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ANMF Quarterly Board Meeting

May 10, 2021, Monday

Meeting Logistics			
Meeting Date	May 10, 2021	Time	9.00 PM to 11.50 PM EST
Chair/Facilitator	Bhupesh/Binod/Bishnu	Prepared by	Bishnu Sapkota
Purpose:	Quarterly Board Meeting and discuss COVID-19 surge in Nepal		
Location:	Online-ZOOM		

Participants		
Anil Suwal-P	Dinesh Mainali-A	Subodh Mallik-P
Bhupesh Khadka-P	Ganesh Chaudhary-P	Dixa Dhital-P
Binod Dhungana-A	Julia Shepardson-P	Invited Guests
Binod Khadka-P	Kalpana Shrestha-P	Dr. Jivan Lamichhane
Bishnu Sapkota-P	Libby Wilson-P	Dr. Shambhu Aryal
Chandra Prakash Chataut-P	Raju Century-P	Dr. Bhupendra Basnet, ANMF-N
Santosh Sapkota-P	Sunil Sharma-E	
Prakash Thapaliya-A	Marvin Brustin-P	E - Excused P - Present A - Absent
Dinesh Subedi-P	Narayan Dharel-P	
Richard Katzman-P	Sandesh Pandit-P	

Meeting minutes

Board approved the last board meeting minutes from 02/21/2021 and 04/28/2021

Nominations of the new Board Members

Dr. Dinesh Mainali and Dr. Narayan Dharel decided to step down from the current board of directors. We had two openings for the board of directors. Initially, there were a total five new applicants for these two positions, however, three applicants withdrew their applications. The final two applicants were Dr. Jivan Lamichhane and Dr. Shambhu Aryal.

The Board unanimously nominated and approved Dr. Jivan Lamichhane and Dr. Shambhu Aryal for the two vacant board positions. This will have to be officially ratified during the upcoming annual general meeting by the members.

The board also thanked Dr. Narayan Dharel and Dr. Dinesh Mianali for their service to the ANMF Board and organization.

Dr. Shambhu Aryal and Dr. Jivan Lamichhane introduced themselves and thanked the board for this opportunity.

Discussion on new projects

Oxygen Concentrator and High Flow Nasal Cannula(21ANMF003)-\$40,000.00

Background

At present, in Nepal there is growing scarcity of oxygen. The situation is dire. While we know having an oxygen plant may provide a long term solution, at present a device like an oxygen concentrator which can produce oxygen up to 5 ltr/min may go a long way in saving lives. Floor patients can directly benefit from it and do not have to rely on an oxygen plant, oxygen supply and oxygen cylinder from different vendors. The goal of the program is to provide oxygen concentrators and HFNC to various peripheral health posts, district hospitals and even bigger hospitals for crisis management. The plan is to give 60% of the items procured outside the valley and 40% inside the valley. Project committee and executive committee supported the project provided a major portion of it is distributed outside the Kathmandu valley.

The board discussed the challenges in procurement and distribution.

The board approved the project unanimously.

The board also unanimously decided to create an extended executive team that will have the authority to make emergency decisions regarding COVID-19 related works within the constraints of the ANMF budget.

The team will comprise of-

Dr. Bhupesh Khadka

Dr. Binod Khadka

Dr. Sandesh Pandit

Ms. Kalpana Shrestha

Dr. Santosh Sapkota

Ms. Julia Shepardson

Dr. Bishnu Sapkota

Dr. Anil Suwal

Dr. Shambhu Aryal

Dr. Jivan Lamichhane

Tele-consultation for home isolation COVID-19 Patients(20ANMF004)-\$15385.00

Background

Nepal medical association (NMA), Epidemiology and disease control division (EDCD) and America Nepal Medical Foundation (ANMF-N) have partnered in order to start a tele-consultation service for the Home isolation covid patients in Nepal. So, the people who are in home isolation can use this service to ask any questions related to their health. NMA will list the specialist doctors to volunteer for this project and EDCD will provide consultation required for the doctors. Nepal Telecom will also partner in waiving of the amount taken for call forwarding. There are more than 9,000 daily covid patients in Nepal and more than 50,000 patients who have been in home isolation. The home isolated patient will need some kind of consultation regarding their health. EDCD has 25 helplines in which they receive almost 10,000 calls out of which 150-200 calls need specialist consultation. So, EDCD requested NMA and ANMF-N to create a call center where it would take such calls and forward it to a specialist. The call center will be in the NMA building.

The project is needed because the home isolated patient will get easy service and advice via phone and can avoid the hassle of visiting the hospitals. The tele-consultation center

will answer the calls of patients who are in need of the specialist and will forward the calls to the related specialist needed for the patients. The service will be a great help to patients with covid and in need of specialist consultation.

Dr. Bhupendra Basnet from ANMF-N clarified more on this project to the board. He shared his experience on a similar past project in Nepal during the first COVID-19 wave and its success.

Some members suggested, rather than spending this money on a new project for a short duration, we can work with existing providers like Ask Foundation.

The answer was that the government cannot make joint ventures with a private party that would charge money for the service and project of this size and nature may not be able to be handled by others, hence EDCD asked ANMF-N regarding this. Idea was to provide service free of cost.

Members did raise the long term maintenance and usage of these equipment so that these can be reused in future. Maybe creating an equipment inventory by ANMF- N may go a long way.

ANMF-N will oversee the project.

The board of directors discussed this project in greater detail. Liability issues were also raised, regarding how ANMF can be shielded from this.

The board unanimously approved the project provided we get information on legality issues from ANMF Nepal and gave the ANMF extended executive team to gather that information and convey it to the board.

Equipping COVID-19 ICU Kathmandu Model Hospital(21PHCT001)- \$139875.00

Background-

The hospital is in need of support for procurement of ICU beds and logistics such as high flow oxygen delivery devices, ICU monitors, CPAP machines, oxygen plant and various other logistics. The hospital is running at its lowest capacity presently and financially very weak. The hospital needs support to revamp the infrastructure to provide care for COVID-19 patients.

The board unanimously decided that ANMF does not have resources to support this project at this time and denied the project.

25th Annual General Meeting

Will be held virtual on 09/18/2021 Saturday, details to follow.

Financial and Liability Updates

Treasurer Ms. Kalpana Shrestha gave the current state of finance. Fundraising is going extremely well.

Total available funds with ANMF-\$144708.85 as of this evening.

ANMF Project Detail Report as of 05/2021								
Project #	Grantee	Title	Proposed Date	Approved Date	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Amount Funded	Balance fund requirement
19NN001	NepalMed Nepal	Oxygen Plant- Ampipal Hospital, Gorkha	8/26/2019	2/2/2020	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000		\$ 23,000.00
19KICH001	National Institute Of Pediatrics	Kathmandu Institute of Child Health (KIOCH)		2/23/2020	\$ 100,000	RAISE FUNDS		????
20CME001	Nepal Paediatric Society	CME_ Paediatric Critical Care	1/14/2020	2/23/2020	\$ 1,580	\$ 1,580		\$ 1,580.00
20GNKT001	Guna Nidhi Khanal Memorial trust	Implementing Electronic Health record in Charity Clinic in Devghat	11/19/2020	2/21/2021	\$ 6,000.00	6000		\$ 6,000.00
								\$ 30,580.00
	Funds Available 05/10/2021 as of 4:30pm EST							
	Bank of America- (**9623- Main)	\$	35,070.12					
	Bank of America (**6207)	\$	7,868.04	***				
	Facebook	\$	108,581.00	as per FB fundraise				
	PayPal	\$	18,769.69					
	Funds in bank	\$	170,288.85					
	Total Funds required for Projects	\$	30,580.00					
	Available for projects	\$	139,708.85					
	Restricted Funds	\$	-					
	Unrestricted funds available	\$	139,708.85					

Updates on Corona Relief Works

Dr. Bhupesh Khadka mentioned that SAVE Lives Campaign is mainly focussing on oxygen, delivery device and supply itself.

Manufacturing capacity in Nepal is reaching almost to maximum in most areas.

The demand for oxygen is huge.

Maybe we need to look into the Unicef Fund and procure more oxygen plants.

Nomination of New Secretary and new co-treasurer

Current secretary Dr. Bishnu Sapkota submitted his resignation to the board.

Dr. Sandesh Pandit submitted resignation from the position of co-treasurer.

Dr. Dixa Dhital resigned as a project committee co-chair.

The board nominated and approved Dr. Sandesh Pandit as the new secretary of ANMF for the year 2021-2022, this will be ratified by the annual meeting.

The board nominated and approved Dr. Jivan Lamichhane as the new co-treasurer of ANMF for the year 2021-2022, this will be ratified by the annual meeting.

Other miscellaneous discussions (non voted discussion)

Idea was floated to make ANMF vice president as PC co-chair.

Dr. Raju Century said he would like to step down as co-chair of the collaboration committee.

Dr. Nabin Kainimay step up to that position, that will be decided at a later date.

Dr. Binod Dhungana mentioned an interest to be a co-chair of the collaboration committee, this will be decided at a later date.

Delegating someone from the board/executive team to respond to facebook messages in a timely fashion, thanking donors and someone to attend covid alliance meetings regularly so that we don't have to duplicate the same works.

Forming an advisory committee composed of past board members so that they can be our resource and guide.

ANMF position statement on remdesivir and convalescent plasma therapy will be published by ANMF soon.

Meeting adjourned at 11.50PM EST

Next Quarterly Board Meeting to be decided

