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Minutes of the meeting of State Working Committee

1st Punjab IMA State Working Committee meeting was held on 20th March 2022 at Ludhiana and meeting was attended by the following 23 IMA members (17 IMA State Working Committee members + 04 special invitees from Ayushman empanelled hospitals + 02 representative of local branch)

State Working Committee members

1. DR. PARAMJIT MAAN
2. DR. SUNIL KATYAL
3. DR. AMRIK SINGH ARORA
4. DR. S.P.S SOOCH
5. DR. MANOJ SOBTI
6. DR. VIKAS CHHABRA
7. DR. RAKESH VIG
8. DR. KULDIP SINGH ARORA
9. DR. SUKHJIT SINGH
10. DR. YOGESHWAR SOOD
11. DR. PRITPAL SINGH
12. DR. R.S PARMAR
13. DR. J.S SANDHU
14. DR. KARAMVIR GOYAL
15. DR. RAJINDER SHARMA
16. DR. DEEPAK BANSAL
17. DR. DHEERAJ AGGARWAL



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Special invitees

1. DR. SANJEEV MITTAL
2. DR. SARABJIT SINGH
3. DR. ASHISH OHRI
4. DR. DIVYANSHU GUPTA

Representative of local branch

1. DR. BIMAL KANISH (President, IMA Ludhiana)
2. DR. Mohanjeet Kaur (Hony. Secretary, IMA Ludhiana)

Agenda was to discuss the Ayushman related problems.

Ludhiana branch secretary Dr Mohanjeet Kaur welcomed the members and handed over the stage to state secretary Dr Sunil Katyal for carrying the proceedings further.

Dr Sunil Katyal started the meeting with the permission of the chair and hoped and proposed for a peaceful and purposeful meeting regarding ayushman related problems and handed over the mic to the president for his comments.

Dr Paramjit Maan stated that IMA stands with all the members at any point of crisis and said that he has personally talked to state health authorities and other concerned to solve the problem faced by ayushman empanelled hospitals. He also said that he has categorically told the SHA to clear the pending dues of the Empanelled hospitals and then only the further discussions will be held. He also expressed his pain over the unhealthy trend of doubt in this state leadership and formation of a separate ayushman committee by the empanelled hospitals against the wishes and well being of IMA and despite the positive approach of the state IMA to resolve the issue. He requested all members to maintain unity and remain under one



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flag and platform of IMA. He then asked the house to comment on the agenda one by one.

Dr Amreek Singh Arora said that no splinter group should be formed and in all the previous meetings ministers and bureaucrats have negative approach and sometimes humiliate the IMA representatives. The ayushman empanelled hospitals carried out the meeting on 13th March despite IMA's no to the meeting. The reason for postponing the meeting was that the government is still not formed and portfolios not announced and we are not clear whom to meet. He further asked Dr Vig to detail about the 13th March meeting of the ayushman hospitals.

Dr Vig strongly refuted that a splinter group or association is made. He said that as the stakes are high and state IMA gave no decision or directions, 144 hospitals held a meeting on 13th March. There were no directions issued by the state IMA for not holding the meeting. He informed the house that some senior functionary of IMA told SHA that this scheme is being misused used by the doctors. For unknown reasons the government of Punjab withdrew the scheme on 29th December 2021 but verbally asked them to continue working for this scheme till 20th March and assured the release of payment but only a miniscule amount of payment was released till date. He said that IMA should issue directions to the hospital to stop working for the scheme. He further said that ayushman scheme holders are not in favor of a separate association and that IMA helped them a lot in the past and expect the same kind of help in future also.

Dr Devyanshu endorsed Dr Vig's comment and said he has not said anything against IMA president and it is only after reading the entire rules and details they are able to fight with the SHA.

Dr Yogeshwar Sud said no separate committee is formed and the proceedings of meeting should be put on WhatsApp groups.



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Dr Sarabjeet Singh suggested the committee to work under the umbrella of IMA and requested state IMA to issue an advisory/directive to the ayushman holders for working or not working for the scheme.

Dr Rajinder Sharma expressed his anguish over the WhatsApp comment by one of the ayushman scheme holder stating IMA leadership as fools and this post was not countered by anyone from ayushman scheme holders. The coordination committee found by IMA was rejected by ayushman stake holders. The 20th March meeting was postponed to 26th March because still no portfolios of the government are clear he asked the ayushman empanelled hospitals to support and believe in IMA. He further said that IMA cannot ask for a general strike or ask the ayushman holders to stop work.

Dr Sanjeev Mittal asked IMA to help and support ayushman empanelled hospitals and guide them.

Dr R. S Parmar suggested IMA to resolve any grievance by any section of IMA. For Corruption in the SHA, government officials should be held accountable, form a strong committee to resolve the issue and ask the SHA to give a clear and final date for the release of payment and urged ayushman hospitals not to bribe any ayushman official.

Dr Ashish Ohri said they asked many times for holding a meeting in the IMA house but it was not sanctioned and senior functionary of the state IMA were informed about the 13th March meeting.

Dr JS Sandhu said the authorities try to weaken the associations by saying anything and we should not fall prey to their tactics.

Dr Karamvir Goyal said the government should not get a hint of dividedness and any call or decision of the IMA should be implemented by a 100%.



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Dr Manoj Sobti said it is the duty of IMA to help and support ayushman hospitals. It is wrong to say bad things about the President, rather members can request or compel the president to work for the cause. A separate committee with senior IMA members and ayushman beneficiaries should be made and that IMA house can be used for meetings by any member.

Dr KS Arora said that IMA has been doing everything to help ayushman beneficiaries. He showed his resentment for the WhatsApp messages against the president and also against holding of the meeting on 13th March despite message by the president to hold it on 26th March.

Dr Vikas Chhabra said that if government is not formed IMA should have announced to stop work. He said that distrust has erupted as they were not allowed to use the IMA house for the meeting and also a senior IMA member pointed towards him when Mr. OP Sony said that some bathinda Doctor is disturbing them very much. He said that persons who know more about the ayushman's game should be included in the committee.

Dr SPS Sooch said that IMA should not be left apart and it is working for the benefits of ayushman beneficiaries. He said that he has attended almost all the meetings and empanelled and non-empanelled hospitals should not be separated. He said more names can be added to the ayushman committee.

Dr RS Parmar complimented Dr Sooch for his helping role till now and suggested to include seniors and doctors with connections in the committee.

Dr Maan thanked all for their comments and said that the decisions are taken after consulting seniors only. Whatever names are given by the ayushman beneficiaries will be included in the committee and urged all to remain United. He also said that a meeting on 26th March will be held to discuss about the future course of the committee.



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Dr Sunil Katyal thanked all and read point number 3 of the letter issued by SHA.

Dr Bimal Kanish president IMA Ludhiana gave vote of thanks.

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