Proceedings of the Fifth Trust Board Meeting held at the Conference Hall of SAST, Bangalore on 5/5/2014 at 3.30 pm

Members Present:

1. The Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore.
3. The Director, Health & Family Welfare Services, Ananda Rao Circle, Bangalore.
4. Dr. H. Sudarshan, Karuna Trust, Bangalore.
5. Dr. Vijaykumar, Director, Kidwai Institute of Oncology, Bangalore.
6. Dr. Devishetty, Narayana Health Centre, Bangalore.
7. Dr. Manjunath, Director, Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology, Bangalore.
8. Dr. K.V. Raju, Professor, ISEC, Bangalore.
9. Representative of Mission Director, NRHM/Project Administrator, KHSDRP
10. The Executive Director, SAST

Chairperson
Chief Executive Trustee
Trustee
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Trustee
Secretary of the Trust

Special Invitee:

1. Dr. Sadhana, Executive Director, KSHSRC, Bangalore.

The Executive Director welcomed the Chairman, SAST and Trustees for the Meeting.

5.1. Confirmation of the Proceedings of the Fourth Trust Board Meeting held on 18/3/2014

The Proceedings of the Fourth Trust Board Meeting held on 18/3/2014 was confirmed.
## Action taken report from 1st and 5th Trust Board Meeting

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<td>1.1</td>
<td>Coverage under VAS - The board decided to take necessary measure to avoid duplication between VAS &amp; Government Health Insurance Schemes. All the schemes are sharing data base of each thereby the chances of duplication is reduced.</td>
<td>The Board decided to have CEOs of Yashaswini and RSBY on the Executive Committee of SAST. The ED informed that there was a attempt to bring all the 3 schemes namely VAS, Yashwaswini, RSBY under one administration umbrella. To that effect, meetings were held and the outcome has been pronounced in the budget speech of the then Government. The Chairman desired that the reports of the meetings to be circulated among members of the Board and solicit their remarks. The Board also decided on the lines of NPCDCS for cancer Suvarna Argoya Chaitanya scheme which is being implemented by Directorate of H&amp;FWS to be brought under SAST.</td>
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<td>Appointment of Arogyamitras: The board opined that Anganwadi workers, Health and Sanitation workers along with VHSC may be considered to work as Arogyamitras.</td>
<td>Since the decision of the Board was to utilise the Anganwadi workers, VHSC workers etc, it was decided to bring as a subject in the next Board Meeting for appropriate changes in the decision.</td>
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**3rd Trust Board Meeting held on 22/12/2012**

| 3.5    | Adopting Vajpayee Arogyashree Scheme for Non-BPL families of BBMP Area | The Board informed SAST to place the subject as a separate agenda for decision before the next Board meeting. | Compliance noted and closed |
| 4.7 | New Scheme – Rajiv Arogya Bhagya Scheme | The Committee is constituted as per the decision. The committee met on 28/3/2014, 3/4/2014 and 23/4/2014 and the findings are placed as an Agenda for 5th Trust Board. | Compliance noted and closed |
| 4.8 | Extension of services of the ISA-M/s. FHPL and M/s. AHRL of 23 days in the month of June 2014 | The committee met on 28/3/2014 and 23/4/2014 and the findings are placed as an Agenda for 5th Trust Board. | Compliance noted and closed |
| 4.11 | Providing ambulance service to transport diseased patients | OM Issued | |
| 4.11 | Revision of pricing of Cardiac stents. | The Board opined that the Executive Director can take appropriate decision and the expenditure be met out of administrative cost of the Trust. | Board instructed SAST to issue suitable Office Order in this regard. |
| 5.3 | Utilize Anganwadi workers and VHSC workers under the schemes of SAST as Arogyamitras | The Committee is constituted as per the decision of the Board and the Committee met to discuss the subject on 26/3/2014. The findings of the committee, is placed as an Agenda for 5th Trust Board. | Compliance noted and closed |

5.3 **Utilize Anganwadi workers and VHSC workers under the schemes of SAST as Arogyamitras**

The Executive Director explained that a decision was taken in the 1st Board meeting dated 29/5/2009 to utilize services of Anganwadi workers, Health and Sanitation workers along with VHSC as Arogyamitras. Subsequently ISA was appointed on 17/11/2009 and they have appointed Arogyamitras with a definite job chart. He brought to the notice of the Board that the services of ASHA workers of the Health Department are also involved in the implementation of the Scheme and therefore utilizing the services of Anganwadi workers, Health and Sanitation workers along with VHSC is not required at this stage.

**Decision**

The Board discussed the subject in detail and decided to modify the decision of the 1st Board Meeting, that the services of Anganwadi workers, Health and Sanitation workers along with VHSC is not required, as Arogyamitras and ASHA workers are working in the project.
5.4. Adopting Vaipayee Arogyashree Scheme for Non-BPL families of BBMP area

The Executive Director explained the Board that the proposal of BBMP to extend Vaipayee Arogyashree Scheme to the Non-BPL families of BBMP area was prior to the issue of Government Order to implement Rajiv Arogya Bhagya Scheme to the APL families of the State. In view of the said Government Order, he submitted to the Board that there is no necessity of extending VAS to the Non-BPL families of BBMP area.

Decision

After detailed discussion, the Board agreed to drop the proposal of extending VAS to Non-BPL families of BBMP area. It also decided to refund an amount of Rs. 1.00 crore along with the interest accrued.

5.5. Perspective Plan of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust

The Executive Director briefed the Board that a Sub Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. K.V. Raju, Professor, ISEC was constituted in the previous Board Meeting held on 18/3/2014 to prepare a Perspective Plan for SAST for a period of coming 3 to 5 years. Dr. K.V. Raju informed the Board that the Perspective Plan is prepared procuring the services of KSHSRC. He thanked the Board for the opportunity given and briefed the summary of the Perspective Plan of SAST. Dr. Sadhana, Executive Director, KSHSRC presented to the Board, the details of Perspective Plan, Vision and Mission of SAST, methodology adopted in preparing the said Plan and different areas of various references etc.

The Chairman expressed his satisfaction on the Perspective Plan and assured that he would ensure the fund requirement of SAST.

Decision

After detailed discussion, the Board decided to elicit views/remarks of the Board members on the draft report of the Sub-Committee within two weeks and the Sub-Committee to finalize the Perspective Plan on 19/5/2014.
5.6. **Guidelines for the Government Order issued**

The Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare Services, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee to suggest necessary changes to the Government Order issued regarding Rajiv Arogya Bhagya Scheme. He brought to the notice of the Board that Sub Committee had proposed two options – Option No. 1: to restrict to certain vulnerable categories of APL families and Option No. 2: to cover all APL families of the State.

He further explained that to operationalize Option No. 1 the listed 28 categories of APL families could be checked with the data base of the Dept. of Food & Civil Supplies which only gives occupation status of these families.

The Chairman expressed to include only those categories of vulnerable groups whose socio economic status is verifiable. He also opined that Option No. 2 cannot be accepted.

**Decision:**

The Board after detailed discussion decided to:

1. Implement the Rajiv Arogya Bhagya scheme to those of the vulnerable groups whose identity and status verifiable.
2. The Board further instructed to Sub-Committee to go into the list of 69 occupational categories of Dept. of Food & Civil Supplies and then select those groups which could be verified.

5.7. **Revision of Benefit Packages under Neuro Surgery and Urology**

The Executive Director informed that the Board in its meeting held on 18/3/2014, constitute a Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. H. Sudarshan to relook into benefit package rates for Neuro Surgery and Urology speciality recommended by the consultative committee. He further informed the Board that the said Sub-Committee has recommended to consider (i) to revise the rates recommended by the consultative committee of Uro-surgery and Neurosurgery Specialties (ii) to charge for Pre-operative Investigations and (ii) the recommendation of consultative committee on cross specialty procedures.
Decision:

After detailed discussion, the Board decided;

(i) to implement the revision of rates in the Neuro Surgery and Urology specialities.
(ii) to accept recommendation of the Sub-Committee to permit specialists to perform on cross speciality procedures.

5.8. Revision of pricing Cardiac stents

The Executive Director informed that the Board in its meeting held on 18/3/2014, constitute a Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. H. Sudarshan to relook into package rates for cardiac Stents suggested by the Experts. He further informed the Board that the said Sub-Committee has recommended to introduce Drug Eluting Stents at the rate of Rs. 25,000/- per stent for certain conditions and continue use of Bare Metal Stents for certain other conditions.

Decision

The Board approved to introduce Drug Eluting Stents under the Scheme as it brings down the restenosis rates drastically.

5.9. Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme

The Executive Director informed the Board that the Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme introduced by the Government to the Government Employees and their dependants to provide cashless treatment in Empanelled Network Hospitals for Tertiary care ailments of 7 specialities as under Vajpayee Arogyashree Scheme, implementing through SAST.

He further explained that the Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of the Commissioner discussed in detail about the implementation of Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme and their recommendations to the Board.
Dr. Devishetty and Dr. Manjunath, Trustees of Board felt that the rates of CGHS could be adopted under this Scheme. The Executive Director explained that there are two kinds of rates under CGHS i.e., rates for empanelled hospitals and the rates for hospitals which are recognised.

It was also noted that the CGHS rates are fixed for semi-private wards and 10% would be deducted for general ward and 15% would be added to private wards. In this year CGHS has invited tenders only for Non-NABH and NABH categories of hospitals.

Decision:

After detailed discussion, the Board approved to adopt the rates of CGHS to Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme.

5.10. Mukyamanthrigala Santhwana Yojana

The Executive Director informed the Board that “Mukyamanthrigala Santhwana Yojana”, a new scheme announced in the budget speech 2014-15 for road accident victims to be implemented through SAST. He briefed the objectives of the scheme is to give immediate and instant medical treatment for the victims of road accidents during Golden Hour. This will cover all the accidents that take place on National Highways and State Highways of Karnataka State. The scheme provides cashless treatment to a maximum amount of Rs. 25,000/- per victim.

After detailed deliberations, the Board decided:

1. To use 108 Ambulance/Private Ambulance/any Vehicles to carry the victims to the nearest hospital.
2. Not to insist for prior pre-auth approval, instead the hospitals can inform through SMS and obtain an unique number.
3. To utilise the services of 104/108 call centre to get the guidance on the appropriate hospitals to which, victims to be shifted (GIS support to be taken).
4. That the Empanelment & Disciplinary Committee to work out detailed empanelment criteria and cover as many hospitals as possible along the National Highways and State Highways.
5. To constitute a committee with the following members to monitor the functioning of the scheme:
   (a) Commissioner, H & FW - Chairman
   (b) Commissioner of Transport - Member
   (c) Additional Director General of Police (Traffic) - Member
(d) Managing Director, KRDCCL - Member
(e) Representative of NH Authority of India - Member
(f) Representative of 108 and 104 - Member
(g) Representative of PWD - Member
(h) Executive Director, SAST - Member Secretary

6. To develop an effective IEC Strategy to bring in awareness about the scheme.

7. (a) To approve automatically all claims upto Rs. 5,000/-
(b) To authorise ISA to settle claims of Rs. 5,001/- to Rs. 15,000/-
(c) SAST to settle cases above Rs. 15,000/-
(d) To be reviewed after 6 months.

8. To send the fund requirement for 9 months.

5.11. Letter from Government of India

The Executive Director explained the Board that Government of India in consultation with various stakeholders has prepared a draft list of 2179 medical treatment procedures to develop a standard nomenclature and description of the procedures and invited comments, suggestions, objections, including deletions additions in the list from various stakeholders. He also informed these procedures are compared with SAST procedures, as a result, 431 procedures match with MoH&FW Draft procedures and the remaining 16 procedures have been sent for inclusion and the same has been communicated to MoH&FW.

Decision:
The Board perused the subject and approved the action taken.

5.12. Letter received from Hon’ble Minister, H&FW

The Executive Director briefed the Board that letter from Hon’ble Minister, H&FW received from the Principal Secretary office regarding (a) Implementation of Rajiv Arogya Bhagya Scheme and (b) To include Orthopaedics related cases and the Dialysis under the Scheme.

After detailed discussion, the Board decided;

(a) to follow the decision taken in Subject No. 5.6 regarding implementation of Rajiv Arogya Bhagya Scheme.
(b) to constitute a Committee with the following members to submit a suitable proposal for introduction of orthopaedics under VAS;

1. Dr. H. Sudarshan - Chairman
2. Dr. Tilak, Director, Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma & Orthopaedics - Member
3. Dr. Chandrashekar, Professor, Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma & Orthopaedics - Member
4. Dr. Manjunath, RMO, KC General Hospital - Member
5. Professor and HOD of Victoria Hospital - Member
6. Professor and HOD of Bowring & Lady Curzon Hospital - Member
7. Orthopaedic Surgeon, District Hospital, Tumkur – Member
8. Dr. Shankar, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Chamarajendra Hospital, Hassan
9. Executive Director, SAST – Member Secretary

(c) In view of the Government’s decision to start Dialysis Centres at Taluka level hospitals, in addition to the existing District Hospitals already having the facility, it may not be advisable to start under VAS.

The Meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks.

Sd/-

(N. SIVASAILAM)
Principal Secretary to Govt. Health & Family Welfare Dept. & Chairman,
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust.

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Executive Director
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust
Bangalore

Date: 14/5/2014

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8. The Director, Health & Family Welfare Services, Ananda Rao Circle, Bangalore.
9. The Director, Medical Education Department, Ananda Rao Circle, Bangalore.
10. The Director, Kidwai Institute of Oncology, Bangalore.
11. Dr. Devi Shetty, Narayana Health Centre, Bangalore.
12. Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Director, Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology, Bangalore.
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