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ANMF Emergency Board Meeting

April 28, 2021, Wednesday

Meeting Logistics			
Meeting Date	April 28, 2021	Time	9.30 PM to 11.20 PM EST
Chair/Facilitator	Bhupesh/Binod/Bishnu	Prepared by	Bishnu Sapkota
Purpose:	Discuss COVID-19 surge in Nepal and Updates		
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. Bhagawan Koirala, NMC
Bishnu Sapkota-P	Libby Wilson-P	Dr. Ramesh Khoju, NDA UK
Chandra Prakash Chataut-P	Raju Century-A	Dr. Bhupendra Basnet, ANMF-N
Santosh Sapkota-P	Sunil Sharma-A	
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

Dr. Bhupesh Khadka welcomed and thanked Dr. Ramesh Khoju from NDA UK (Nepalese Doctors' Association, United Kingdom), and Dr. Bhupendra Basnet from ANMF-Nepal

20ANMF006-002-Oxygen supply and pipeline for Isolation Center in Kathmandu
-\$66,900.00

This project was approved last year but was on hold due to a decrease in COVID-19 cases in Nepal that time.

ANMF-Nepal had few meetings with CCMC (COVID-19 Crisis Management Center) regarding the isolation center construction at Radha Swami Satsang Complex in Kathmandu Nepal. The members acknowledged rapidly rising Coronavirus cases in Nepal. Hospitals in Nepal are already running under full capacity and COVID-19 beds have already been occupied. The situation is getting alarming. CCMC decided to start an isolation center in coordination with several stakeholders, one of them being the America Nepal Medical Foundation. The final meeting held on April 27, 2021 decided to start the isolation center sooner than later. The pipeline work has already started. Procuring a liquid oxygen tank at this time may not be possible. The Vendor had mentioned that it would be difficult to get this oxygen tank during this situation because India has halted their oxygen supply and related materials at this time. The plan is to get the pipeline system, manifold, and partition in the existing building so that at least 100 beds can be started. The vendor has assured that there will be an uninterrupted oxygen supply via a cylinder.

The board acknowledged the situation's urgency and approved that America Nepal Medical Foundation Nepal can have certain degrees of latitude to use the fund given the gravity of the situation(17 yes, 0-no).

The board approved to send the said amount of the project \$66,900.00.

Dr. Ramesh Khoju from NDA UK said that their society has approved £20,000 to help this project in addition to ANMF's contribution. This money will be used for partisan work of this building for the isolation center.

Kathmandu Metropolitan city will take over the responsibility of filling the oxygen cylinders.

21ANMF002-001-COVID-19 Communication Team-\$5667.00

The Ministry of Health and Population(MoHP), Nepal has asked ANMF to help with data collection for available resources in terms of real time information on hospital/ICU beds from the hospitals in Nepal. MoHP has requested 4 medical officers to work in Health Emergency

Operation Center (HEOC) under Health Emergency and Disaster Management Unit Chief (HEDMU) for collecting these data.

This team will collect data from hospitals regarding covid 19 beds, ICU, oxygen availability and other urgent data.

In the current system, MoHP has an online health management information system, where health systems and hospitals have to update this information on a daily basis. However, this is not happening daily and hospitals only update these data at the end of the month each month.

ANMF is planning to hire medical officers for this project, upon request of MoHP, to collect data so that when ambulances and the general public call MoHP, this information will be readily available.

Each hospital/health system has a designated “focal person”, who are required to give this information to the MoHP.

Medical officers for this project calling from the MoHP office would have the authority to be able to collect this information.

The duration of this project would be 3 months (May-Aug 2021), with possible request for an extension

The ANMF Project Committee(PC) discussed this and agreed that this is a very important project which could help the general public tremendously to find hospital/ICU beds when someone is in a dire situation and scrambling to find a much needed bed.

PC recommended that the condition for approval of the project should be MoHP ensuring effective dissemination of this data.

After extensive discussion, the board approved this project (17 yes, 0 no).

Discussion on Emergency Corona Relief Fund-\$10,000.00

Dr. Bhupendra Basnet, ANMF-Nepal president pointed out the need for some emergency funds that may be needed for corona related works in Nepal.

The board approved setting aside \$10,000 for the same purpose. ANMF-Nepal can also spend surplus funds they have available from previous projects.

When ANMF Nepal needs this money, requests can be sent via project portal and it can be discussed in an expeditious manner so that money can be wired when needed.

Fundraising campaign.

The board discussed the need to fundraise to support ongoing and upcoming projects. Board decided that we should use all avenues- online platform, contacts etc for the same. Online fundraising will be started via facebook.

The board also raised \$20000.00 from today's meeting.

The donors are:

Bhupesh Khadka-\$3000.00

Binod Khadka-\$1000.00

Bishnu Sapkota-\$2000.00

Julia Shepardson-\$2000.00

Marvin Brustin-\$2000.00

Sandesh Pandit-\$2000.00

Subodh Mallik-\$2000.00

Libby Wilson-\$1000.00

Kalpana Shrestha-\$1000.00

Anil Suwal-\$1000.00

Ganesh Chaudhary-\$1000.00

Narayan Dharel-\$1000.00

Dixa Dhital-\$1000.00

Completed Projects:

Board approved the closing of these 4 projects.

18PAHS001- Bronchoscope Patan Academy of Health Sciences- \$20,000.

18PAHS002- Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship Patan Academy of Health Sciences-\$8,190.

18PAHS003 -Rheumatology Fellowship Support Patan Academy of Health Sciences-\$18,600.

20ANCP001- Office Expenses 2020 America Nepal Chikitsa Pratisthan-\$8,284.

Suggestions from Board Members-

We need to find some channel to communicate with the US Government if some assistance can be given regarding vaccines like Astrazeneca for Nepal.

We should reach out to the Ambassador of Nepal to the USA regarding this matter.

Members who have contacts to current US senators should try to reach out to them.

Meeting adjourned at 11.20PM EST

Next Quarterly Board Meeting scheduled for 730 PM EST, on 05/16/2021, Sunday