

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Task Group on “Health and Medical Education” held on 5.5.2013

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The seventh meeting of Task Group on “Health and Medical education” was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. K.K. Talwar, in the Committee Room of Punjab Governance Reforms Commission at 12.00 noon on 5th May, 2013.

Following were present at the meeting:

Members

1. Ms. Vini Mahajan, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education and Research, Punjab and Member Secretary, Task Group on “Health & Medical Education”
2. Dr. Vinod K. Paul, Prof & Head, Department of Pediatrics, AIIMS, New Delhi
3. Dr. Deepak Bhasin, Professor, Department of Gastroenterology, PGIMER, Chandigarh
4. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Prof & Head, School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh
5. Dr. Meenu Singh, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, PGIMER, Chandigarh
6. Dr Ravi Gupta, Professor, Department of Orthopedics, Government Medical College & Hospital, Chandigarh.
7. Dr. Satwant Bhalla, Joint Director (Retd).
8. Dr. Gajender K. Dewan, Dy. Medical Supdt. GMSH, Sector 16, Chandigarh

Special Invitees

9. Mr. Husan Lal, MD Punjab Health Systems Corporation Punjab
10. Dr. Karanjit Singh, Director, Health Services (Family Welfare)
11. Dr. Tejbir Singh, Director, Research and Medical Education
12. Dr. S.S.Shergill, Principal, Government Medical College, Amritsar
13. Dr. K.D.Singh, Principal, Government Medical College, Patiala
14. Dr. V.K.Sharda, Medical Superintendent, Government Medical College, Patiala
15. Dr. Kuldeep Singh Sidhu, Medical Superintendent, Govt Medical College, Amritsar
16. Dr. Shashi Kant, Deputy Director, O/O DHS, Punjab
17. Dr. Gurinder Bir Singh, Assistant Director (Immunization & Training), O/o DHS Punjab.

Ms. Vini Mahajan welcomed Dr. K.K.Talwar and the members. She briefed the members about the agenda items of the meeting.

Item 1. Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 24.2.2013 were confirmed.

Item2. Child Health Services

1. In continuation to the draft Child Health Services discussed in the previous meeting, the milestones for the implementation of Child Health Services were discussed and the following observations were made:
 - (i) The Committee was informed about and endorsed the proposal for upgradation of the facilities for newborn and child care with grant-in-aid provided by the Government of India for reducing IMR.
 - (ii) Mother and Child Health Services should be available as a package at all the Medical Colleges and District Hospitals so that the services are available in the same area of the hospital.
 - (iii) A campaign be undertaken immediately for prevention and treatment of diarrhea; including :
 - a. Handouts/posters to be prepared for orientation of ASHAs, ANMs and Medical Officers.
 - b. Supply sufficient quantities of ORS packets and Zinc Sulphate tablets at all levels so that there was no deficiency anywhere in the state.
 - (iv) IEC/BCC plan to be prepared by a Group led by Mr Hussan Lal, MD, PHSC and including MD, NRHM and DFW. Dr Rajesh Kumar and Dr Meenu Singh will help.
 - (v) Proposal to be sent to Dr. V. K. Paul, Professor & Head, Deptt. Of Paediatrics, AIIMS, New Delhi, for training of Medical College Faculty in advanced care for the newborn and child.
 - (vi) Training of Medical Officers for SNCU Care – Six month training to be conducted at PGIMER, Chandigarh to be co-ordinated by the Principal, SIHFW, Ajitgarh.
 - (vii) More details with regard to present level of facilities and timelines for implementation, would be prepared by Director Family Welfare.

2. It was informed that the infant death reporting and review had been started in the state. At the same time, Dr. Rajesh Kumar informed that the School of Public Health, PGIMER was carrying out Death Audit in the district of Fatehgarh Sahib. He was requested to share the findings of the review as and when ready.
3. To upgrade the knowledge of Paediatricians working in the Government Hospitals, it was proposed to hold one CME on a Sunday at the SIHFW, Ajitgarh, as and when convenient for Dr. V. K. Paul and Dr Meenu Singh.
4. Research in Paediatric Care – The DRME was requested to co-ordinate with the School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh, for selecting topics for research in Paediatric Care while giving the topics to the postgraduate students.
5. PPP Mode in Tertiary Care for Newborns – It was proposed to begin initially with the Charitable and Missionary Hospitals and then extend to other hospitals, if required/ successful.

Item 3. Punjab Clinical Establishment Bill

Dr Rajesh Kumar, Professor and Head, School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh briefed the Committee about the draft for Punjab Clinical Establishment Bill as finalised by the Sub Committee. The Committee appreciated and approved the draft prepared by the Sub Committee. The Committee further desired that the draft be formally submitted to the Task Group, for onward submission to Govt.

The Committee also approved the change of the title of the Bill to “**Punjab Health Care Facilities Bill**”.

The meeting concluded with thanks to all present.