

Task Group on Health and Medical Education
Proceedings of the 5th Meeting

The meeting of Task Group on 'Health and Medical education' was held under the Chairmanship of Prof. K. K. Talwar, in the Committee Room of Punjab Governance Reforms Commission from 5:30 PM to 7:15 PM on 14th December, 2012.

Following members were present at the meeting:

1. Ms. Vini Mahajan, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab and Member Secretary Task Group on Health & Medical Education
2. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Prof & Head, School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh
3. Dr. Meenu Singh, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, PGIMER, Chandigarh
4. Dr. Deepak Bhasin, Professor, Department of Gastroenterology, PGIMER, Chandigarh
5. Dr. Ajit Avasthi, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, PGIMER, Chandigarh
6. Dr. Gajender K. Dewan, Dy. Medical Supdt. GMSH
7. Dr. Satwant Bhalla, PCMS (retd.)

Special invitees

- I. Dr. Ashok Nayyar, Director, Health Services, Punjab
- II. Dr. A. S. Thind, Director, Medical Education and Research, Punjab.
- III. Dr. Navpreet, Medical Officer, O/o DHS Punjab
- IV. Mr. Jaspal Singh Kapil, Research Officer, PGRC, Chandigarh
- V. Mr. Madhresh Kumar, Research Associate, PGRC Chandigarh

1. Ms. Vini Mahajan welcomed Prof. K.K. Talwar and the members. She asked for any comments in the Minutes of 4th meeting of the Task Group on 'Health & Medical Education'. No comment was received. The minutes of meetings were approved.

A: Draft report on Medical Education in Punjab

2. The draft report was discussed in detail. The suggestions mailed by Dr Paul were also considered Dr. Ajit Avasthi and Dr. Meenu were requested to revise the draft in the light of the discussions, with the support of Dr Thind and Mrs Vini Mahajan.

B. Draft report on the Health Facility Review

3. The recommendations suggested in draft report on the Health Facility Report were discussed. Dr. Rajesh Kumar and Mrs Vini Mahajan were requested to revise the draft in the light of the discussions .

C. Recommendations on Child Health in Punjab

4. Dr. Paul's mail on child health in Punjab was discussed. It was decided to discuss this issue in the next meeting.
5. It was agreed that the first part of the Group's report, relating to Medical Education, and the second part, relating to Health Facility Review, may be submitted to the Punjab Governance Reforms Commission immediately after finalization. Thereafter, given the Chief Minister's interest in these matters, time may be sought to make a presentation to him as well.

The meeting concluded with thanks to all present.