



Minutes of AHPI State Chapter Bearers zoom video call Meeting- 8th July 2020 at 3 PM

Participants

Dr. Alex Thomas, President, AHPI
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Mr. M S Guru Prasad, Group Head - International Marketing at Narayana Health, Bangalore
Mr. Virendra Pareek, Representative, Media Engagement Committee, Rajasthan.
Dr. Voona Murali Krishna, President, Andhra Pradesh Chapter
Dr. C M Bhagat, President, Delhi NCR Chapter
Dr. Rajesh Pi, Secretary, Kerala Chapter
Dr. Anup Hajela, President, Madhya Pradesh Chapter
Dr. Sujit Chatterjee, President, Maharashtra & Goa Chapter
Mr. Jogesh Gambhir, President, Jharkhand Chapter
Dr. Naresh Shetty, President, Karnataka Chapter
Dr. Vishnu Reddy, Secretary, Telangana Chapter
Dr. Saumitra Bharadwaj, President, West Bengal Chapter
Dr. Bishnu Panigrahi, President, Odisha Chapter
Ms. Nilanjana Mukherjee, Secretary, Odisha Chapter
Dr. Amandeep Kaur, President, North Zone Chapter
Mr. Joydeep Das Gupta, Secretary, North zone Chapter
Dr. Zainab Zaidi, Secretary, UP Chapter
Dr. Anil Jain, Secretary, Chhattisgarh Chapter
Dr. Palin Khundongbam, President, Manipur Chapter & Convenor Northeast Chapter

Dr Alex and Dr Gyani welcomed the State Office Bearers and briefed about AHPI activities in past week which included:

1. Update on SC case (Sachin Jain vs GOI PIL), Next hearing postponed to 14th July
2. Regular Webinar being conducted
3. RTIs being filed to ascertain the costs of treatment in Govt hospitals and pending amount of schemes
4. New changes in MV Act and inclusion of Road Accident Fund, This was initiated by AHPI in the year 2013
5. Update on AHPI Books under process on quality, law and climate change
6. Letter to PMO written on ESIS pending payments and delays
7. Written to IRDA on capping and inclusion of AHPI in the talks
8. Star Health on behalf of GIC coordinating with AHPI to set up the rates for Covid treatment
9. Committee with IIM and other experts formed for costing study
10. AHPI has written to Ministry on MD and DNB allowed to work in Covid hospital and degree may be offered post their 1 year service at Covid Hospital, similarly FMGE students, and Final year Nurses students should also be enrolled to work in Covid hospitals and preference treatment to grant degrees can be given to these.

11. Dr Gyani highlighted the Use of Media engagement for View on Financial sustainability and countering negative perception of media and society towards Pvt healthcare Sector
12. Dr Gyani emphasised on Proactive approach with media and importance of Involvement of whole industry
13. Cdr Bali informed the group about the whatsapp group created with committee members
14. He informed that few PR agencies shortlisted for final review

MP-Presented by Dr Anup Hajela

1. Ayusman bhara hospital made mandatory to keep covid patients
2. IRDA has started asking hospitals to submit Quality indicators

Maharashtra- Presented by Dr Sujit Chatterjee

1. Problems in retaining MD & DNB students in Covid Hospitals
2. Use of Remdesivir and Plasma therapy is good only if administered early
3. 70 % survival now in patients
4. Noticing more Severe cases in Mumbai

North Zone- Presented by Dr Joydeep

1. Training sessions being planned for revenue generation

Odisha- Presented by Ms. Nilanjana

1. Covid Mortality in state increased suddenly
2. Covid hospitals now overwhelmed
3. Regular check in hospitals by govt officials

West Bengal-Presented by Dr Saumitra Bharadwaj

1. IRDA capping -15000 a day for Covid treatment
2. Membership emailer circulated to members of state for contribution
3. Dr Alex clarify the latest capped rates by GIC is only recommendation which hospitals should not accept and agreement signed with insurance companies to be followed, He informed that AHPI is negotiating with GIC on rates.

Telangana- Presented by Dr Vishnu Reddy

1. IRDA suggested rates and limitations on billing by Insurance companies is a current major problem in state
2. Govt thinking for opening up medical college hospitals, which may reduce the burden from Pvt hospitals in Covid management

Karnataka- Presented by Dr Naresh Shetty

1. Govt adopting threatening postures towards Pvt Hospitals
2. Manpower availability crisis in Pvt Hospitals
3. Negative picture in media about Pvt Hospitals a major problem

4. Capping on prices by Insurance companies

Delhi-Presented by Dr CM Bhagath

1. Manpower availability crisis in Pvt Hospitals
2. Insurance companies capping on prices problem
3. Urged to prepare to go legal against insurance if required
4. Major Problem with star insurance
5. Delhi Recovery rate is increasing with each passing day

Kerala-Presented by Dr Rajesh Pai

1. Spike in Covid cases in state with exponential numbers now
2. Cases increased due to migrants and people coming from outside and abroad
3. IMA Kerala written to state govt for possible community spread
4. Pvt hospitals being roped in with increased numbers

Jharkhand- Presented by Mr Jogesh Gambhir

1. Covid Cases in state doubled in 4 weeks
2. Govt not paying for pvt facilities
3. Pvt labs are now allowed to test
4. State chapter EC committee formed
5. Media director appointed for state media and social media activities
6. Meeting on Importance of becoming AHPI members to be convened for state hospitals

Rajasthan- Presented by Mr Virendra Parikh

1. Recovery rate in state is improving
2. ICU pricing capped by Govt is an issue