



Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Task Group on "Health and Medical Education" held on 30th June 2013.

Madam/Sir,

Please find the minutes of the meeting of Task Group on "Health and Medical Education" held on 30th June 2013 in the meeting hall of PGRC at MGSIPAP Complex, Sector-26, Chandigarh under the Chairmanship of Prof. K. K. Talwar, Chairman, Task Group & Member, PGRC.


Jasbir Singh
Director

No. PGRC/Minutes/HME/2013/1432-1432

Dated 09-07-2013

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3. Prof. Rajesh Kumar, HoD, School of Public Health, PGI, Chandigarh
4. Prof. Ajit Avasthi, Deptt. of Psychiatry, PGI, Chandigarh
5. Prof. D. K. Bhasin, Deptt. of Gastroenterology, PGI, Chandigarh
6. Prof. Vinod Kumar Paul, Head, Department of Pediatrics, AIIMS, New Delhi
7. Prof. Meenu Singh, Head, Division of Pediatrics, Pulmonology & Allergy, PGI, Chandigarh
8. Prof. Ravi Gupta, Deptt. of Orthopaedics, GMCH, Chandigarh
9. Dr. Gajender K. Dewan, Dy. Medical Supdt. GMSH, Chandigarh
10. Dr. Sonia Trikha Khullar, C II/6, Bapa Nagar, New Delhi
11. Dr. Satwant Bhatta, PCMS (retd.)

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Proceedings of the Meeting of the Task Group on “Health and Medical Education” held on 30.6.2013

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The eighth meeting of Task Group on “Health and Medical education” was held under the Chairmanship of Dr. K.K. Talwar, in the Committee Room of the Punjab Governance Reforms Commission at 10.00 AM on 30th June, 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. Deepak Bhasin, Professor, Department of Gastroenterology, PGIMER, Chandigarh
3. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Prof & Head, School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh
4. Dr. Meenu Singh, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, PGIMER, Chandigarh
5. Dr. Satwant Bhalla, Joint Director (Retd).

Special Invitees

6. Mr. Hussan Lal, MD Punjab Health Systems Corporation Punjab
7. Dr. Karanjit Singh, Director, Health Services (Family Welfare)
8. Dr. Tejbir Singh, Director, Research and Medical Educaion
9. Dr. Gurinder Bir Singh, Assistant Director (Immunization & Training), O/O DHS Punjab.
10. Dr Jai Singh, SPO, 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 5.5.2013 were confirmed.

Item 2. Review of follow up actions of decisions of earlier meetings

Nursing Training

The details of Private Nursing Colleges functioning in Punjab were presented by Dr. Tejbir Singh, DRME, Punjab. It was pointed out that the clinical training of many of these colleges was being conducted in the Government Hospitals. However, the training was grossly inadequate as the students usually came for training only during the OPD hours and were hardly taking any part in the patient care in the wards and other areas. It was, therefore, decided that:

1. The Senior Medical Officers of the hospitals, where the students from private Nursing Colleges were coming for training, should be directed to prepare college wise duty roster.
2. The students should be put on duty in different sections of the hospital by rotation.
3. The students of III and IV year should be deputed on night duty as well along with the regular staff of the hospital so that their training quality improves as well as the hospital is able to utilise their services for improving patient care.
4. The list of government hospitals/colleges along with the number of nursing students to be prepared where they are coming for training. This would help us to know the exact number of nursing students coming to a hospital and their affiliated nursing colleges.
5. The Civil Surgeons should oversee the training activity in the concerned hospitals.
6. It was pointed out that the nursing students were not fully aware of the biomedical waste management principles with the result that they were not observing those principles. It was decided that Dr. Satwant Bhalla and Dr. Meenu Singh would help the Directorate of Health Services, Punjab, in improving the training process in hospitals.
7. It was also decided to include Biomedical Waste Management in the Induction Training of newly recruited nurses and curriculum of the Nursing Training.
8. It was decided that regular feedback about the working/ training of nursing students should be obtained from concerned hospitals.

The status would be reviewed in the next meeting of the Task Group

(Action DRME and DHS)

ii. IEC/BCC activities

Mr Hussan Lal, MD PHSC, presented the proposed elaborate calendar of IEC/BCC activities covering all prominent programmes and health issues, defining the various objectives and proposed methodology (media) to be used for awareness on different health issues along with their timelines. This calendar also incorporated all health days, weeks and fortnights etc. He informed that a meeting was called by him with different Programme Officers and the IEC/BCC activities under different programmes reviewed. He further apprised the members that there were around 18-20 different programmes under the health department, and the Programme Officers generally look after the IEC/ BCC of their respective programmes at their level and most of them are supported/funded under NRHM. In the proposed calendar, the IEC/BCC of all these programmes has been brought under one umbrella so as to provide a holistic view of these activities and uniformity in implementation.

The members appreciated the Matrix/Calendar terming it a move in the right direction.

Ms Vini Mahajan, PSHFW, suggested that a core group may be formed under the chairmanship of Sh Hussan Lal which would include medical experts/ faculty members from PGI, Chandigarh. This group would include Dr Rajesh and Dr Manmeet Kaur from PGI, Medical Experts from Health Department/ DRME, Officers of IEC/ BCC cells of NRHM and DHS, Punjab as members. The proposed group should prepare an action plan, along with methodology and budgetary provisions etc. This group would propose various IEC/ BCC strategies, prepare the contents and oversee the implementation of IEC/ BCC activities in a converged manner. It was suggested by Dr Rajesh Kumar that Patient Instructions Leaflets on different diseases may be prepared and distributed amongst community as well as posted on website so that patients may refer to these leaflets for useful information.

It was further suggested by the members that some other specific issues like breast feeding practices, complementary feeding, hygiene, proper hand washing, diarrhea, ORS, pneumonia, healthy lifestyle, curbing alcohol consumption, healthy & nutritious diet, ill-effects of junk food, addressing anaemia deficiency may also be incorporated.

Dr K.K Talwar said that an inventory of standardised messages may be prepared covering all aspects of health issues. He emphasised that proper monitoring of activities needs to be done and impact evaluation studies may also be conducted.

The proposed core group may be constituted and present its recommendations in the next meeting of the Task Group.

(Action MD, PHSC)

Item3. Child Health Services

It was informed that the Sub-Committee under Dr Vinod Paul is preparing its report which will be submitted in the next meeting of the Task Group.

(Action Dr Karanjit Singh)

Item 4. Punjab Health Care Facilities Bill

Dr Rajesh Kumar informed the Committee that the written concurrence of the members of sub committee to the draft "Punjab Health Care Facilities Bill" could not be obtained as the concerned member from the DHS office was transferred and the next person had not yet taken over the charge. The Committee desired Dr Karanjit Singh to depute some one to get the written concurrence of all the members of the sub committee so that the draft be formally submitted to the Task Group, for onward submission to Govt.

The Committee also requested Dr Rajesh Kumar to go through the observations of Dr Ravi Gupta received through e.mail and address the same in the final draft, if required.

(Action Dr Karanjit Singh)

The meeting concluded with thanks to all present.