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MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of State Quality Assurance Committee (SQAC) was held on 21.02.2020 at 3.00 PM in Conference Hall, 9th Level, Delhi Secretariat. It was chaired by Pr. Secretary (Health & Family Welfare).

The meeting was attended by the following SQAC Members:

1. Dr. Nutan Mundeja,, Director, DFW (Convener)
2. Dr. Jyoti Sachdeva, State Program Officer (FP), DFW (Member)
3. Dr. U.C. Verma, Dir. Prof. (Anaes.), Maulana Azad Medical College (Member)
4. Dr. Chandan Bortamuly, State NSV Trainer, L.N. Hospital (Member)
5. Mr. Sunil Kumar Sharma, Addl. Secy., Department of Law & Justice (Member)
6. Dr. Anuradha Kapoor, Director (Obs. & Gynae.), Max Smart Hospital, Saket (Member)
7. Dr. Sutapa B. Neogi, Professor, IIHMR (Member)

At the outset, the chairperson welcomed all and took a round of introduction

Director, DFW presented an introductory note about the constitution of the committee and Family Planning indicators of Delhi based on recent surveys and data.

The following agenda were discussed:

Agenda 1:Vetting of minutes of SQAC meeting held on 20.04.2018 and action taken on discussions.

- Minutes of last meeting were vetted as none of the members expressed any objections/additions/modifications.
- Status of action taken on recommendations of SQAC meeting dated 24.04.2018 were presented to the committee by the State Program Officer.

Actions Recommended	Actions taken	Further Discussions
Safe roll out of new contraceptives	Roll out was done in phasic manner. Advisories were issued on several occasions. Trainings at different levels of service providers are ongoing and multimodality monitoring of training and safe roll out of newer contraceptives is being done.	Detailed discussions were kept for Agenda 4.

Departmental Survey on Contraceptive Prevalence	Survey plan was discussed with Community Medicine Department of Maulana Azad Medical College. The survey would also explore the reasons for non-use of contraception by couples besides the usage data to facilitate formulation of rational strategies/policies. Based on the proposal, grant of Rupees Twenty-Seven Lakhs (Rs. 27,00,000) has been sought from MoHFW in Program Implementation Plan(PIP) 2020-21	Director, DFW informed that once the same is cleared in the administrative approval of State PIP 2020-21 by MoHFW, GoI, it will be taken up.
Authorization of experienced NSV surgeons as trainers	In January 2019, classroom part of Training of Trainers (ToT) of 12 surgeons was conducted as per recommendations. Out of the batch, 4 have been authorized after one to one case observation and refinement of technique (as required). Upgradation of other service providers to trainers is underway.	SPO (FP) informed this as a desperate step to bring up the falling trend of NSV due to vicious cycle of poor performance and poor client availability for training. It was agreed that this strategy would enable decentralized trainings at more venues and thus widen the NSV service provider base.
Enhancement of compensation money for NSV	The matter has been taken up and a hike of Rs.2400/- from State Govt. funds has been proposed based on hike in daily wages since the initial scheme. The file has been submitted along with a draft Cabinet note. Also approval of Minister of Health, Govt. of NCT of Delhi has been accorded in principle.	All agreed with the quantum of enhancement of compensation money proposed. (Incentive of NSV to be increased from present amount of Rupees One Thousand One Hundred (Rs. 1100) to Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred (Rs.3500) to the beneficiaries). The point was well taken and noted by the chair and a quick action on the issue was assured.
Advisories on matter on OPD slips etc. (for exploring unmet need)	Advisory for putting stamp on all relevant OPD slips has been issued and is under implementation. Feedback from service providers who are using is very positive.	It was recommended to explore the possibility of putting stamps on Mohalla Clinic OPD prescriptions also.
2nd Vasectomy Fortnight	Proposal declined in SHS	--

Agenda 2: Annual Progress of Family Planning Program and vetting of Annual Report 2018-19.

- Data of **method mix** of contraceptives for 2018-19 and 2019-20 (till December 2019) was presented alongwith analysis w.r.t previous years.
- The Annual reports of 2018-19 and 1st Biannual report of 2019-20 on recommended formats were presented and vetted.
 - Data on new methods (Injection MPA and Tab. Chhaya was also shown along with its leaping trend due to ongoing IEC, cascade trainings and counselling.
 - Reasons for the falling trends of Male Sterilization (NSV) were discussed and steps taken to improve were presented. Recent data showing marginal enhancement of the NSV procedure in response to the steps taken was presented.
 - Data of Postpartum contraception, particularly Post-Partum Intra Uterine Contraceptive Device (PPIUCD) with its recent uprising trend was presented and appreciated by all.
- Regarding Post abortion contraception, necessary action taken for public facilities during recent years (Trainings both at State & District level, meetings, workshop, etc.) was informed. The Director pointed out that private facilities must also improve contraceptive coverage during these critical periods (Postpartum & Post Abortion) wherein the unmet need is concentrated.

(Action: FP & MH Sections, DFW)
- Uptake of the scheme of “Home Delivery of Contraceptives by ASHAs at the doorstep of beneficiaries” was also informed to the committee members.

Other achievements since last SQAC meeting as per following details were informed:

- Intensively conducted campaigns during World Population Day and Vasectomy Fortnight in July and November of 2018 and 2019 were informed and salient features and achievements were highlighted.
- Involvement of AYUSH service providers for the promotion of Family Planning through dedicated workshops.
- Multiple Steps taken to promote male sterilization
 - Development of **male counselling room/desks** in all hospitals.
 - Formation of **NSV Clubs** whereby satisfied clients help to motivate others.
 - Proposed **increase in the incentive** from present amount of Rs.1100/- to Rs.3500/-

At this point, problems regarding decline in NSV were discussed and unwillingness of various designated surgeons to perform the procedure were brought to the notice of the committee by State NSV Trainer, Dr.Chandan Bortamuly. The matter was discussed in detail by the committee and the Chairperson advised to involve and train motivated Medical Officers into NSV services. He also advised to communicate with existing NSV surgeons and counsel them to take the NSV procedure on a serious note and if there are any administrative/training issues, they must be resolved and refresher training courses may be arranged. He recommended a separate sensitization meeting for the trained surgeons who are not delivering significantly.

Impact of change of mode of payment from earlier cash payment to Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) on NSV acceptance was also highlighted by the State NSV Trainer as many beneficiaries still do not have the required means for DBT. This was noted by the chair for considering through further discussions

- District level Family Planning Workshops and trainings for ASHAs and AWW.

- Glimpses of Mass Media and other awareness generation activities e.g. Rallies, Munadis, Sammelans, Mega Camps, Focus Group Discussions, etc. were shown.
- Importance of Information, Education and Communication(IEC) was discussed and suggestions were given by committee members to have a wider coverage and increased reach upto the target population via multiple modalities. It was stated that Hoardings, digital screens at places with public presence like District Magistrate Office, Video display in hospital OPDs, etc. could spread more awareness than Newspaper advertisements.

(Action: FP Section, DFW)

During discussions on awareness generation, the chairperson advised the Directorate to involve Mohalla Clinics for spread of Family Planning awareness by various means (stamp, IEC and counselling). The chairperson was informed about the advisory issued through State Nodal Officer, Aam Adami Mohalla Clinic (AAMC) and also about the training of one batch of ANMs of AAMCs. The Chairperson recommended that the doctors of AAMC also be trained and utilized accordingly.

(Action: HFWTC)

- The State Level Workshop on **“Strengthening of Family Planning Program through Reinforcing Standards and Protocols”** conducted very recently (18th& 19th Feb. 2020) with a goal to improve quality of Family Planning services and also quantity (coverage) through good quality counselling was informed.

Agenda 3: Review and reporting of adverse events following sterilization in the State of Delhi for F.Y. 2018-19 including progress of Family Planning Indemnity Scheme (FPIS) in current year.

The committee was informed by the State Program Officer (SPO) that:

- 27 cases including 1 case of death following sterilization were reported during 2018-19 and claims have been settled by State Indemnity Sub Committee (SISC).
- The death has been reviewed at all levels and report submitted and necessary recommendations were made by SISC.
- The adverse event data of F.Y. 2019-20 till date was also presented – Twenty (20) claims of failed sterilization and no reported claims of death/complication). Sixteen (16) of these have been approved during last SISC meeting dated 05.11.2019.
- The directives of Hon’ble Supreme Court of India on doubling the quantum of compensation amounts i.e. Rupees Four Lakhs (Rs. 4,00,000) in case of death and Rupees Sixty Thousand (Rs.60,000) in case of failure and its implementation in state of Delhi w.e.f 01.01.2017 were informed to the committee.
- The failure rate was informed to be ranging between 0.1-0.3%. The Director informed the chair that to take care of reported failures occurring within 1 year of empanelment of surgeons or within 1 year of procedure, it has been strategized that camera attachments/video laparoscopes would be provided to selected hospitals/medical colleges, after due approvals and sanctions from MoHFW.

Agenda 4: Progress on roll out of new contraceptives.

- An overview of roll out and data on the usage rates/acceptability by eligible clients/challenges in implementation in newer contraceptives were discussed
- Constant improvement in utilization data of Chhaya (Non hormonal weekly oral pills) over the three years of implementation was informed. Client's perspectives on this new method were discussed in detail with service providers during the recent workshop and effective usage is likely to improve.
- Regarding the more recent Inj.MPA, the total doses consumed till Dec. 2019 were informed to be more than Fifty Thousand (50,000).
- Brainstorming on ways to optimize utilization of this Injectable contraceptive method and to overcome existing challenges (e.g. dropouts due to various reasons) were discussed and appropriate suggestions given by the committee.

Agenda 5: Review of Adverse events after Injection MPA

- It was informed that on same lines as sterilization, an eye was being kept on adverse events following Inj. MPA.
- The State Program Officer presented data on the occurrence of failures of contraception following Injection MPA. Twenty (20) failures occurred for more than Fifty Thousand (50,000) doses administered. The committee members were informed that all these cases have been reviewed and technical points /training were reinforced in one dispensary from where Two(2) failures were reported.
- Regarding reported side effects, it was informed that issue of advisory and training of Medical Officers on pre & post injection counselling is being done.
- Committee was informed about some incidences of increased menstrual bleed(though this is not a common reported side effect). The same are managed as per protocol but often contribute to discontinuation by some clients.

Agenda 6: Suggestions from the members of the Committee:

- Dr.Sutapa B. Neogi suggested involvement of IIHMR students in trainings/meetings of DFW who could then help in planning/implementation in coming years.
- Dr.Anuradha Kapoor requested to provide Audio Visual material on Family Planning and contraception to be played in EWS OPDs of Max Hospital and suggestion was well taken to be implemented in other private hospitals also.
- Additional Secretary, Law suggested deeper involvement of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) to promote Family Planning. He was informed that ASHAs and AWWs are already a part of promotion of FP Services in an efficient manner and steps as suggested would be taken up.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by the Director.

This issues with prior approval of the Competent Authority.

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