



**J&K State AIDS Prevention & Control Society,
Department of Health & Medical Education,
Government of Jammu & Kashmir**

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Sub: Minutes of the Executive committee of J&K State AIDS Control Society (JKSACS) Srinagar dated 15th September 2015.

The meeting of the Executive committee of J&K State AIDS Control Society (JKSACS) was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department (Chairman, Executive Committee, JKSACS) in the meeting Hall, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar on 15th September 2015 in which the following Executive Committee members participated.

1. Dr. Showkat Zarger, Director SKIMS.
2. Dr. Rafiq Ahmed, Principal, GMC, Srinagar.
3. Dr. Ghanshyam Dev, Principal, GMC, Jammu.
4. Dr. B. S. Pathania, Director, Health services, Jammu.
5. Dr. Sameer Mattoo, Director, Health Services, Kashmir.
6. Dr. Mohan Singh, Mission Director, NHM, J&K.
7. Director, Finance, H&ME Deptt.
8. Dr. Nazir Ahmed, Drug Controller, J&K.
9. Dr. Anil Mahajan, HOD, Medicine, GMC, Jammu.
10. Dr. Parvaiz Kaul, HOD Medicine, SKIMS, Soura.
11. Shri Madan Lal, Joint Director (Planning) HME Deptt.

At the outset, Project Director, JKSACS welcomed the Executive Committee members and introduced JKSACS staff to Chairman Executive Committee Members. Before the start of the meeting, Project Director, gave a brief description of HIV, AIDS scenario in the State and evolution of AIDS Control Programme from NACP-I to NACP-IV.

The following agenda points were discussed.

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Agenda No. 1.

Implementation of decisions taken in the 10th Governing Body meeting which was held on 4th September 2012.

The action taken on the last agenda points of 10th Governing Body report was presented before the Executive Committee for information

Agenda Point No. 2

Re-constitution of a Committee on State Council on AIDS:

Project Director informed that State Council on AIDS had been constituted vide order No. 454 HME of 2006 dated 2-8-2006 under the Chairmanship of the then Hon'ble Chief Minister with the then Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare as Vice Chairman along-with other members. Since then no meeting of the State Council has been held. It was proposed by the Project Director that a committee on State Council on AIDS be reconstituted.

The Chairman Executive Committee, JKSACS asked the Project Director to put up case/proposal for reconstitution of the council as per norms.

Agenda No. 3:

Re-constitution of a Committee on Legislative Forum on HIV/AIDS (LFA):

The Project Director informed the Committee that in order to ensure the sustained political commitment and advocacy upto grass root level, a core group of J&K State Legislators Forum on HIV/AIDS had been constituted by the Hon'ble Speaker vide order no: LA/326-50 /Legn/2006, Dated : 26-05-2006 under the convenership of the then Hon'ble Minister for Youth Services & Sports and the then Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development as Co-Convener. Apart from the then Cabinet Ministers, the forum included the then MOS (Rural Development) and 14 MLAs of J&K Legislature as reflected in the order.

The Project Director further informed that the Legislative Forum on AIDS in J&K has become non-functional, as no meeting of the LFA has ever been held ever since its constitution and also considering the fact that most of the Legislators have since changed.

The Chairman Executive Committee, JKSACS asked the Project Director to put up case for reconstitution of the Forum.

Agenda No. 4:**Seizure of Kits, Consumables, Equipments & Drugs by Sales Tax Department**

The Project Director informed that there is frequent seizure of Kits, Consumables, Drugs and Equipments by Commercial Taxes Department at Lakanpur entry point. He observed that these drugs are to be provided to the patients who are on ART treatment, continuously without break and in such scenario, frequent stoppage of supplies can leads to failure of treatment regimen. He noted that similar is the case of Blood bags, & HIV kits etc. that NACO, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India supplies to JKSACS free of cost. The Project Director informed that Director, Health Services, Jammu has been authorized to issue the order for release of these drugs/consumables which takes a lot of time with the result that, at times cold storage for these drugs, not being maintained may fail.

The Project Director requested the Chairman, Executive Committee to authorize Project Director, JKSACS for issuing the orders for releasing of these drugs from his office.

The Chairman, Executive Committee asked the Project Director to put up the case with Administrative Department for concurrence of Finance Department.

Agenda No. 5:**Audit of JKSACS & Peripheral Units for the year 2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15.**

The Project Director informed that the audit of JKSACS for the year 2012-13, 2013-14 was done and duly accepted by the NACO, and for the year 2014-15 statutory audit has been completed and that the internal audit is under process.

Agenda No. 6.**1st installment of Grants-in-Aid under New Domestic Budgetary System (NDBS)/TI fund for implementation of National AIDS Control Programme (NACP-IV).**

The Project Director informed the Committee Members that National AIDS Control Organization (GOI) has approved the 1st installment of Grants-in-Aid of Rs. 352.41 lacs against the proposed Annual Action Plan of Rs. 1571.28

lacs. The National AIDS Control Organization (GOI) has approved the 1st installment of Grants-in-Aid of Rs. 280.96 lacs for implementation of National AIDS Control Programme (NACP-IV) during 2015-16 for our State. Further, the 1st installment of Rs. 71.45 lacs under Targeted Intervention (TI) Projects has also been released.

The Project Director informed that a fresh proposal is being sent for securing more funds/consumables for implementation of National AIDS Control Programme during 2015-16 comprising new components and projecting fresh requirements.

The Chairman Executive Committee asked the Project Director to proceed further in the case.

Agenda No: 7:

Licensing of Blood Banks:

The Project Director informed the Chair that most of the Blood Banks in the State do not have updated licenses. Though many of them have applied for the renewal of the license but their licenses have not yet been renewed. The blood banks need to address all the short comings and need to secure renewal of their licenses at the earliest. Further, the blood banks which have not yet applied for the license need to apply for the same.

Project Director informed that JKSACS is only supporting/facilitating the licensed/registered blood banks. So primarily it is the duty of concerned in-charge hospitals to get their Blood Banks licensed/registered and made functional.

Chairman, Executive Committee of JKSACS taking a serious note of the present status, issued clear directions to Principal, Govt. Medical College, Srinagar, Director Health Services, Jammu/Kashmir, Controller, Drug & Food Control Organization, J&K to get their licenses renewed by complying with all the formalities in this regard in a time bound manner.

Agenda No: 8:**Liaison between National Health Mission & Blood Banks/Director Health Services:**

The Project Director, JKSACS informed the Chairman, Executive Committee that Liaison between JKSACS, NHM & Directorate of Health Services needs to be ensured for smooth functioning of the Blood Banks. He informed that JKSACS is only supporting the blood banks by providing them with Kits/consumables & equipments which are centrally procured by NACO, and that at times the supply of these kits/consumables may get delayed. Therefore, both the Principals of Government Medical Colleges and the two Directorates of Health Services Jammu/Kashmir should ensure the provision of these kits/consumables at the respective blood banks out of the State budget. It was reiterated that maintaining and ensuring functioning of blood banks is primarily the responsibility of the concerned health institutions.

Agenda No: 9:**E-Blood Banking:**

The Project Director informed that funds should be provided to SACS for establishing e-blood banking in the State. Funds have been sanctioned under NHM by the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for establishing e-blood banking in the State.

In this regard Mission Director, National Health Mission J&K agreed to provide Rs. 25 lacs as 1st installment out of the funds earmarked under NHM for starting process of establishment of e-blood banking in the State and also agreed upon providing additional funds for starting e-blood banking in the State.

Agenda No 10:**Establishment of State Blood Transfusion Council (SBTC):**

The Project Director, JKSACS informed the Committee Members that as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, it is mandatory that every State should have State Blood Transfusion Council for ensuring the appropriate use of Blood & Blood Products & for monitoring the functions of blood banks in the State.

For establishing the SBTC in the State, the Project Director informed that he has already initiated the process of registration of SBTC with Registrar of

Societies for which the formal Govt. orders need to be issued from Administrative Department.

National Plasma Policy:

The Project Director informed that JKSAACS will initiate the process of executing and taking forward Plasma Policy in the State by increasing Voluntary Blood Collection upto two lac blood units as against the target of one lac blood units, subject to the availability of funds. He also informed that the matter will be taken up with the NACO for releasing funds and consumables.

Inclusion of Hepatitis B & C in the AIDS Control Programme:

Keeping in view the magnitude of Hepatitis B & C and non-availability of funds and mode of transmission being the same as HIV/AIDS, it was agreed that Project Director should submit a proposal to be sent to NACO for inclusion of the above in AIDS Control Programme so that funding issues can be addressed.

Agenda No 11:

Ratifying the pay scale of Surinder Kumar (Driver):

The Project Director informed that one post of Driver from Directorate of Health Services, Jammu was transferred to JKSAACS vide Government Order No. 480-HME of 2007 dated 24-02-2007 from the overall sanctioned strength of Directorate of Health Services, Jammu for adjustment of Shri Surinder Kumar.

Project Director informed that his case was cleared by the then Project Director AIDS Control, Dr. Rakesh Khajuria vide order no. 1562-64 dated 31/07/2012 and duly recommended by Dr. Mohan Singh.

The Project Director informed that Shri Surinder Kumar was given 1st time bound promotion against SRO-28 dated 25-02-1996 after completing five year service vide order No. 1562-64 dated 31-07-2012 and was adjusted in the pay scale of Rs. 5200-20,200+ 2400 GP.

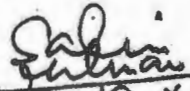
Director (Finance), Health & Medical Education Department stated that we cannot challenge the Govt. Order No. 480-HME of 2007 as the post of driver was transferred from Directorate of Health Services, Jammu from the overall sanctioned strength of the Directorate. Since he was adjusted against the post, he automatically becomes entitled for all the perks of the JKSAACS till he works in the society, which was unanimously endorsed.

Authorization of Chief Accounts Officer, JKSACS for disbursing money:

Project Director informed that the Jammu & Kashmir State AIDS Prevention & Control Society has one Chief Accounts Officer deputed by Finance Department, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir. Project Director informed that he may be authorized to draw the amount upto Rs. 25000/- independently, otherwise the procedure in JKSACS for doing all transactions is having double signatures of Project Director & CAO, JKSACS. The same procedure is being adopted by NHM also. It was decided to have the matter examined further.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.

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