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Government of India  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: Aug 22, 2013

**ORDER**

**Subject: Constitution of the National Advisory Group (NAG), National Steering Committee (NSC) and Technical Resource Groups (TRGs) of the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram.**

It has been decided to constitute the National Advisory Group, National Steering Committee and the four Technical Resource Groups on Defects at birth, Deficiencies, Diseases, Developmental delays including disabilities, with the approval of Secretary (H & FW) with following composition and Terms of reference.

**I. Composition of National Advisory Group (NAG)**

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Secretary, H & FW            | Chair, Ex-officio            |
| 2. Joint Secretary (RCH)        | Member Secretary, Ex-officio |
| 3. Deputy Commissioner (CH & I) | Coordinator, Ex-officio      |

**A) Core Members, Ex-officio**

4. Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research and Secretary (DHR)
5. Director General, Directorate General of Health Services, MOHFW
6. Additional Secretary & MD, NRHM, MOHFW
7. Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development
8. Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development
9. Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
10. Secretary, Department of AYUSH
11. Secretary, Department of Disability Affairs
12. Director, NIN Hyderabad

**B. Core Members, Independent Experts**

13. Smt Poonam Natarajan, Chairperson, National Trust
14. Dr Anand Pandit, KEM Pune
15. Dr Ashok Dutta, Ex- KSCH
16. Dr Amarjyothi Persha, NIMH Secundrabad
17. Dr Vinod Paul, AIIMS
18. Dr Umesh Kapil, AIIMS
19. Dr I C Verma, Sir Gangaram Hospital
20. Dr O P Kharbanda, AIIMS
21. Dr Arun Singh, Ex - IPGMER Kolkata
22. Dr Amitav Sen, Ex-Prof & HOD, IPGMER, Kolkata
23. Sh Nishant Wadwade, Samarpan (DM/ Collector, Bhopal)
24. Dr R Azad, Chief, Dr R P Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS
25. Executive Director, INCLIN Trust

**C. Representatives from International Partners**

26. Country Representative, UNICEF
27. Country Representative, WHO
28. Country Representative, NIPi
29. Country Representative, Save the Children

#### **D. Representatives from National Institutions**

30. Director AYJ National Institute for Hearing Handicapped
31. Director All India Institute for Speech and Hearing
32. Director National Institute for Mentally Handicapped
33. Director NIMHANS, Bangalore

#### **Terms of reference:**

1. The National Advisory Group would oversee the implementation of the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram and would seek to build strong convergence with the key stakeholders including other Government departments, researchers, academia, civil society etc.
2. Similar structure is envisaged at the state and district levels for similar roles at the respective levels.
3. NAG would be further expanded/ modified as per the programme need and would be reviewed preferably every six monthly and necessary mid-term suggestions would be incorporated suitably.
4. NAG would help in re-aligning existing programmes of the other departments for their effective implementation.
5. Matters related to technical inputs would be referred to National Steering Committee and further on to Technical Resource Groups and discussed in the subsequent meetings.

#### **II. Composition of National Steering Committee (NSC)**

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Additional Secretary &MD, NRHM | Chair, Ex-officio            |
| 2. Joint Secretary (RCH)          | Member Secretary, Ex-officio |
| 3. Deputy Commissioner (CH & I)   | Coordinator, Ex-officio      |

#### **A) Core Members, Ex-officio**

4. Representative, Ministry of Women & Child Development
5. Representative, Ministry of Human Resource Development
6. Representative, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
7. Representative, Department of AYUSH
8. Representative, Department of Disability Affairs

#### **B. Core Members, Independent Experts**

9. Dr Anand Pandit , KEM Pune
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12. Dr Umesh Kapil, AIIMS
13. Dr I C Verma, Sir Gangaram Hospital
14. Dr O P Kharbanda, AIIMS
15. Dr Arun Singh, Ex - IPGMER Kolkata
16. Dr Anita Kar, University of Pune
17. Dr S Aneja, KSCH
18. Dr B Sesikeran, NIN, Hyderabad
19. Dr Rajani Ved, NHSRC
20. Dr Subodh Gupta , GIMS Wardha
21. Dr Naila Khan, Dhaka Children Hospital
22. Dr Amitav Sen, Ex-Prof & HOD, IPGMER, Kolkata
23. Dr Krishna Kumar, AIMS, Cochin

#### **C. Representatives from International Partners**

24. Chief of Health, UNICEF
25. Dr Neena Raina, WHO-SEARO
26. Dr Harish Kumar , Technical Officer, NIPI
27. Dr Rajeev Tandon, Save the Children

#### **D. Representatives from National Institutions and Professional Organizations**

28. Representative, National Trust
29. Representative, Indian Council of Medical Research
30. Representative, IGNOU
31. Representative, Indian Academy of Pediatrics
32. Representative, FOGSI
33. Representative, Dr R P Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS
34. Representative, Ali Yavar Jang National Institute for Hearing Handicapped
35. Representative, All India Institute for Speech and Hearing
36. Representative, National Institute for Mentally Handicapped
37. Representative, NIMHANS, Bangalore
38. Executive Director, INCLEN Trust
39. Representative, Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai
40. Director, Institute of Genetics and Hospital for Genetic Diseases, Hyderabad

#### **Terms of reference:**

1. The National Steering Committee would oversee the operational and technical aspects related to implementation of RBSK and would also seek to build strong convergence with the key stakeholders including other Government departments, researchers, academia, civil society etc. as by the NAG.
2. Similar structure is envisaged at the state and district levels for similar roles at the respective levels.
3. NSC would be further expanded/ modified as per the programme need and would be reviewed preferably every six monthly and necessary mid-term suggestions would be incorporated suitably.
4. NSC would help in developing technical materials related to re-aligning existing programmes of the other departments for their effective implementation.
5. Matters related to technical inputs would be referred to Technical Resource Groups and discussed in the subsequent meetings and necessary feedback given to NAG.
6. NSC would also oversee pace of trainings and identify bottlenecks in trainings for Mobile Block Health Teams and also for DEIC staff and help State/ UTs to overcome the same.

#### **III. Composition of Technical Resource Group (TRG), Defects at birth**

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| 1. Dr R Azad, AIIMS          | Chair: Ex-officio    |
| 2. Dr Madhulika Kabra, AIIMS | Co-chair: Ex-officio |

#### **Members**

3. Dr O P Kharbhandha, Department of Pedodontics, AIIMS
4. Dr Radha Krishnan, Escorts, New Delhi
5. Dr Vikas Kohli, Apollo Hospitals
6. Dr Benjamin Joseph, Kasturba Medical College (Pediatric Orthopedic Society of India)
7. Dr Ashok Johari, Senior Consultant, Mumbai
8. Dr Debashish Bhattacharya, Kolkata
9. Dr Rajesh Mehta, WHO-SEARO
10. Dr Rajesh Khanna, Save the Children
11. Deputy Director, NIDDCP, MoHFW
12. Deputy Director, NPCB, MoHFW
13. Representative, LV Prasad Eye Institute
14. Representative, Smile train, India
15. Representative, Operation Smile, India
16. Representative, Clubfoot International, India
17. Representative, ICMR
18. Representative, Shankar Netralaya, Chennai
19. Representative, Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai

#### **IV. Composition of Technical Resource Group (TRG), Deficiencies**

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Dr B Sesikeran, NIN | Chair: Ex-officio    |
| 2. Dr S Aneja, KSCH    | Co-chair: Ex-officio |





18. Dr M K C Nair, Trivandrum
19. Dr Suchandra Mukherjee, IPGMER, Kolkata
20. Dr Samir Dalwai, Sion Hospital, Mumbai
21. Dr Shabnam Rangwala, ADAPT, Mumbai
22. Representative, Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai
23. Representative, National Trust
24. Representative, WHO
25. Representative, UNICEF
26. Representative, AYJNIHH

**Terms of reference (all four TRGs):**

1. The TRGs would oversee the specific thematic areas viz. Defects at birth, Diseases, Deficiencies, Developmental delays including disabilities related to implementation of the national programme and would also seek to build strong convergence with the key stakeholders including other government departments, researchers, academia, civil society etc. as by the NAG and NSC.
2. TRGs would be further expanded/ modified as per the programme need and would be reviewed preferably every quarterly and necessary mid-term suggestions would be incorporated suitably.
3. TRGs would help in developing technical materials related to re-aligning existing programmes of the other departments for their effective implementation.
4. Matters related to technical inputs would be developed, discussed and shared with the NSC in the subsequent meetings and necessary feedback given to NAG.

**Frequency of meeting:** NAG, NSC and all 4 TRGs would meet at least once a year, if required, more meetings would be conducted with permission of the Chair and Co-Chair of the respective committees/ groups.

The secretariat support will be provided by Child Health Division and TA/ DA will be borne by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, as applicable.

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Under Secretary to Government of India  
(Child Health & Immunization)

To

All members of RBSK NAG, NSC and 4 TRGs

Copy to:

1. PPS to Secretary (H&FW)
2. PPS to AS&MD, NRHM
3. PPS to JS (RCH)
4. PS to DC (CH & I)