

Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of the State AIDS Control Society, Chandigarh held on November 22, 2006 at 11.30 a.m. in the office of the Home Secretary, Chandigarh Administration, U.T. Secretariat, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

### PRESENT

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| 1. | Sh. Krishna Mohan, IAS<br>Secretary Health,<br>Chandigarh Administration.  | Chairman         |
| 2. | Sh. M. S. Bains,<br>Director Health Services,<br>Chandigarh Administration.  | Member           |
| 3. | Dr. Kavita Talwar,<br>District Family Welfare Officer,<br>Chandigarh Administration.   | Member           |
| 4. | Go. Capt. P.S. Soni,<br>Hony. Secretary,<br>Servants of the People Society,<br>Lajpat Rai Bhawan, Sector 15-B, Chandigarh.           | Member           |
| 5. | Ms. Puja Thakur,<br>President,<br>Chandigarh Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS,<br>International Hostel, Sector 15, Chandigarh. | Member           |
| 6. | Dr. Sonia Trikha,<br>Project Director,<br>State AIDS Control Society,<br>Union Territory, Chandigarh.                                | Member Secretary |

### ALSO PRESENT

1. Mr. Sandeep Mittal,  
NGO Advisor,  
State AIDS Control Society,  
Union Territory, Chandigarh.

At the outset, the Project Director, SACS welcomed all the members and thanked the Chairman for convening the meeting. After that, item wise discussions were held on the placed agenda.

### AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

CONFIRMATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, STATE AIDS CONTROL SOCIETY, UNION TERRITORY, CHANDIGARH.

The proceedings of the eleventh meeting of the Executive Committee held on 14.02.2006 were confirmed.



## AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

### **ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee took note of the follow-up action taken on the proceedings of the last meeting. The Chairman enquired about interventions in jail and their impact. Project Director informed that after completing the necessary formalities, implementing NGO Society for Service to Voluntary Agencies (SOSVA) has been providing all services to jail inmates. To make the programme more holistic, general health issues are also addressed to at times. One Voluntary Counseling & testing camp was organized in the jail premises only recently in which 29 inmates were counseled out of which 27 inmates got tested. None tested positive for HIV though three inmates tested positive for VDRL. Treatment for syphilis was administered to VDRL positive inmates.

Secretary, Servants of the People Society informed that IG Police had approached NGO for providing counseling services among drug users in modern Jail, Burali. He assured that this opportunity would also be juxtaposed for generating awareness regarding HIV/AIDS among Jail inmates. The Chairman desired wider dissemination of the activities and achievements of SACS through mass media.

## AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

### **APPROVAL FOR EXTENSION OF THE TARGETED INTERVENTION PROJECTS.**

Extension was accorded for the release of grant-in-aid to four Composite Targeted Intervention Projects for another year after completion of their first year of implementation as per details below:-

S. No.	Name of the NGO	Project Period	Grant Proposed
1.	Society for Women and Children Health (SWACH), Panchkula	Nov. 2006-Oct. 2007	Rs. 8,21,975/-
2.	Social Care and Development Society (SCAD), Chandigarh	Nov. 2006-Oct. 2007	Rs. 8,20,913/-
3.	Servants of People Society, (SOPS) Chandigarh	Dec 2006 to Nov 2007	Rs. 8,54,800/-
4.	Indian Public Health Association (IPHA), Chandigarh	Jan 2007-Dec 2007	Rs. 8,23,850/-

The Chairman also desired that the performance report for previous year of all the Targeted Intervention projects should be highlighted in the media.

Secretary-cum-Hony. Administrator, Servants of the People Society suggested that NGO staff should be sent on exposure visits to other states for capacity building.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

##### **PROPOSAL FOR STARTING FOCUSED INTERVENTION PROJECT**

The Project Director presented the proposal received from Law Department, Panjab University, Chandigarh for starting a Focused Intervention Project among students and hostellers of Panjab University. After detailed deliberations, there emerged a **consensus** that instead of providing grant-in-aid to one department, Dean Student Welfare and wardens of hostels may be involved <sup>for</sup> active participation by college students. Resource persons from SACS and other selected organizations should be deputed for conducting sensitization/awareness programmes. Red Ribbon Club volunteers from the University should also be engaged for various awareness activities.

Project Director apprised the Executive Committee about another proposal received from NGO, Yuvsatta. Titled "*Dost – A Health Café for HIV/AIDS counseling*" the project aims at providing information about HIV/AIDS and related issues and providing psychological support to already infected persons through mobiles phones, e-mails and live-chats on internet. Approval was accorded to release grant-in-aid initially for 3 months and further extension be given on the basis of review of performance. Project Director suggested appraisal of project proposal by a technical committee before releasing the grant.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO.5**

##### **A) MAPPING STUDY OF TARGETED INTERVENTION PROJECTS**

After considering the comparative analysis of five proposals and the relative strengths of the applicant research organizations, it was decided to assign the Mapping Study of the Targeted Intervention projects to Raman Development Consultants Private Limited, a Gujarat based Management and Development Consultancy Organisation engaged in training and capacity building, evaluation, monitoring and performance assessment, strategy for IEC & BCC, system design.

##### **B) EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF TARGETED INTERVENTION PROJECTS**

The comparative analysis of five proposals was considered in detail. There was a unanimous view that a local organization would be more suited for conducting



uation of TI projects Therefore, it was decided that Institute for Development  
unication be hired for external evaluation of the TI projects.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO.6**

##### **UNODC IN PROVIDING BUPRENORPHINE SUBSTITUTION FOR IDUs.**

Executive Committee noted liasioning with UNODC for initiating Capacity Building Programme on Buprenorphine substitution.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO.7**

##### **SECURITY ARRANGEMENT AT COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE**

The Committee approved availing of services of a Security Guard subject to the condition that the expenditure is met within the sanctioned budget in the annual work plan for Community Care Centre.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO.8**

##### **RED RIBBON CLUBS IN ALL THE COLLEGES.**

Executive Committee approved releasing an amount of Rs.10,000/- (Rs.Ten thousand only) to each college for organizing seminars/camps and other activities through Red Ribbon Clubs.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO.9**

##### **OBSERVANCE OF WORLD AIDS DAY**

Executive Committee approved the IEC activities proposed to be conducted for observing World AIDS Day on December 1, 2006.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO.10**

##### **RATIFICATION OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY CHAIRMAN, STATE AIDS CONTROL SOCIETY, UNION TERRITORY, CHANDIGARH**

Following decisions taken by the Chairman, State AIDS Control Society, Union Territory, Chandigarh were ratified :-

## POINTMENT OF STAFF:-

Following staff has been appointed with the approval of Secretary Health-cum-Chairman, State AIDS Control Society, Union Territory, Chandigarh:-

S. No.	Name of the Post	Contractual/Deputation	Department
1.	Lady Counselor (02)	Contractual	01 for ICTC, ESI Hospital, 01 for ICTC, CHC-22, Chandigarh
2.	Male Counselor (02)	Contractual	01 for ICTC, ESI Hospital, 01 for ICTC, CHC-22, Chandigarh
3.	Lab Technician (02)	Contractual	01 for ICTC, ESI Hospital, 01 for ICTC, CHC-22, Chandigarh
4.	Senior Medical Officer	Contractual	ART Centre, PGIMER, Chandigarh
5.	Deputy Director (BS)	Deputation	State AIDS Control Society
6.	Personal Assistant	Contractual	State AIDS Control Society
7.	Administrative Assistant	Contractual	State AIDS Control Society
8.	Driver	Contractual (DC rates)	State AIDS Control Society

## II. EXTENSION OF THE TARGETED INTERVENTION PROJECTS

Financial approval for implementing the following Targeted Intervention projects through NGOs has been accorded with the approval of Secretary Health –cum-Chairman, State AIDS Control Society, Union Territory, Chandigarh

S.No.	Name of the NGO	Area of intervention	Project Period	Grant sanctioned
1.	Servants of the People Society (SOPS)	Maloya village & colony, Kajheri village & surrounding colonies, i.e, Pundit Colony, Majdoor Colony, Kuldeep Colony & Nehru Colony	July 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007	Rs. 6,31,900/-
2.	Family Planning Association of India (FPAI) , Panchkula	Mauli Jagran, Raipur Kalan, Raipur Khurd	July 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007	Rs. 6,36,650/-
3.	Family Planning Association of India (FPAI) , Mohali	Janta colony, Kumhar colony (Sector 25), Lal Bahadur Shastri (LBS) colony (Sector 56)	September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007	Rs. 8,74,562/-



### ITEM NO.11

#### GENERATION TO CLASS IV EMPLOYEES AT DC RATES.

Upon a suggestion of the Director Health Services, it was decided that Class IV employees may be appointed on contract only after consulting Asstt. Controller (F&A), Chandigarh Administration.

### AGENDA ITEM NO.12 (Any other Item)

- Director Health Services suggested that Radio Talks/Panel discussions may be aired spreading messages on HIV/AIDS prevention and control.
- DHS also suggested that all TB relapse cases should be tested for HIV. Liasion between TB Control Society and SACS should further be strengthened.
- Hony. Secretary, Servants of the People Society elaborated that although HIV/AIDS persons should be encouraged to apply for vacancies in various Targeted Intervention projects, however, educational qualifications and capacity to work should be kept in mind while recruiting them.
- Project Director, SACS brought to the notice of committee members that due to the disparity in salary of Counselors appointed through Indian Red Cross Society under IEC project grant of SACS and those appointed directly by SACS, many counselors left the service in the recent past. Therefore, it was proposed to enhance the salary of Counselors appointed through Indian Red Cross Society posted at STI Clinics and Blood Banks in Govt. Hospitals from Rs.4,000/- p.m. to Rs.6,500/- p.m. to have parity with the Counselors appointed in VCTCs and PPTCTs by SACS provided they fulfill the criteria of educational qualifications and experience. The Executive Committee approved the proposal of enhancing the salary.

The meeting ended with a Vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Secretary Health-cum-Chairman,  
State AIDS Control Society,  
Union Territory, Chandigarh.