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Proceedings of the 32nd Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee meeting of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust held on 2nd July, 2015 in the Conference Hall, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Bangalore

Members Present

1. Dr. Sudarshan H. Secretary, Karuna Trust, Bangalore
   Chairman
2. Dr. Devadasan, IPH, Bangalore
   Member
3. Dr. Ashok Shenoy, Kidwai, Bangalore
   Member
4. Dr. Sadhana, Executive Director, KSHSRC, Bangalore
   Member
5. Director, VIMS, Bellary represented by Dr. Ramesh, Associate Professor
   Member
6. Dr. S. Rajanna, RC, Bangalore
   Member
7. Dr. Prasad Hassan Sanjeevaiah, RC, Mysore
   Member
8. Sri P. Srinivas, Project Head, M/s M.D. India, Bangalore
   Member
9. Dr. Vishwaradhya, Director, Medical Management, SAST
   Member Secretary

Members Absent

1. Deputy Director (Medical), DoHFW.
2. Director, SIHFW.
3. Dr. Srinath, Sri Shankara Hospital, Bangalore.
4. Regional Consultants, Belgaum/Gulbarga.

Others present

1. Dr.P. Boregowda, Executive Director, SAST, Bangalore.
3. Dr. Narayana Swamy, PM (RAB), SAST, Bangalore.
4. Dr. Sudha Chandrashekar, PM (JSS), SAST, Bangalore.
5. Dr. P. Revadi, PM (MSS), SAST, Bangalore.
6. Dr. Sandeep, Co-ordinator (NWHs), SAST, Bangalore.
7. Dr. D.K. Math, Co-ordinator (STPs), SAST, Bangalore.
8. Dr. Sridhar Murthy, Deputy Director (RBSK), SAST, Bangalore.
9. Dr. Anindita, Deputy Director, SAST, Bangalore.
10. Dr. M. Parmar, SAST, Bangalore.
13. Sri. S. Sharath, IT Consultant, SAST, Bangalore.

Absent

1. Director (Finance), Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust.

The Director (Medical Management), Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust welcomed the Chairman and all Members to the 32nd Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee meeting and requested the Chairman to preside over the meeting.

Sub No. 32.1

Confirmation of the Proceedings of 31st EDC meeting held on 27.02.2015.

The proceedings of the 31st Empanelment Disciplinary Committee meeting was confirmed.

Sub No. 32.2

Review of action taken on the proceedings of the 31st meeting held on 27.02.2015.

While reviewing the action on the previous meeting proceedings, the Committee discussed on the following subjects:

30.08 – RBSK details were brought to the Committee’s notice. The Executive Director informed that Rs. 12.00 crores are allotted from NHM for this year and the strategy like organising Camps and orienting DHOs and DDPIs is under progress.

The Committee recommended to organise camps in Gulbarga and Belgaum divisions and treats the needy children.

31.08 – The Committee after clarifying the usage of Mobile App under RAB Scheme, suggested to propagate through electronic communication for further information to the beneficiaries.

30.09 – The Chairman suggested to submit the Mortality Audit Report in the next meeting.
31.11 – The Committee suggested to issue Circular to all the NWHs for penalties for irregularities committed by the Network Hospitals and to upload in the SAST Website.

Remaining Action taken on the proceedings were reviewed by the Committee and unanimously approved.

**Sub No. 32.3**

**Empanelment of hospitals within the State and outside the State under VAS scheme.**

The Director (MM) had brought to the Committee’s notice that 1 Medical College, 15 Private Hospitals (within State) and 4 Private Hospitals (outside State) have been empanelled.

The Executive Director informed the Committee that for new empanelment Executive Committee insist to NABH Entry Level Accreditation and has allowed 2 years time for the existing empanelled hospitals to get atleast Entry Level Accreditation of NABH.

**Decision:**

After discussions, the Committee noted the empanelment of hospitals and ratified the action taken for empanelment of hospitals. It also decided to insist NABH (Entry Level) Accreditation in accordance with the Board's decision, however the hospitals which are already inspected and are in pipeline may be empanelled with the condition that they will also have to accomplish this requirement of accreditation.

**Sub No. 32.4**

**Renewal of Network Hospitals under VAS scheme.**

The Director (MM) informed that out of 53 network hospitals for renewal of empanelment, 46 hospitals have renewed and 7 hospitals are yet to renew their empanelment.

**Decision:**

After discussions, the Committee ratified the action taken in renewal of empanelment of hospitals.

**Sub No. 32.5**

**Empanelment of Super Specialists/Specialists as treating Doctors under VAS scheme.**

The Director (MM) informed that total 68 Super Specialists/Specialists were empanelled and of which 62 are newly empanelled and 6 are shifted from one network hospital to other.
Decision:

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

Sub No. 32.6

Approval of additional specialities to Network Hospitals under VAS scheme.

The Director (MM) brought to the Committee’s notice that few additional specialities have been approved to 8 NWHs.

The Chairman enquired about the process of approval of additional specialities to the hospital.

Decision:

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

Sub No. 32.7

Inspection of Hospitals under VAS scheme.

The Member Secretary, EDC informed that 2 hospitals has submitted application for empanelment and applications were validated and inspection is pending.

Decision:

After discussions, the Committee decided to inform these hospitals to approach Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust after obtaining NABH Entry Level Accreditation.

Sub No. 32.8

Rajiv Arogya Bhagya Scheme.

The Project Manager, RAB briefed the progress and issues related to the implementation of Rajiv Arogya Bhagya scheme.

The Committee discussed the progress of the Rajiv Arogya Bhagya Scheme and expressed satisfaction about the number of cases done under RAB. Committee noted that as the General ward utilization is about 93% of the total RAB cases this indicates that really vulnerable population of APL is utilizing this Scheme.

Regarding non-compliance of some hospitals for revision of rates to acceptable limit, the committee opined that the efforts of SAST in convincing them to revise the rates to acceptable limit should continue.
Decision:

Regarding discrepancy in claims in collecting excess amount from the beneficiaries, the Committee;

a) authorized the Executive Director to discuss this issue with Director, SJICR and to resolve the issue amicably.

b) to allow beneficiaries of RAB to utilise higher grades of facilities/stents, by paying the difference amount.

c) to restrict the approval to 50% in cases where hospitals obtaining approval for General Ward and allowing them to use higher wards.

Sub No. 32.9

Issues relating to implementation of Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme.

The Project Manager, JSS scheme brought to the Committee’s notice that 168 hospitals have empanelled and the main confronted is the eligible beneficiaries have not uploaded their details in HRMS database.

To overcome this, SAST has been organising awareness programme in the districts and so far in 8 districts programmes are conducted.

Decision:

The Committee noted the details of JSS Scheme and expressed happiness for the pro-active awareness programmes.

Sub No. 32.10

Status of Grievance Cell.

The Co-ordinator, Grievance Cell explained the Committee about the descriptions, sorting and the action taken on the received complaints during the last quarter.

The Chairman suggested to avail the help of a retired Police Officer as Consultant/Vigilance Officer.

Decision:

After discussions, the Committee suggested to classify complaints and give prominence for major complaints and to impose penalties as decided in the previous meeting.
Sub No. 32.11

Irregularities in the working of Karnataka Cancer Hospital, Bangalore.

The Executive Director brought to the Committee's notice about types of irregularities committed by Karnataka Cancer Hospital, Bangalore. He also informed that SAST Officers were deputed to visit this hospital and on examinations of the report submitted by the teams, temporarily the hospital was suspended and withheld the payment. All Officers were also explained the condition of the hospital.

The Committee noted the serious irregularities committed by the hospital. Action taken by Executive Director, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust in suspending the pre-auths of the hospital, claims and payment is ratified.

To shift all the patients who are taking treatment in the hospital to other NWHs like Kidwai, HCG etc. To reassess the patients and start/continue the remaining treatment.

Committee advised to go in detail about the irregularities and complete the enquiry process early. It was decided to collect the following documents from the hospital

a) Licence for RT
b) Trade Licence and
c) Pharmacy Licence issued by the Drug Controller.

To appraise Government about the irregularities.

Decision:

After a very brief discussion, the Committee felt that the irregularities are being in serious nature it was decided to:

a) ratify the action taken by ED to suspend empanelment and stop payment.

b) file criminal case against the hospital authorities by taking the assistance of Police Officer for guidance.

c) file complaint before the KMC against the concerned.

d) appoint an Enquiry Committee of experts with Dr. Ashok Shenoy as Chairman and to seek a report on the irregularities.

Sub No. 32.12

The Executive Director briefed the Committee with list of hospitals who are in the habit of getting the pre-auths cancelled without treating the beneficiaries within the Validity period of pre-authorisation. He explained that this trend is mainly due to non-admission of beneficiaries at the time of pre-authorisation which
is a clear violation of the condition of MoU. This is causing not only inconvenience to the beneficiaries, but also some beneficiaries are loosing their lives in this extended period. He further informed that as the time taken to approve pre-auth has improved for the last two years, urged to insist admission of beneficiaries before uploading for pre-auth approval.

Decision:

The Committee after detailed deliberations decided to;

a) insist admission of beneficiaries before pre-authorisation.
b) request Dr. Devadasan, Member of EDC to make an analysis of the reasons for cancellation of pre-augs of the top 3 hospitals.

Sub No. 32.13

Irregularities in the working of Omega Hospital, Mangalore- Dakshina Kannada District.

The Executive Director briefed about the findings of the Enquiry Committee's report of Omega Hospital, Mangalore.

Decision:

After discussions, the Committee recommended the same for Executive Committee for appropriate decision.

Addl. Sub No. 32.13.1

MoU violation by treating Doctor Dr. Ravi Shankar Shetty, Cardio Thoracic Surgeon from M.S. Ramaiah NH, Bangalore.

The Executive Director brought to the Committee's notice that Dr. Ravi Shankar Shetty, Cardio Thoracic Surgeon from M.S. Ramaiah NH, Bangalore has operated one patient under JSS Scheme and after discharge the patient has developed wound infection. The patient has been re-admitted with Sepsis and needed ICU care and is on ventilator. The wound was re-sutured and the culture results showed Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus. The patient were forced to pay for treatment though the complication post discharge is a part of the package. The doctor said that they cannot cover higher antibiotics as the package amount is less and the patient has to pay for the treatment and has expressed his anger on the scheme package amount which is not expected of an empanelled doctor. As a Doctor he shall ensure the right treatment to the patients and cannot distinguish patient and offer differential treatment. The patient attenders have given a written complaint.

Decision:

After discussions, the Committee decided to dis-empanel Dr. Ravi Shankar Shetty and to write to the hospital authorities to rectify such behaviour.
Addl. Sub No. 32.13.2

Rashtriya Swasthya Bheema Yojana (RSBY).

The Executive Director briefed that he has discussed with the Additional Chief Secretary, Labour and he has expressed that he has no objection to shift this scheme from Labour to Health Department. The modalities are being worked out and based on the modalities, the Principal Secretary, HFW Department is submitting a Cabinet Note.

**Decision:**

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

**The Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee has decided to invite Executive Director and Director (Finance), Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust as Permanent Invitee for the EDC meetings.**

The Committee appreciated the progress achieved in all the aspects.

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

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Chairman
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(Proceedings approved by the Chairman through mail)

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