

Meetings' Minutes:

Minutes (only relevant portions) from projects meetings where Prerana was discussed is given below.

[Feb. 28 2007]

(minutes taken by Jayanand)

Attendees: Shankar, Jayanand, Kiran, Aravind, Nayana, Vinay, Sarika, Ramesh, Rajnish, Anshu, Rekha, Krishna, Karl and Debapriya

- Discussed the conference call with Asha Sanctuary members regarding Prerna.
- Talked about possibility of involving other chapter to co-fund Prerna with us. Asha Atlanta has shown some interest in this matter.
- Proposed to send UIUC undergrad students as interns to Prerna to improve our involvement with their functioning.
- Discussed funding only the educational aspects of Prerna, perhaps in just one of their 3 centres.
- Nayana agreed to find out in detail the center wise break-up of their proposal.

[Apr. 22 2007]

(minutes taken by Shankar)

Folks: Rajesh, Kiran, Ravi Iyer, Fakhru, Anshu, Karl, Jessica, Juhi, Marita, Rekha, Ramesh, Sheila, Jayesh, Krithika, Nayana, Madhav, Vinay, Rajnish, Vidisha, Nayana and Shankar. (21 in all -- whoa!)

Agenda: The agenda was to discuss Prerana, go over the minutes of the conference call we had with the project and the new budgets they had sent us. Also on the agenda was the discussion of the site visit report from Ashok of Silicon Valley, who had visited the Kamathipura center of this project on 4/6/07.

Project URL:

<https://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=817>

Minutes:

1. Since there were few new faces in the meeting, Nayana gave a brief introduction to Prerana.
2. The last time we had discussed this project, we were not able to understand the various activities of Prerana clearly, the way it was mentioned in their proposal. For getting clarifications, we had spoken with Priti Patkar of Prerana on 4/4/07. The conference call had helped us understand the project better. For the benefit of those who were not on that call, Nayana went over the important topics covered in the call. This mainly included understanding pt.7, pg.7 in the project's proposal. The proposal can be accessed on the project's webpage (URL above).
3. We had requested some statistics from Priti the last time we discussed the project. Priti had gotten back to us with those details, and Nayana read them out to the group. The Q&A file can be accessed on the project's webpage (URL above).
4. Prof. Iyer asked if we knew what percentage of affected children in this area are actually being covered by this project. Nayana to find this out in the next correspondence with Priti.
5. Site visit report: The report was generally agreed upon as being encouraging and good. However, we had asked Ashok to visit the other centers of Prerana, not Kamathipura. So, there was an opinion that it might be good for us to try and have someone visit the Falkland Road center. Shankar will follow up on this. It was however decided that we will not hold this site visit report as something that's necessary to complete the review for this project. The site visit report can be accessed on the project's webpage (URL above).
6. Budget for Falkland Road center: We decided to concentrate on the proposal for Falkland Road center only as the files sent by Priti seemed to suggest that the project was doing good on funds at the Vashi

Turbe center. Nayana and Shankar explained that it will be really hard to break up the proposal based on categories like recreation, night shelter etc. The conference call with Priti seemed to corroborate this point as well. We therefore decided to pick points from the proposal that we will be interested in funding. Following a discussion on this, it was agreed upon to consider for funding only the following expenses from the budget: Project coordinator, Teaching aids, Study tables, Nutrition, Mother's meet (seek individual sponsor?), Administration (excluding Travel and DA staff and children and mothers)

Action Items:

1. Shankar to follow up on the possibility of doing a site visit at the Falkland Road center.
2. Shankar to make all relevant information about the project to be made available at the project's website. (done!)
3. A vote to be set up to decide on whether or not we will be interested in funding the project for the categories listed in #6 above.

(End of minutes)

[Apr. 28 2007]

(minutes taken by Jayanand)

Attended by : Shankar, Jayanand, Kiran, Anshu, Nayana, Pradeep, Aravind, Vidisha, Rekha, Venu Madhav, Sheila, Juhi, Rajesh, Nagraj, Vinay Fakhruddin, Rajnish, Kaushik, Aruna.

- 1) Nayana talked about Asha- SV's idea to encourage smaller chapters to approach them for monetary assistance.
- 2) Discussed key point of the Prerna budget. Nayana presented the budget and it was discussed what aspects we can approve for funding.
- 3) Deciding on confirming with Asha-SV whether we need to mention a guaranteed range of funding for Prerna while presenting the project to them.
- 4) Talked about the possibility of including more people to steward Prerna since a larger amount of funding was involved.

[May 6 2007]

(minutes taken by Aravind)

Attendees: Nayana, Kiran, Kaushik, Aruna, Rajesh, Vidisha, Jayesh, Pradeep, Sheila, Shankar, Juhi, Jessica, Sarika, Karl, Rekha, Vinay, Anshu, Madhav, Manoj, Rajneesh and Aravind.

2. Nayana talked about Prerna - discussed new developments involving Asha-SV
 - * Ashok Naidu from SV is going to present the project to the SV chapter.
 - * He suggests considering a combined proposal of Falkland Rd and Vashi Turbe
 - Difference between the two proposals is quite small.
 - * It would not work out if we do not put in any money
 - * He says it would be good if we fund around 8-10K
 - For us this means we guarantee to set aside this money for Prerna
 - * Can we decide to set aside an amount without considering all projects?
 - Attendees voted in favor of a minimum of 8K and upto 10K.
 - An online poll will be set up on this issue for a formal vote.
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