

CHI/SCNHP/Meeting/2013/002
Centre for Health Informatics, NIHFW

25th February, 2013

Subject: Minutes of the fourth meeting of Steering Committee for the National Health Portal held on 23rd February, 2013 at NIHFW

The fourth meeting of Steering Committee for National Health Portal (SCNHP) was held at National Institute of Health and Family Welfare (NIHFW) on 23rd February 2013.

The minutes of the meeting are attached. All concerned are requested to kindly initiate necessary actions for decisions indicated in the minutes.

This has approval of the Chairperson, SCNHP.

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1. PPS / PS to Secretary (H & FW) / SS (H / A) / AS & FA / AS & DG (CGHS) / AS & MD (NRHM)
2. Deputy Director (Admin), National Institute of Health & Family Welfare, Munirka, New Delhi – 110 067
3. Dr Sanjay Gupta, Associate Professor, Deptt of Community Health Administration and faculty Incharge, Computer Centre, National Institute of Health & Family Welfare, Munirka, New Delhi - who has been nominated as nodal officer to co-ordinate activities of NHP with the request to take expeditious action on para 8 of the minutes
4. Dr J P Shivdesani, Research Officer, National Institute of Health & Family Welfare, Baba Gang Nath Marg, Munirka, New Delhi - who has been nominated as assistant nodal officer to co-ordinate activities of NHP

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The fourth meeting of Steering Committee for National Health Portal (SCNHP) was held at NIHFW on 23rd February 2013. Members who attended are mentioned in the Annexure-I. In place of Dr. Y K Sharma, Mr. Rajesh Gera, DDG, NIC attended. Special Invitees who attended were: Mr. B S Bedi, Dr. B K Gairola and Mr. Amit Agrawal. Regrets were sent by Prof. S K Mishra, and Dr. S Rawat.

The detailed Agenda is given in Annexure-II. The presentation of the PD, CHI is in Annexure-III.

The meeting started with a video call (from Chicago) by Dr. Sam Pitroda, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Public Information, Infrastructure and Innovation, and, the Chairman of the National Innovation Council. He congratulated the Steering Committee for taking forward the National Health Portal (NHP) and expressed hope that with the Project Director (PD) for the NHP taking charge from Jan 23, 2013, now things will move fast and the NHP can be formally launched on Aug 16, 2013, as envisaged by the PD, NHP. He urged to start simple and include authentic information on common public health issues. He also expressed hope that it will be able to integrate with the other activities like i-HIND or Indian Health Information Network development and would be able to utilize the NKN infrastructure to reach out to all the states.

Dr. Shibani K Ganju, the facilitator for the Working Group on Health Literacy and Portal, that had prepared the Detailed Project Report for the NHP also joined the video call and stressed on the need for integration with i-HIND and also with the Planning Commission's target of achieving Universal health care (UHC) that will require common financial and health information architecture (e.g., interoperable Electronic / Personal health records).

Prof. J K Das, Director, NIHFW formally welcomed all and handed over the proceedings to Prof. N K Ganguly, the Chairman of the SCNHP.

Prof. Ganguly expressed satisfaction that the PD for NHP has joined on Jan 23, 2013; In his opening remarks he also mentioned that the major issues to be addressed are (i) Finance, (ii) Governance, (iii) Procurement and, (iv) Infrastructure. He then asked Ms. Madhu Bala to present the views of the Ministry of health and family welfare (MoHFW).

Ms. Madhu Bala said that the Ministry wants the launch to be quick (August 16, 2013 is realistic) and is willing to help in all possible ways.

Then Prof. Ganguly asked PD of NHP, Prof. S N Sarbadhikari to present his vision, achievements and challenges. The latter then presented his vision for the NHP, the targets achieved / in process, items that require help (and discussion) and presented with some action items for the way forward.

The presentation by the PD, CHI was interspersed with lively discussions among the participants. The SCNHP approved the targeted launch date of **Aug 16, 2013** for the NHP and the name of the domain that is being booked viz., <http://nhp.gov.in>

The other action items that emerged from those discussions are as follows.

1. Advertisements for the posts of 1 Deputy Director (Technical) and 2 Assistant Director (Technical) have been put up. The recruitment should be completed as early as possible. For the post of Additional Director (Technical), a fresh advertisement may be issued instead of directly offering the post to the third nominee empanelled for the post of PD, CHI by the Search-cum-Selection Committee.
2. The **Management Committee** comprising of Director, NIHFW (Chairman), DD(A), NIHFW (Member Secretary), PD, CHI; Representative of MoHFW, Mr. Rajesh Gera, DDG, NIC and Dr. Sanjay Gupta, NIHFW should meet immediately and set the TORs and arrange to appoint on contract basis the 15 remaining staff of CHI and 7 staff for the Project Management Team (PMT) for the NHP. If need be, for a 6-month period, Consultants may be hired as per norms followed by NIC and NKN in this regard. Adequate space should be provided by NIHFW for the smooth functioning of the appointed staff. The Committee is to further explore the expansion plans for the staff and space as described in the Detailed Project Report for the NHP.
3. For deciding on the technical requirements (hardware, software, networks) for the NHP and selecting appropriate vendors or collaborators, a **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** was formed, as a Sub-Committee of SCNHP, with the following members:
 - a. Dr. B K Gairola, NKN (Chairperson)
 - b. Mr. B S Bedi, C-DAC (Co-Chair)
 - c. Mr. Rajesh Gera, NIC
 - d. Dr. S Rawat, IIIT, Hyderabad
 - e. Dr. Meera Singh, ICMR
 - f. Dr. S Ramakrishnan, NISG
 - g. Mr. Sukhdev Singh, NIC
 - h. Mr Sastry Tumuluri, Advisor on e-Governance, Govt. of Haryana
 - i. Dr. Sanjay Sood, Principal Consultant, National eGovernance Plan
 - j. Dr. J P Shivdasani, NIHFW
 - k. Prof. S N Sarbadhikari, CHI of NHP (Member Secretary)

The TAC should meet immediately and inform the SCNHP regarding the decisions.

4. For deciding on the content requirements for the NHP, a **Content Advisory Committee (CAC)** was formed, as a Sub-Committee of SCNHP, with the following members:
 - a. Prof. S N Sarbadhikari, CHI of NHP (Chairperson)
 - b. Prof. Lalit Dandona, PHFI (Co-Chair)
 - c. Prof. S K Mishra, SGPGI, Lucknow
 - d. Ms. Madhu Bala, MoHFW
 - e. Prof. J K Das, Director, NIHFW (He is empowered to nominate more members to this Committee)
 - f. Dr. B V Adkoli, AIIMS

- g. Dr. Suresh K, AHSD, Hyderabad
- h. Dr. Tony D S Raj, SJRI, Bengaluru
- i. Prof. Rajeev Sangal, IIIT, Hyderabad
- j. Prof. Manas K Mandal, Director, DIPR
- k. Prof. Chandan Ghosh, NIDM
- l. Prof. Sanjay Bedi, President, IAMI
- m. Prof. Indrajit Bhattacharya, IIHMR
- n. Mr. Gaur Sunder, C-DAC, Pune
- o. Dr. Sanjay Gupta, NIHFW
- p. Additional Director, CHI of NHP (Member Secretary)
- q. Further members may be co-opted over time from various relevant NGOs and also from end users of the NHP.

The CAC should have an initial meeting immediately and inform the SCNHP regarding the decisions.

- 5. The PD, CHI has received expression of interest from Kerala Government to launch the NHP simultaneously in New Delhi and Trivandrum. He is also in talks for possible collaborations with the Governments of Maharashtra and Odisha for possible simultaneous launch in Mumbai and Bhubaneswar. Prof. N K Ganguly opined that it will be the best option to present the possibilities to the Health Secretary, Government of India and seek his opinion, guidance and active support for collaborating with the various state governments.
- 6. The SCNHP decided to meet normally at least once every two months (end-April '13, end-June '13 and end-August-'13) over the next six months – and, if need be, to meet more frequently to facilitate the launch of the NHP on August 16, 2013.
- 7. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure-I

List of Participants

1. Prof. N. K. Ganguly
2. Prof. L M Nath
3. Prof. J. K. Das
4. Prof. S N Sarbadhikari
5. Ms Madhu Bala
6. Mr. PC Cyriac
7. Dr. B V Adkoli
8. Dr. Suresh Kochattil
9. Mr. Rajesh Gera
10. Dr. Meera Singh
11. Dr. Venkatesh, NACO
12. Mr. B S Bedi
13. Mr. Alok Verma
14. Dr. B K Gairola
15. Mr. Amit Agrawal

Annexure-II

Subject: Notice for the fourth meeting of Steering Committee for the National Health Portal on 23rd February, 2013 at NIHFW

The fourth meeting of Steering Committee for National Health Portal (SCNHP) will be held at NIHFW. Members are requested to attend.

Date: 23.02.2013

Venue: NDC Conference Hall

Time: 10.00 AM

Agenda

1. Welcome : Prof. J. K. Das
Director, NIHFW
2. Opening Remarks : Prof. N. K. Ganguly
Chairman, SCNHP
3. Points for discussion :
 - i) Introduction and update by the Project Director, CHI of NHP (PD, CHI)
 - ii) Discussion on the tentative roadmap presented by the PD, CHI
 - iii) Discussion on smoothening and quickening of the administrative functioning of the CHI
 - iv) Discussion on the personnel and space requirements vis-a-vis the time available for execution of the Project
 - v) Miscellaneous, with permission of the Chair
4. Vote of Thanks : Prof. S N Sarbadhikari
Member Secretary, SCNHP
5. Lunch

Sd/-

[Prof. S N Sarbadhikari]

Project Director, CHI of NHP

Member Secretary, SCNHP

Cc: All the Members of the Steering Committee and Special Invitees