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Proceedings of the First Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee meeting of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust held on 17th January 2019 in the Conference Hall, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Bangalore

Members Present

1	Executive Director, SAST	Chairperson
2	Dr. H. Sudarshan, Karuna Trust	Member
3	Dr. Mohammed Taha Mateen	Member
4	Director, Medical Education represented by Dr. Amrut Kadam.	Member
5	Deputy Secretary-2, HFW Department	Member
6	Director/Representative, SJICR represented by Dr. A.M. Jagadesh	Member
7	Director/Representative, NIMHANS represented by Dr. V. Bhadri Narayan	Member
8	Director/Representative, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology represented by Financial Advisor	Member
9	Dr. Shirley M.S. St. John Medical College Hospital	Member
10	Dr. Basavaraj Sharanappa Kyathar, Koppal	Member
11	Dr. Vijaya Kumar, Bhagawan Mahaveer Jain Hospital	Member
12	Dr. Ramya M., M.S. Ramaiah Hospital	Member
13	Director (Medical Management), SAST	Member-Secretary

Members Absent

1. Director, HFW Services
2. Deputy Secretary, Law Department
3. Deputed Officer, Vigilance Department
4. Dr. Prashanth Kadakola, Vijayapura

Others present

1. Director (Finance), SAST.
2. Chief Administrator Officer, Kidwai.
3. Vigilance Officer, SAST.
4. Co-ordinator, SAST.
5. Deputy Director, RSBY, SAST.
6. Co-ordinator, Grievance Cell, SAST.
7. Co-ordinator, Mortality Audit Cell, SAST.

The Executive Director, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST) and Chairperson, Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee (EDC) welcomed all the Members to the meeting. She briefed regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Committee.

Subject No. 1.1

Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust – introduction.

Director (Medical Management) and Member-Secretary, EDC made a presentation explaining the role and responsibilities of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST), which was established in 2009 as an autonomous body under the Trust Act for implementing health schemes. He also presented details of its structure and the composition of the 3 Committees and their roles.

Committee noted the details of SAST.

Subject No. 1.2

Implementation of “Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka (AB-ArK)”

Director (Medical Management) and Member-Secretary, EDC has informed that SAST was implementing Multiple schemes for different categories of people like Vajpayee Arogya Shree for BPL, Rajiv Arogya Bhagya for APL, Yeshasvini scheme for Cooperative farmers, Rashtriya Swasthya Bhima Yojana (RSBY) for unorganized labour, Rashtriya Bala Swasthya Karikram (RBSK) for School going children, Mukhyamantrigala Santwaana Harish scheme (MSHS) for road accident victims and Indira suraksha Yojane for the families of farmers who committed suicide.

In order to streamline and bringing in operational efficiency the hitherto schemes were brought into one scheme “Arogya Karnataka” on 2.3.2018 with the goal of providing Universal Health Coverage to all residents of the State.

“Ayushman Bharat” GoI’s National Health Protection Mission and “Arogya Karnataka” were integrated as they have common coverage, scope and implementation modalities. Now a co-branded integrated scheme called “Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka” is implemented in an “Assurance Mode”. The MoU has been signed between State Health Agency, GoI and State Government on 30/10/2018. In this regard, the Government Order vide No. HFW/69/CGE/2018 dated 15/11/2018 was issued.

He also elaborated on the scheme details like specialities and procedures, enrolment of patients, AB-ArK Card, Categorisation of beneficiary, Referral system, reimbursement of package rates and empanelment of hospitals.

Dr. Sudarshan who was associated with SAST from its inception shared his experience with SAST and informed that the Trust had achieved and grown enormously from its modest beginning, which started with Rs. 50.00 crore annual budget and now has achieved more than 15 times the budget. He thanked all for the success of SAST, which is now recognised as a unique model world over and he hoped that the same trend would continue.

Committee noted the details of scheme.

Subject No. 1.3

Empanelment of Hospitals under AB-Ark Scheme

Director (MM) briefed that SAST is implementing health schemes by empanelling Government and private hospitals. He briefed the details of empanelment criteria, fee structure and district wise status of empanelment.

Government in its order has envisaged a State Level EDC followed by District Level EDC and briefed the Terms and Conditions of the Committees.

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The list of provisionally empanelled hospitals and new hospitals that are seeking empanelment was circulated among the members. These hospitals have to be inspected in order to see if they meet the criteria in Annexure-6 of the Govt Order. Already DEC's were in the process of verifying statutory documents, that they have to complete by 25.1.2019. The next stage was the members of the EDC should inspect physically the hospitals along with the DEC. The members chose the districts they would visit and details are as under.

Sl. No.	Committee details	District allotted
1	Executive Director	Karwar
		Bijapur
		Gadag
		Kodagu
		Bagalkot
		Ramnagar
		Bidar
		Belgaum city
2	Dr. Sudarshan and Deputy Seretary, HFW	Chamrajnagar
		Mysore
		Chickmagalur
		Mandya
3	Director, SJICR	Bangalore Urban
		Shimoga
4	Director, Kidwai	Tumkur
		Kolar
5	Director, Medical Education	Belgaum
		Dharwad
		D. Kannada
6	Dr. Vijaykumar	Raichur
		Yadgir
		Gulbarga
7	Dr. Mateen	Bangalore Rural
		Hassan
		Haveri

Sl. No.	Committee details	District allotted
8	Dir, MM, Sast and Deputy Secretary, HFW	Davanagere
		Chitradurga
9	Director HFW	Bellary
10	Dr. Shirley, St. John's Medical College	Bangalore Urban
		D. Kannad
		Udupi
11	Dr. Ramya, MS Ramaiah Hospital	Chikkaballapur
		Bangalore Urban
12	Dr. Basavaraj Sharanappa Kyathar, Koppal	Koppal

Committee resolved to inspect private hospitals within a timeframe.

Subject No. 1.4

Status of Mortality Audit Cell.

Director (MM) briefed that Mortality Audit Cell was set up under Trust to review and assess the deaths of beneficiaries. Network hospitals are submitting mortality audit report. The status from April-2018 to December-2018 was also briefed to the Committee. Dr. Sudarshan, Member, EDC suggested to constitute a speciality wise Committee to review the death cases.

Committee noted the status of Mortality Audit Cell and informed to submit case wise details for the next meeting.

With the permission of the Chair, Committee discussed the following issues and decided as follows:

Sl. No.	Hospital Name	Issues	Decision
1	NIMHANS	Hand written OT Notes	Legible manuscript OT Notes with SAMCO signature to be accepted by SAST.
		To accept claims without Photos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photo with Arogyamitra prior to procedure • After surgery photo with Arogyamitra to be accepted by SAST
		Lab reports	Digital reports can be uploaded
		Post-op Scar Photo	Exempted
		Death Photo	Death certificate only
		To extend time limit for submission for claims	Not agreed
			Committee suggested to submit preauths and claims in time
		Signature in Preauthorisation	SAMCO or any other designated doctor from the hospital has to sign
2	KIDWAI	Equivalent Codes	Dir (MM) informed that as per GoIs guidelines codes on 1349

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			procedures cannot be changed remaining 265 procedures are based on the utilisation for last 3 years. If any modification is required, proposal to be submitted to SAST.
3	BGS Global Hospital, Bangalore	Imposition of penalty (as per previous EDC decision, hospital was imposed of Rs. 47.00 lakhs and issued Show Cause Notices. Due to administrative change in the hospital now they are requesting for reimbursement of penalty already deducted since for most of the patients money has been returned.	After detailed discussions, Committee authorised Chairman, EDC to take a decision on the same
General Issues			
	Empanelment of Doctors	Doctors registration in Medical Council	KMC registration is compulsory to practice in Karnataka
		Cancellation of preauths	<p>1. Committee decided to auto cancel the pending cancelled preauths in SAST portal if procedure has not been performed for more than 1 month after preauthorisation.</p> <p>2. Regarding penalty to hospitals for cancellation of preauths subject will be placed before the next EDC meeting.</p>
		Process Auditing	Suggest one or two names from superspeciality hospitals to constitute a sub-committee under each speciality.
		Referrals from BBMP Hospitals	<p>Already informed the Nodal Officer of BBMP to empanel 6 BBMP Hospitals under SAST.</p> <p>ED, SAST to have a discussion with Additional Commissioner, BBMP on the issue.</p>

Meeting concluded with vote of thanks by the Member Secretary.


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Executive Director and Chairperson
Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Bangalore