

Minutes of the Meeting

Pre-Bid meeting of EOI for Practice-based retrospective research on AYUSH therapies

Date & Time of the meeting: 12th April 2023, 3 pm to 4:30 pm

Mode: Virtual

EOI for selection of agency was floated on NHSRC website. A pre- bid was held on 12th April 2023 regarding the same.

Dr Balu Natha Mote, Sr Consultant, CP-CPHC welcomed everyone and started the meeting with a round of introductions. Dr. (Flt Lt). M.A. Balasubramanya, Advisor, CP-CPHC in his opening address thanked all members for joining.

Next, Dr Mote gave a brief presentation on the EOI. Following this, a question-and-answer session was carried out. The questions asked and their responses are as follows:

S. No.	Questions	Responses
1.	Can we assess our own Ayurved centre/ Hospital? or we must include other centres as well?	<p>Since this is a national level study, to understand, document and demonstrate the value of AYUSH system of services in terms of clinical outcomes or health outcomes in the country, it can't be your center alone.</p> <p>Retrospective data of last 0-10 years from 50-100 institutions across the country needs to be captured to assess clinical outcomes following AYUSH therapies and procedures prevalent in various institutions.</p>
2.	Are we trying to cover all the disciplines of AYUSH- i.e. Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy and is it under each discipline that we have to take 50-100 centers?	<p>It is a clinical outcome based retrospective study. Optimum sample size needs to be chosen from each of the AYUSH systems of medicine based on availability and prevalence to give nationwide evidence.</p> <p>While choosing centers, service provision, service utilization, and the level of efficiency needs to be considered.</p>
3.	Should the clinical outcomes be health condition or disease based, or all the conditions have to be looked upon?	<p>This study tries to gather evidence on clinical outcomes of various intervention of AYUSH system of medicine for common ailments rather than rare and uncommon diseases.</p>

4.	Standard questions will be provided by NHSRC or do we need to develop questionnaires?	Tools has to be developed by the organization selected for the study. It will be validated and verified by the technical committee of NHSRC. After validation it will be administered in the field.
5.	What kind of organizations can apply for the study?	Public Health organisations, Research organisations, Academic organisations, or a combination of organisations as consortium can apply.
6.	What is the duration of the study?	6 Months
7.	What is the selection criteria	<p>Agencies will be shortlisted based on the QCBS mechanism in which 70% weightage will be given to the technical proposal and 30% weightage to the financial proposals as per norms mentioned in GFR-17.</p> <p>An organization who gets shortlisted after technical proposal assessment will be considered for financial bid. The combined score will be considered for the final selection.</p>
8.	Are private limited research organizations eligible to apply?	Any organization as mentioned in the response of serial no. 5 may apply.
9.	Do we need to look at pure AYUSH system or the usage of allopathy is allowed?	<p>Institutions where AYUSH interventions are given needs to be selected.</p> <p>If finding of the study suggests, patient satisfaction and clinical outcomes has bearing on any other systems of medicine, it may be mentioned in the report.</p>
10.	Six months may not be enough to complete the study	It is retrospective study. Hence, time duration to complete the study is directly proportional to the field investigators deputed for the study.
11.	Line of treatments are established in Ayurved, what if our observations contradict what is already proven through research and conflict the existing literature?	Research should not have any prejudice.
12.	Template for the Financial proposal	EOI has elaborated the required components.

13.	Are we expecting any Publication out of the research?	Yes. Study will go in the public domain, following proper procedures.
14.	Data retrieval from institutions will require IRB clearance, that might take time. Should we do away with institutions having such restrictions to complete the research in six months?	IRB approval is given to a study and not to an Institution. The IRB approval can be taken from any institution to conduct the study.

Following the discussion, Dr Balu Natha Mote in his vote of thanks, thanked all the participants for attending the meeting and closed the session.

Annexures

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