a period of one year on the same terms as other Executive Doctors working from office and approved their salary to be on par with that of the Executive Doctors. Accordingly, they have been paid salary on par with contract basis Doctors from October-2020 to Jan 2021.

The Executive Director sought approval for (i) ratification of salary paid on par with contract doctors from October 2020 to January 2021 and (ii) approval to pay salary Rs.35,000/- through outsource Agency and Rs.10,000/- as special allowance along with conveyance of Rs.10,000/- per month from Feb. 2021 from SAST.

#### **Decision :**

**After detailed discussion, the Committee decided to continue the services through outsource agency and pay Rs. 35,000/- per month salary plus Rs. 10,000/- per month conveyance allowance and also Rs. 10,000/- per month as hardship allowance till October 2021.**

## **Subject No. 28.16**

### **Revision of Educational Qualification of Doctors:**

The Executive Director explained to the Committee that the proposal proposed to the revise the Educational Qualification of Doctors approved in 26<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting for

the posts of Doctors and the rearrange the posts approved under CM's Relief Fund, as applications related to CM's Relief Fund are processed by CM's Office.

**Decision :**

**The Committee deferred the subject.**

**Subject No. 28.17**

**Proposal to increase the number of validating Doctors of preauth and claims to work from home on prorata basis.**

The Executive Director informed to the Committee that as there are number of tertiary and emergency cases are increasing year to year and requires additional number of specialist doctors for validation of cases. The Executive Director sought approval to recruit additional 40 doctors on prorata basis (work from home).

**Decision**

**The committee deferred the subject.**

**Subject No. 28.18**

**Hutti Suvarna Arogya Yojane to Hutti Gold Mines Employees and their dependents under SAST**

The Executive Director informed to Committee that the MoU between SAST and Hutti Gold Mine Co, Ltd. signed on 24/12/2020 for implementation of Hatti Suvarna Arogya Yojane in an "assurance mode" through Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust to the "Hutti Gold Mines employees and their dependents" by a network of AB-Ark "Empaneled Hospitals" with no financial cap. It is "Cashless" to the beneficiaries and will be with or without referral from the HGML hospitals. The entire cost of treatment is borne by the Hutti Gold Mines Limited, (HGML) through Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust. AB-Ark 1650 packages and Organ transplant packages are included under the scheme.

**Decision :**

**The Committee ratified.**

**Subject No. 28.19**

**Private hospitals to treat simple secondary care & Hemodialysis procedures as government hospitals declared as COVID 19 treating centres**

The Executive Director informed the Committee that the provision was made to private hospitals to treat simple secondary care & Hemodialysis procedures as government hospitals declared as COVID 19 treating centres vide Government Order HFW 68 CGE 2020 Bangalore, dated 29.03.2020. The Circular vide No. HFW/SAST/MM-34/2019-20(P4) dated:

09.03.2021 issued for simple secondary care and & Hemodialysis procedures are to be treated in Govt hospitals only. Hence stopped to private hospitals in view of less number of covid cases.

**Decision:**

The Committee noted and suggested to submit the file to Government for continuation of treatment in private hospitals for simple secondary care and Haemodialysis procedures due to increase of covid cases.

**Subject No. 28.20**

**Biometric authentication for submission of preauth and claims**

The Executive Director informed the Committee that it was noticed recently an incidence of attempted fraud while submitting the claims by the hospitals. In order to have a better control over the preauth and claims submitted from the empaneled hospitals, it is proposed to have biometric authentication for preauth and claims. At least 5 persons including SAMCO and Arogyamitra are to be mapped with biometric of each empaneled hospitals to submit the preauth and claims. The Executive Director sought approval for biometric authentication for submission of preauth and claims.

**Decision**

The Committee approved to take necessary security measures for submission of preauth and claims.

**Subject No. 28.21**

**Ratification and approval of special cases Dr Basavaraj K, Taluka Health Officer, Mundaragi, Uttara Kannada**

The Executive Director informed the Committee that Dr. Basavaraj K, working as Taluka Health Officer, Mundaragi, Uttara Kannada admitted at Sparsh Hospital, Yeshawanthapur, Bangalore from 18.08.2020 to 02.09.2020 for COVID-19 treatment and he was died on 02.09.2020. As per Government Order ಅಕುಕ 523 ಹೆಚ್‌ಎಸ್‌ಹೆಚ್ 2020, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿನಾಂಕ:16.10.2020 informed to pay the bill amount of Rs.13,24,617/- to Sparsh Hospital, Yeshawanthapur as a special case. After review and approval an amount of Rs. 13,24,617/- was paid to Sparsh Hospital, Yeshawanthapur.

**Decision**

The Committee noted and ratified.





**Additional Subjects :**

**Subject No. 28.22**

**Proposal to post Senior Arogyamitra to the Government Medical College hospital and re-designating to carry out the IEC activities of the district**

The Executive Director briefed the Committee that preauths from the Government Medical Colleges are not being done compared to the number of admissions. Hence to supervise the preauth of Government Medical Colleges and also to co-ordinate with other AMs of the district, regarding the IEC activities one senior AM of the district needs to be re-designated to co-ordinate these activities. There will be no additional expenditure as these posts are outsourced and the AMs are already working in the Government Medical College hospitals.

**Decision**

The Committee suggested the Executive Director to take appropriate decision on the subject.

**Subject No. 28.23**

**Integration of AB-ArK and the execution of MoU was carried from 30th October 2018 for a period of 3years till October 2021. Proposal to extend the MoU till March 2022 as per NHA guidelines by supplemental MoU from October 2021 to March 2022**

The Executive Director briefed the Committee that hospitals who are empanelled from Oct 2018 for a period of 3 years the MoU was also technically in-force from 30th Oct 2018 to 29th October 2021. NHA has advised the State to keep financial year for the purpose of implementing the scheme. Hence the MoU needs to be extended 31st March 2022 irrespective of the date of execution of the MoU on or after 30th Oct 2018.

Some of the hospitals have been empanelled even after 30th Oct 2018 as it is an open ended scheme. Hence, MoU also be terminated on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 irrespective of the date of an entry into the scheme. All those hospitals completing the MoU 29th Oct 2021 needs an extension of MoU till March 2022 by a supplementary MoU before 30th Oct 2021.

**Decision**

The Committee approved for extension of MoU of empanelled hospitals under AB-ArK scheme till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**Subject No. 28.24**

**Calculation of beneficiary wallet for the financial year 2020-21 and 2021-22**

The Executive Director informed that the National Health Authority has informed the State Health Authority about wallet up-dation of 2020-21 – ongoing period till 31st March 2021 and sought approval for the same.

Sl No	Category	Wallet Amount to be refreshed on the designated date
1	For those beneficiary families whose pre-auth amounts are approved from 1 April 2020 to till designated date	5 Lakh - Total pre-auth approved amount utilized by whole beneficiary family
2	For the rest of the cases, where no pre-auth has been raised for the beneficiaries/family during the period 1 April 2020 to till designated date	5 Lakh Wallet amount to be configured

#### Decision

The Committee approved to consider the financial year and calculation of beneficiary wallet from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 to March 31, 2022.

#### Subject No. 28.25

**Extending the empanelment of COVID 19 management hospitals in view of ensuing 2nd wave of COVID 19.**

The Director, Medical Management informed that; as per the notification order HFW 228 ACS 2020 dated: 23.06.2020 under Disaster Management Act 2005, the hospitals was empanelled for COVID 19 Management on the desktop review of documents. There are 506 hospitals exclusively empanelled for COVID 19 management. As per the Cabinet decision the empanelment of COVID 19 hospitals was extended till 31st March 2021. In view of ensuing 2nd wave of COVID 19 the empanelled needs to be extended the Disaster Management Act is still in-force or till 31st September 2021.

#### Decision

The Committee approved and suggested to send letter to all empanelled hospitals for reservation of beds for covid treatment and extended their empanelment till 31/9/2021.

#### Subject No. 28.26

**Shifting of SAST Office to Arogya Soudha**

The Executive Director, informed the Committee that Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust shifted to Arogya Soudha, 7th Floor, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023 from Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation, TTMC "A" Block, 4th Floor, Shanthinagar, K.H. Road, Bangalore-560 027 premises on 21st December 2020. Despite this, BMTC according to the rate of KPWD, Rs. 51.15/Sq.Ft (Excluding GST)/ month through a letter to the Govt. for arrears of difference in rent of Rs. 73,44,557/- and for this reply has been submitted to Govt. on 05.03.2021.



**Decision**

The Committee noted the rent paid as per the decision of 27<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting.

**Subject No. 28.27**

**Hike in Salary**

The Executive Director informed that the Salary for Contract employees and Outsource staff was increased as per decision of the 26<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee in its meeting held on 07.11.2019. Due to the increasing cost of living and last revision in salary was effected one and half years ago, it is now proposed to increase the salary of both Contract employees and Outsource staff.

**Decision**

The Committee deferred the subject.

**Subject No. 28.28**

**Revised Organogram:**

The Executive Director informed that the Organogram of SAST was approved by the 26<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee in its meeting held on 07.11.2019 needs to be revised in the qualification of doctors, posts approved under CM's Relief Fund.

**Decision**

The Committee deferred the subject.

The Meeting concluded with vote of thanks.

  
(JAWAID AKHTAR)

Additional Chief Secretary to Govt.,  
Health & Family Welfare Dept. &  
Chairman, Executive Committee hasle

