Proceedings of the Sixth Trust Board Meeting held at the Conference Hall of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Bangalore on 28-06-2014

Members Present:

1. The Principal Secretary to Government, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore. - Chairperson
2. Representative from Labour Department, Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore. - Trustee
3. The Director, Health & Family Welfare Services, Ananda Rao Circle, Bangalore. - Trustee
4. The Director, Kidwai Institute of Oncology, Bangalore. - Trustee
5. Dr. Devi Shetty, Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Narayana Hrudayalaya, Bangalore. - Trustee
6. Dr. Manjunath, Director, Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology, Bangalore - Trustee
7. Dr. H. Sudarshan, Karuna Trust & Trustee, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust -- Trustee
8. The Executive Director, SAST - Secretary of the Trust

Special Invitee:

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

The Executive Director welcomed the Chairman and the members of the Trust for the Meeting.

6.1 Confirmation of the Proceedings of the Fifth Trust Board Meeting held on 5th May 2014:

The Proceedings of the Fifth Trust Board Meeting held on 5-5-2014 was confirmed.

6.2. Action taken report of the proceedings of Fifth Trust Board Meeting held on 5/5/2014

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 convey its preparedness to implement Suvarna Argoya Chaitanya scheme, if NRHM decides to entrust to SAST.</td>
<td>Letter sent to Mission Director, NRHM.</td>
<td>Compliance noted and closed.</td>
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### 4th Trust Board Meeting held on 18/3/2014

| 4.11 | The Board instructed SAST to issue suitable office order in this regard | With the approval of Principal Secretary, H&FW Dept. Office Order circulated to all Network Hospitals. | Compliance noted and closed * |

### 5th Trust Board Meeting held on 5/5/2014

| 5.3  | The Board 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. | No Action | Compliance noted and closed |

| 5.4  | 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. | Letter sent to BBMP office to provide their Bank Account details for remittance of the amount through RTGS. | Compliance noted and closed * |

| 5.5  | 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. | Final version of the Perspective Plan will be presented in the sixth board meeting. | Compliance noted and closed |

| 5.6  | Guidelines for the Government Order issued The Board after detailed discussion decided to: i) Implement the Rajiv Arogya Bhagya scheme to those of the vulnerable groups whose identity and status verifiable. ii) 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. | The recommendation of the Sub-committee is placed as a separate Agenda for this Board Meeting. | Compliance noted and closed |
| 5.7 | **Revision of Benefit Package under Neuro Surgery and Urology**  
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. | OM circulated to all empanelled Network Hospitals.  
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| 5.8 | **Revision of pricing Cardiac Stents**  
The Board approved to introduce Drug Eluting Stents under the Scheme as it brings down the restenosis rates drastically. | OM circulated to all Network Hospitals. | The Board informed to submit a detail proposal for Peripheral Stent with the consultation of the Benefit Package Consultative Committee in the next Board Meeting. |
| 5.9 | **Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme**  
The Board approved to adopt the rates of CGHS to Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme. | A Separate Agenda is placed before the Board for further discussion. | Compliance noted and closed. |
| 5.10 | **Mukyamanthrigala Santhwana Yojane**  
The Board decided;  
   i) To use 108 Ambulance/Private Ambulance/any Vehicles to carry the victims to the nearest hospital.  
   ii) Not to insist for prior pre-auth approval, instead the hospitals can inform through SMS and obtain an unique number.  
   iii) 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). | The team from SAST visited 108 run by GVK-EMRI on 3/6/2014 and found that with little additional support by GIS mapping, increase in number of VLS ambulances, facilities existing can be used for Mukyamanthrigala Santwana Scheme | The Chairman appreciated the action initiated in implementing the Mukyamanthrigala Santwana Scheme. Closed |

* On enquiry of Call Centre, will generate unique ID which can be used as Preauthorization No.
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<th>iv) That the Empanelment &amp; Disciplinary Committee to work out detailed empanelment criteria and cover as many hospitals as possible along the National Highways and State Highways.</th>
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<td>Committee has been Constituted. Closed</td>
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<td>v) To constitute a committee to monitor the functioning of the scheme:</td>
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<td>OM issued reg. constitution of committee.</td>
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<td>vi) To develop an effective IEC Strategy to bring in awareness about the scheme</td>
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<td>vii)(a) To approve automatically all claims upto Rs. 5,000/-</td>
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<td>(b) To authorise ISA to settle claims of Rs. 5,001/- to Rs. 15,000/-</td>
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<td>(c) SAST to settle cases above Rs. 15,000/-</td>
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<td>(d) To be reviewed after 6 months.</td>
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<td>vii) To send the fund requirement for 9 months.</td>
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<td>5.11 Letter from Government of India The Board perused the subject and approved the action taken.</td>
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<td>5.12 Letter received from Hon’ble Minister, H&amp;FW The Board suggested; i. To constitute a Committee and to submit a suitable proposal for introduction of orthopaedics under VAS.</td>
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<td>(i) Compliance noted and closed</td>
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ii. 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.

(ii) The Board informed to convey to the Government that there is no need to take action in this regard by the SAST as the Government has already decided to start a Dialysis Centres at Taluka Level Hospitals in addition to the existing District Hospital.

* The Chairman advised to enclose all circulars as Annexures, so that the Trustees can know the contents.

Status Report:

The Executive Director briefed the Board about various activities of the Trust from the last Board meeting to this Board. He presented details of the pre-authorisation, the geographical distribution of the patients in various Divisions of the State, caste wise distribution of patients, speciality wise distribution of the patients, top 10 performing hospitals, top 10 Procedures performed and the expenditure details. He brought to the notice of the Trustees that the Kidwai Institute of Oncology stands top for the services provided to the VAS beneficiary in the year 2013-14 which never found a place in Top 10 hospitals in the year 2012-13.

Decision:

The Board noted the same.

6.2 Audit reports – Statutory Audit and Annual Internal Audit Reports for the Financial Year 2013-14:

The Executive Director briefed the Board about the certified Statutory Audit Report and Annual Internal Audit Report of the Trust submitted by the V.K. Niranjan & Company and A. Raghavendra Rao and Associates respectively.

Decision:

The Board after detail discussion suggested to constitute an Audit Committee with the following members and the recommendation made by the Committee
shall not be altered by the Board, however the Board may refer back certain issues to the Audit Committee for re-consideration.

Dr. H. Sufarshana - Chairman
Director, HFW Services - Member
Dr. Vijay Kumar, Director, KIDWAI - Member
Dr. K.V. Raju, Professor, ISEC - Member
Executive Director, SAST - Convenor

6.5. Jyothy Sanjeevini Scheme:

The Executive Director informed the Board that the Network Hospitals have expressed that the CGHS rates are much lower in many of the procedures and their participation would be difficult in executing the said scheme. After several meetings and obtaining the rates from the Network Hospitals, the Benefit Package Committee has recommended the rates by taking best of the two schemes and has recommended 10% over the General Ward rates for Semi-Private and 25% for Private Wards. The Executive Director also informed that as per the instruction of the Additional Chief Secretary, the scheme should be purely cashless.

Dr. Manjunath, Director, Jayadeva Institute and Dr. Devi Shetty, Narayana Hrudyalaya, opined that the cost of the implants, valves, grafts etc. should be kept at actual cost.

Decision:

The Board approved the proposal with the following modification, with regard to certain procedures involving implants, grafts, valves etc., the package amount would only include procedure cost and the Benefit Package Consultative Committee of Cardiology to suggest types of implants, valves and grafts with their cost.

6.6. Rajiv Arogya Bhagya Scheme:

The Executive Director briefed about the following decision of the Sub-Committee:

1. Report of the Sub-committee was tabled in the meeting and all the members perused the content of the sub-committee report. The Sub-committee report had concluded that majority of the vulnerable groups identified for this programme could not be neither identified nor verified online. In view of the proposal of Commissioner, F&CS, Government of Karnataka to the ACS of F&CS regarding
certain inclusions and exclusions criteria of the BPL ration card-some of the groups identified as vulnerable would be taken care of.

2. The Sub-committee has recommended that the scheme should be implemented for all the APL ration card holders and their family members.

In view of the above developments, the Board decided to implement RAB with the following guidelines:

1. To implement the proposed RAB scheme to all APL ration card holders and their household members in the entire State of Karnataka.
2. SAST would pay the hospitals, only the VAS package rates for this scheme beneficiaries and the balance amount to be collected by the Hospitals from the beneficiaries as co-payment.
3. Empanel only those hospitals which are empanelled under VAS scheme.
4. The Perspective Plan Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. K.V. Raju, Professor, ISEC to work out the likely number of beneficiaries and submit an expenditure estimate for this scheme.

6.7 Appointment of Implementation Support Agency:

The Executive Director explained the Board regarding the process of appointing the Implementation Support Agency for Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust and M/s. MD India Healthcare Network Pvt. Ltd., Pune had been technically and financially qualified. The Letter of Award has been issued and will be placed in position from 1-7-2014.

Decision:

The Board approved the same.

6.8 Pre-operative Investigation Charges:

The Executive Director briefed about the recommendation of the Committee for Pre-operative Investigation Charges. He said that, initially the patient should pay all investigation charges and the same will be refunded if the patient converted as VAS beneficiary.
Decision:

After detail discussion the Board decided to;

(i) Approve the rates recommended.
(ii) Remove lab charges and decided that this shall be absorbed by the hospital itself.
(iii) Anthyodaya beneficiaries shall not charged for any investigations and it shall be free to them.
(iv) These approved rates only to be collected initially and return the same to the beneficiaries once they are the beneficiaries of Vajpayee Arogyashree and Rajiv Arogya Bhagya Scheme.

6.9 Perspective plan of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust:

The Executive Director, KSHSRC explained the Board about the final version of the Perspective Plan.

Decision:

The Board approved the same.

6.10 Revision of remuneration of Arogyamitras:

The Executive Director explained that with the existing salary structure it is very difficult to get Arogyamitras and the existing Arogyamitras are repeatedly requesting for enhancement of remuneration. To retain the existing Arogyamitras and to consider their request the following proposal was presented.

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<td>1</td>
<td>Network Hospitals having 3 and more Arogyamitras one of them will be a Senior Arogyamitra.</td>
<td>Rs. 9349/-</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Arogyamitras working in all District Hospitals, Network Hospitals in Bangalore city and in Network Hospitals outside the state i.e Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra etc.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Arogyamitras working in Taluka Hospitals, CHCs and Network Hospitals other than Bangalore city in Karnataka.</td>
<td>Rs. 9349/-</td>
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Decision:

The Board after detail discussion approved the proposal of enhancement of the remuneration of Arogymitrals as well as to create two more levels. It was also decided to give 5% hike for every year of successful completion. The remuneration is inclusive of statutory payments, retention and other allowance, managerial and service charges etc.

6.11 Inclusion of Pulmonary Artery and Brach Vessels (LPA/RPA) Stenosis for balloon dilatation under the existing Vajpayee Arogyashree Scheme under the existing Procedure Code 107.

The Executive Director explained about the request of Network Hospital to include balloon dilatation of Pulmonary Artery Stenosis and Branch Vessels Stenosis under VAS and the same was recommended by Dr. Manjunath, Director, Jayadeva Institute.

Decision:

After discussion, the Board approved the same.

6.12. Setting right the pay anomaly of Claims Manager-1.

The Executive Director briefed about the pay anomaly of Claims Manager-1 and Claims Manager-2 working in the Trust.

Decision:

The Board approved the same.
Additional Subject:

(1) The World Bank IDA Credit to Road Traffic Accident Victims Scheme to be covered under Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust.

The Executive Director briefed the Board about the World Bank Aide-Memoire of June 2014, and he said that the opinion of the Bank that US$ 20 Million would remain uncommitted and unlikely to be disbursed. In February 2014, the Project would be restructured and US$ 15 million would be reallocated to support financing of hospital care for road traffic accident victims. In this regard, a letter addressed to DEA with the proposal for restricting the IDA financing pattern is to be sent.

Decision:

The Chairman suggested to prepare a draft letter to DEA and send it through KHSDRP for his approval.

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: 7/7/2014

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4. The Secretary to Government, Co-operation Department, M.S. Building, Bangalore.
5. The Secretary to Government, Labour Department, Room No. 414, 4th Floor, Vikasa Soudha, Bangalore.
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.
13. Dr. Salish Chandra, Director, NIMHANS, Bangalore.
14. Dr. K.V. Raju, Professor, ISEC, Bangalore.
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