MINUTES OF THE 13th BIO–MEDICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON 03.01.2018

AT APPCB, Head Office,D.No-33-26-14D/2,Near Sunrise Hospital
Pushpa Hotel Centre, Chalamalavari Street, Kasturbaipet, Vijayawada

The following were present:

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Sri. B.S.S. Prasad, IFS., Member Secretary, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Vijayawada</td>
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<td>Dr. B. V.Rao, Joint Director, Directorate of Medical Education, Hanumanpeta, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh</td>
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<td>Sri.G.Sridevi, MD Deputy Commissioner, A.P. Vaidya Vidhana Parishad, Vijayawada</td>
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<td>Dr.P.Srinivas, MD General Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Private Hospitals &amp; Nursing Homes Association Vijayawada</td>
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<td>Sri. P.Ch.S.Prasad, Representative of KIMS, Hospitals, Nellore</td>
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The Member Secretary welcomed the members of the Bio–Medical Waste Management Technical Committee and after general remarks the committee took up the items agenda-wise and the decisions of the BMW Technical Committee on each case are recorded below.

The Association of Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facilities in Andhra Pradesh requested for Enhancement of Bio-Medical Waste Management service charges. The members of the Association attended the meeting and informed that for effective implementation of the CPCB revised Guidelines, addition of sophisticated systems like bar coding and GPS would result in addition of establishment/ maintenance cost, for which the cost per bed per day had to be increased to maintain the systems. The issue was discussed in previous BMW Technical Committee Meeting held on 29.08.2017, and the Committee members accepted to pay Rs. 5/- per bed per day from Government hospitals and Rs. 5.50/- per bed per day from private sector hospitals but, CBMWTF association did not accept that rate hence no concrete decision was arrived at with regard to the rates to be fixed for handling and disposing Bio Medical Waste.

At the outset the Member Secretery, requested the committee members and the Members of the CBMWTFs Association to express their views on the Enhancement of Bio-Medical Waste Management service charges.

Sri.T.Anil, General Secretary of the Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility Association of Andhra Pradesh and operator of M/s. RAINBOW INDUSTRIES requested to consider their request to make sevice charges 6.00/- per bed in both governammet and private hospitals.

The other Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facilties operators said that the dues of amount of sevice charges were long pending in APVVP, DME hospitals i.e., it between 6 months to 3 years. Hence, the CBMWTF operators are facing difficulties to operate the facility.

CBMWTFs Association further informed that Government Hospitals had been purchasing plastic bags from outside vendors and the quality of the bags was not as per specifications mentioned in BMW rules 2016, which prescribe to use non-chlorinated plastic bags for disposal of Bio-Medical Waste. In view of the above, the Association requested that the hospitals use only the non-chlorinated bags with bar-coding supplied by CBMWTF operators for proper management of BMW.

Sri. N. Hanumaiah, proponent of the Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility i.e. M/s AWM Consulting Ltd operating in Chittoor informed that the collection of BMW from industries producing BMW is taking around half a day of time for collection. In this regard, the CBMWTF operator requested for enhancement of service charges for the industries.

Dr.P.Srinivas, State General Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Private Hospitals & Nursing Homes Association informed to the committee that most of the Member HCFs of APNA are not empanelled i.e they have not tied up with EMPLOY HEALTH SCHEME (EHS) NTR AROGYA SRI
scheme or INSURNACE COMPANIES and as such are sustaining on thier own strength. He also briefed to the committee that, he agreed in the last Bio-Medical waste meeting that the cost of services fixed at of Rs.5.50 per bed/day subject to verification of hospital bed strength as assessment of bed strength as per the occupancy, and for fixing of service charges at Rs. 6.00 per bed per day for hospitals having more than 20 beds. Incase of less than 20 bedded hospitals, he requested the committee for one month time to communicate it to all district APNA secretaries and to take decision in the next BMWTC meeting.

Dr.G.Sridevi, Deputy Commissioner, A.P. Vaidya Vidhana Parishad, stated that the APVVP is presently paying the Bio-Medical Waste charges of Rs.3.50 per bed/day and except for three districts i.e. YSR Kadapa, Ananthapur and Chittoor Districts the Bio-Medical Waste charges Rs. 5.00 per bed/day. She agreed that the Bio-Medical waste services for the Government Hospitals may be fixed at of Rs.5.00 per bed/day.

Recommendations:

After a detailed deliberation on the request for rate enhancement by the CBMWTFs the committee recommended as follows:

1. The HCFs with less occupancy shall obtain the Registration for the required bed strength from the DM&HO and submit a copy to APPCB for BMW authorization. The same bed strength shall be registered with CBMWTF operator.

2. Dr.P.Srinivas, State General Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Private Hospitals & Nursing Homes Association (APNA) accepted for enhancement of rate for BMW service charges to Rs. 6 /bed/day for hospitals having more than 20 beds after confirmation of the actual bed strength.

3. Dr.P.Srinivas, State General Secretary, APNA further requested for one month time to discuss the issue with the members of APNA throught the state about the rate enhancement. The committee accepted the request.

4. The Dy. Commissioner, APVVP accepted for fixing the service charges @5/-per bed per day.

5. The CBMWTF’s request with regard to permitting them to supply the plastic bags & barcodes is to be decided upon.

6. The A.P. Pollution Control Board to issue instructions to DME, APVVP for release of pending bills to which had been due to treatment facility operators.

It was resolved to discuss the above issue after the receipt of information from APNA, in the BMWTC meeting.