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Proceedings of the 30th Empanelment and Disciplinary
Committee meeting of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust held on
23rd December, 2014 in the Conference Hall, Suvarna Arogya
Suraksha Trust, Bangalore

Members Present

1. Dr. Sudarshan H. Secretary, Karuna Trust, Chairman
   Bangalore

2. Dr. Ashok Shenoy, Kidwai Institute of Oncology, Member
   Bangalore

3. Dr. Vishwaradhyya, Director, Medical Secretary
   Management, SAST

Others present

1. Dr. P. Bore Gowda, Executive Director, SAST, Bangalore.
2. Sri M.M. Shariff, Director (Finance), SAST, Bangalore.
4. Dr. Narayana Swamy, Deputy Director, SAST, Bangalore
5. Dr. Sandeep Korey, Deputy Director (l/c), SAST, Bangalore
6. Dr. Chandraiah Guptha, Deputy Director, SAST, Bangalore
7. Regional Consultants, Bangalore/Mysore/Belgaum/Gulbarga, SAST.
8. Sri P. Srinivas, Project Head, M/s M.D. India, Bangalore

The Director (Medical Management), Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust
welcomed the Chairman, all Members and Invitees for the 30th
Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee meeting. Thereafter, subjects as
per the agenda were taken up for discussion.

Sub No. 30.1

Confirmation of the Proceedings of 29th EDC meeting held on
04.09.2014.

The proceedings of the 29th Empanelment Disciplinary Committee
meeting was confirmed.
Sub No. 30.2

Review of action taken on the proceedings of the 29th meeting held on 04.09.2014.

Action taken on the proceedings of the previous meeting were reviewed by the Committee and unanimously approved.

Sub No. 30.3

Empanelment of hospitals within the State and outside the State.

The Director (MM) had brought to notice of the Committee that 16 private hospitals have been empanelled from 05.09.2014 to 16.12.2014. Of which, 10 are within the State and 6 are outside the State.

Decision:

After discussions, the Committee noted the empanelment of hospitals and ratified the action taken. The Chairman, EDC when came to know that out of 167 hospitals empanelled so far only 20 hospitals are Govt hospitals. There is need to bring the Govt hospitals particularly hospitals with medical colleges to the VAS fold.

The Executive Director, SAST suggested for arranging a meeting in the presence of both Health and Medical Education Ministers for improvising the empanelment of Government hospitals. It was also felt that attempts should be made to bring the charitable private hospitals under VAS fold.

Sub No. 30.4

Renewal of Network Hospitals.

The Director (MM) informed that reminders were sent to 19 network hospitals for renewal of empanelment. 17 hospitals have renewed and two hospitals have not renewed which are inactive.

Decision:

After discussions, the Committee ratified the action taken in renewal of empanelment of hospitals.
Sub No. 30.5

Empanelment of Super Specialists/Specialists as treating Doctors under Vajpayee Arogya Shree scheme.

The Director (MM) informed that total 67 Super Specialists/Specialists were empanelled from 05.09.2014 to 16.12.2014 and of which 61 are newly empanelled and 6 are shifted from one network hospital to another.

Decision:

After discussions, the Committee ratified the action taken for empanelment Super Specialists/Specialists as treating Doctors.

Sub No. 30.6

Approval of additional specialities to Network Hospitals.

The Director (MM) brought to the Committee that, few additional specialists to 9 NWHs who have been approved for 9.05.09.2014 to 16.12.2014.

Decision:

After discussions, the Committee ratified the action taken in approving the additional specialities to network hospitals.

Sub No. 30.7

Inspection of Hospitals.

The Member Secretary, EDC stated that 6 hospitals have submitted application for empanelment. Of which, 4 hospitals are from Hyderabad and have applied for Cardiology and Cardio Thoracic Surgery.

Decision:

The Committee after getting the details of empanelled hospitals in Hyderabad and felt that already 10 hospitals are empanelled for Cardiology and Cardio Thoracic Surgery and unanimously decided to stop further empanelling the hospitals in Hyderabad in this speciality to avoid unnecessary competition.

Regarding the remaining 2 hospitals it was decided to allot for inspection.
Sub No. 30.8

Providing tertiary care services under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram health scheme through SAST.

The Executive Director stated that, that Suvarna Arogya Chaithanya Scheme of National Rural Health Mission was handled by Yeshaswini Trust was renamed as Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) and this has been handed over to SAST for providing tertiary care. Out of 80 procedures, SAST is required to handle 36 procedures. Of which 34 procedures relate to Cardiac speciality and 2 procedures relate to Neurosurgery. The remaining procedures are required to be handled by Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bangalore. Under the scheme all children from birth to 18 years are covered. The cases relating to tertiary care are required to be referred by the District Committee to SAST. 22 hospitals throughout the State have expressed their willingness to participate in the implementation of the scheme. Of which, 14 hospitals have been empanelled.

Decision:

After discussions, the Committee noted the details of Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) scheme, ratified the action taken to empanel 14 hospitals.

Sub No. 30.9

Constitution of a Committee for conducting Death Audit.

The Executive Director informed that the Death Audit was within the scope of Implementation Support Agency. Hence, this was deleted from out of the scope of ISA and alternatively M&E Cell of SAST was entrusted with this job. However, there are some cases which require thorough Death Audit.

Decision:

The matter was discussed at length and it was decided to recommend the subject to Trust Board for constituting a Committee comprising of one of the members of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust Board as a member and Chairman and two experienced Doctors.
Violation of MoU and misconduct of network hospitals and penal action.

The Executive Director briefed that EDC is empowered with empanelment of Network Hospitals and taking disciplinary action against the erring hospitals. So far, some irregularities committed by network hospitals were brought to the notice of EDC and Trust Board and decisions have also been taken. However, Penal Clause provisions for misconduct of hospitals have not been specified hence the subject is placed before the Committee.

Decision:

After detailed discussions, it was decided as follows:

a) To collect views of different agencies.
b) To list out the nature of cases violating conditions of MOU.
c) To fix the quantum of penalty.
d) To fix up responsibilities on Arogyamitra attached to the hospital.

The Committee identified the following penalties.

i) For 1st violation, Show Cause Notice should be issued.
ii) For 2nd violation penalty of double the amount collected should be imposed.
iii) For mistakes committed more than twice 5 times the amount collected imposed as penalty.
iv) For repeated mistakes committed full claim amount should be disallowed.
v) Inspite of taking above mentioned action, in case if there is not improvement, the hospital should be blacklisted.

It was decided to place the subject before the next meeting of the Committee after collecting and compiling the information from the members of the Committee.

I Complaints against treating doctor of Cauvery Hospital, Mysore.

The Director (MM) informed that, there are complaints against Dr. Kumaraj Urs, Urologist Treating Doctor Cauvery Hospital, Mysore regarding collection of amount from VAS beneficiaries for removal of DJ stent etc.
If the doctor is erring, it is the responsibility of the hospital to ensure that the doctor complies to the conditions of MoU.

**Decision:**

After detailed discussions it was decided to impose penalties as outlined below.

a) For first violation, Show Cause Notice should be issued.
b) For 2nd violation penalty of double the amount collected should be imposed.
c) For mistakes committed more than twice 5 times the amount collected imposed as penalty.
d) For repeated mistakes committed full claim amount should be disallowed.
e) Inspite of taking above mentioned action, in case if there is no improvement, the hospital should be blacklisted.

The Member Secretary, EDC also brought to the notice of the Committee that, Narayana Hrudayalaya also involved in omissions and commissions.

The Committee expressed that penalty mentioned about will apply to NH and also other NWHs.

The Chairman suggested that for measures taken in respect of fraud should be documented.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by the Director, Medical Management, SAST, Bangalore.

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(Prof.H. Sudarshan)  
Chairman  
Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee  
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust  
Bangalore

(Proceedings approved by the Chairman)

**Narayana M. Vishwaradhya**  
Director, Medical Management and  
Member Secretary, EDC  
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust  
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