

State Level workshop for LLCs Karnataka



Seva-in-Action, SNAC – Karnataka organized one day workshop to Local Level Committees on 5th Dec 2011 at Seva-in-Action. Totally 8 LLCs (NGOs) were present representing 11 districts of Karnataka and no person with disability attended. The workshop started by invocation song by Rachana, Vocational cum production unit students. Ms. Ruma Banerjee, Director, Seva-in-Action welcomed resource persons Prof. Venkatesh, Director, KPAMRC and Mrs. Jayshree Ramesh, Board Member, National Trust and the participants.

Prof. Venkatesh shared the role of LLCs and the importance of Legal guardianship.

He also shared some of the problems faced to provide Legal Guardianship as follows:

1. People from rural side do not come for legal guardianship because no awareness
2. They are not happy to take legal guardianship, don't know the importance of utilizing the guardianship
3. Some parents are hesitating to apply for legal guardianship because of property.



Then, LLCs shared their experiences in meeting with District commissioner.

1. 15 agendas discussed within 7 minutes – Prof. Venkatesh, Bangalore rural
2. 5 awareness programmes organized in **Chikkabalapur** – depends on DC – Prof. Venkatesh
3. Once the meeting is confirmed DDWO transferred to other dept and DC transferred on regular basis. Still now there is no DDWO – Chesire Home, Coorg
4. Difficult to get date from DC – Manju Education Society, Gadag
5. Whether DC should be there for all the meetings? – Shree Ganesha Seva Trust for Exceptional Persons, Mangalore
6. DDWO not taking initiatives in organizing meetings or any ideas to organize meetings – Ajit Manochetana, North Kannada
7. Chetana is situated Mangalore but all the activities and person with disabilities from different district. It is quite difficult to coordinate and conduct meetings in Hassan because of distance not able to organize single meeting – Chetana, Hassan
8. With lot of communication with DDWO, able to organize one meeting with DC – Srusti Parents Assn, Ramnagar.

9. Example - With help of co-opted members organizing meetings by spastic society of Karnataka working in Bangalore urban- Prof. Venkatesh

10. Busy schedule of DC, LLCs are not able to organize meetings- All

Then, Ms. Ruma Banerjee, Director, Seva-in-Action shared some of the important new guidelines to LLCs from National Trust.



- a. Due to operation requirements LLCs are advised to co-opt some non statutory members such as DSWO/DDWO, civil surgeon/chief medical officer or a reputed senior lawyer in the district.
- b. The LLC may co-opt any other officer also to help and achieve convergence with the state govt schemes for the benefit of PWD. It can also co-opt active PWDs, social workers/parents and organisation working in the social sectors. The co-opted members are non-statutory members of the LLC and as such they will not have any statutory role in the functioning of the LLC.
- c. It is also advisable of the LLC to set up sub committees to work below the district. Such sub committees will support and assist the functioning of the LLC in discharging its statutory duties at the grass root level. Just like co-opted members.
- d. The chairperson of the LLC is at liberty either to designate any member, including co-opted member to work as convener. Usually DMs/DCs find it practical to nominate their district disability officer or the
- e. District social welfare officer as the convener of the LLC. It is advisable to make one of the three members of LLC as the convener if it is operationally convenient.
- f. The tenure for LLC is normally 3 years but will continue to function till it is reconstituted by the Board of NT.

Finally Mrs. Jayshree Ramesh, Board member, National Trust asked the participants to share one action points that they will take from this workshop to work as a good LLC in the district. The action points are as follows

1. Share new guidelines with DC and co-opted members
2. Meeting with District Disabled welfare officer
3. Convener should be selected with help of DC to conduct meetings with the help of co-opted members
4. Disseminate latest information to all the people (brochure etc)
5. Find out account and fund details to LLCs from NT

Suggestions from LLCs to implement their in the districts

1. LLC members should be selected as a local person and NGOs as a member of Convener.
2. National Trust should nominate the NGOs who are working locally as a LLC member.
3. Information to LLCs regarding financial assistance from National Trust
4. Organizing one day training to all LLC members
5. SNAC to update LLC with necessary information to LLCs.
6. SNAC to send standardized matter for developing publicity material to LLC

Future plans

1. Organizing mini AGM in Karnataka.
2. Developing CRC in Karnataka.