

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF  
THE SUVARNA AROGYA SURKSHA TRUST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SRI. M. MADAN GOPAL, IAS, PRINCIPAL  
SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, HELD IN  
ROOM NO: 123, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR, VIKASA SOUDHA, BANGALORE ON 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**Members Present:**

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| 1. Sri. M. Madan Gopal, IAS, Principal Secretary, H&FW Dept.   | - Chairman         |
| 2. Smt. Vandita Sharma, IAS, Mission Director, NRHM  | - Member           |
| 3. Sri. P.N. Sreenivasachary, IAS, Commissioner, H&FWS   | - Member           |
| 4. Sri. G. Kumar Naik, IAS, Executive Director, SAS Trust  | - Member Secretary |
| 5. Sri. Ganesh Murthy, Deputy Secretary, Finance Dept.<br>(Representative of Principal Secretary, Finance Dept.) | - Member           |
| 6. Dr. K.V. Raju, Economic Advisor to Hon'ble CM   | - Member           |
| 7. Dr. N. Devadasan, Director, IPH   | - Special Invitee  |

**Officers Present:**

1. Sri. M.S. Swamy, Deputy Secretary H&FW Dept.
2. Sri. Shankarappa, Chief Administrative Officer, KHSDRP
3. Dr. Panduranga Pujari, J.D. SAS Trust
4. Dr. Sanjay Deodhar, NRHM Consultant
5. Sri. Chetan Mahajan, HI Assistant, SAS Trust

Sri. G. Kumar Naik, IAS, Executive Director (ED) of SAS Trust and Member Secretary of the Executive Committee (EC), welcomed members present at the Executive Committee Meeting and provided opening remarks.

**1. Finalizing of Implementation Support Agency:**

EC was appraised on the results of Technical Evaluation by the Tender Scrutiny and on the resolution of the Tender Accepting Authority to accept M/s. Family Health Plan Ltd. (FHPL), as the preferred Bidder, their financial proposal being the lowest at Rs. 5,41,68,000. A Letter of Award (LoA) communicating that its proposal has been accepted will be issued to Successful Bidder immediately. As the Successful Bidder in the Implementation Support Agency tendering process, M/s. FHPL is expected to enter into an agreement ("Agreement" – as given in Appendix A of the RFP) within 10 days of the date of Letter of Award (LoA).

**2. Finalizing Benefit Package of SAS Scheme:**

EC was updated on the discussions held on finalizing the SAS Benefit Packages thus far, details of which are as follows. Specialty wise 3 member sub-committees were formed consisting of: 1 member

a5 Chairperson from Govt. & 2 members from Private Institutions. These Committees met on 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2009 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2009, under the Chairmanship of Director of Health & Family Welfare Services, Govt. of Karnataka. Sub-committees were asked to consider components of the package individually and propose total price of each package. Following the two meetings, the Trust and Benefit Package committees felt the need to take consultation from a broader group of eminent doctors in the process.

EC agreed on the suggested need for additional consultation within a broader group of eminent doctors and also on the fact that the Package will be wholesome, without any breakups on costing of different components. The EC decided that a cap will be maintained on the list of procedures and no additions to the list shall be made. EC also suggested that the SAS Benefit Package rates should be above CGHS rates but below Rajiv Aarogyasri rates. *In case of any ~~change~~ change in the ~~rate~~ rate a proposal be brought before EC as and when required.*

**3. Consultation with Aarogyasri Health Care Trust and sharing IT platform:**

ED informed EC about the recent resolution of Aarogyasri Health Care Trust, AP, to initiate consultancy with other outside State Government initiatives that aspire to implement a program similar to Rajiv Aarogyasri Scheme. ED described the benefits of sharing vital experiences, scheme materials and recommendations for enabling quick operationalization and upscaling of SAS Scheme in terms of Benefit Packages and other districts of Karnataka. Additionally, it was brought to the attention of EC that it might be advisable to obtain the IT platform from Aarogyasri Trust through this consultation process.

The EC arrived at the consensus that the Trust should proceed with entering into an agreement with Aarogyasri Trust for consultation. ED was directed to immediately send a formal letter to CEO, Aarogyasri Health Care Trust, expressing the interest of SAS Trust to enter into MoU for their consulting services. Upon receiving initial concurrence, the terms of the agreement shall be established between SAS Trust and Aarogyasri Health Care Trust.

**4. Printing of ID Cards as per BPL Database:**

EC arrived at the consensus that no separate ID cards or any temporary cards shall be printed on behalf of SAS Beneficiaries. Instead, the BPL cards distributed as per the Food and Civil Supplies database will suffice for the purpose of identifying SAS Beneficiaries. This matter may be revisited when the statewide procurement of Smartcards is undertaken, as the relevant Scheme information will easily be captured by the Smartcard.

**5. Procurement of SAS Trust Office and fulfilling manpower requirements:**

EC was appraised about the urgent need for the Trust to occupy an office space as soon as possible in order to efficiently conduct the required functions of implementing the Scheme. The Trust is also looking to immediately undertake the recruitment of Trust employees. Suggestions were given to occupy the KHSDRP office if possible, if not, the EC agreed to permit the ED to undertake a search for alternative office space which meets the legality criteria of urban local authorities such as BDA and BBMP.

**6. Operationalization of the program in Gulbarga Division:**


It was suggested to the EC that for immediate operationalization of SAS Scheme the following undertakings are essential: empanelment of Specialist Doctors and Government Institutions for stop-gap arrangement, rolling out vigorous publicity campaigns and conducting district level Health Camps. EC arrived at the consensus that proper systematic mechanisms of various activities, such as arriving at a finalized pricing of Benefit Packages, empanelment of private and public hospitals, establishment of IT platform, recruitment and training of staff and Arogyamitras, detailed guidelines of all process flows, etc, have to be in place before the Trust can begin underwriting the risk of providing care to patients. EC decided that there will be a full-fledged launch of the SAS Scheme on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 2010, with massive publicity via Mega Camps in the 5 districts for this purpose. The Action Plan of such Health Camps will be prepared and linkages with District Level Specialists Camps will be considered.

Principal Secretary, H&FW, and Chairman of SAS Trust provided closing remarks. ED extended thanks to the Chairman and the EC members for active participation in the deliberation.



Principal Secretary,

Dept. of Health & Family Welfare and

 Chairman, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust.

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