

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE
Executive Committee 2020/21

Appendix 1

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Executive Committee for 2020/21 held on Monday, 31 May, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 201, 2/F., Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong and online via zoom for Members who were not able to join in person.

Present : The Hon. Bernard Chan (Chairperson)
Ms. Yvonne Chak Mr. Charles Chan
Ms. Queenie Chan Ms. Susan Chan
Mr. Francis Chau Mr. Larry Kwok
Mr. Kwok Lit Tung Mr. Lai Wing Hoi
Dr. Lam Ching Choi Ms. Elizabeth Law
Ms. Josephine Lee Dr Edward Leung
Mr. Kennedy Liu Dr. Annissa Lui
Dr. CC Luk Prof. Terry Lum
Mr. Joseph Man Mr. Shiu Ka Chun
Ms. Bonnie So Ms. Kathy Wong
Ms. Wong Sau Wa Ms. Noel Yeung
Ms. Yvonne Yeung

In-Attendance : Mr. Chua Hoi Wai, Chief Executive
Ms. Grace Chan, Business Director
Mr. Cliff Choi, Business Director
Mr. Raymond Lai, Business Director
Mr. Anthony Wong, Business Director

Apologies : Ms. Karrie Chan Mr. Benny Cheung
Mr. Raymond Chiu Mr. Stephen Wong
Ms. Noel Yeung

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

1. Minutes of the last meeting dated 29 March 2021 were confirmed with no amendment.

MATTERS ARISING

2. Mr. Chua drew Members' attention to below matters arising from minutes of the last meeting.

- HKCSS 75th Anniversary's Consultancy Study: Mr. Chua reported that after going through formal procurement procedures, McKinsey & Company was selected to be the consultant of the Study and the first Steering Committee meeting had been held. The membership of the Committee comprised office-bearers and few Members of ExCo. The Council's Chief Executive and Business Directors as well as members of concerned staff group also attended the meeting. It was further noted that ExCo endorsement was sought and RTHK was officially selected for production of the TV documentary.
- To note and approve Temporary Membership Suspension of Non-compliant Agency Members: Mr. Chua noted that temporary membership suspension of non-complined agency members were lifted, following their re-submission of overdue reports in accordance with prescribed requirement .

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION AND APPROVAL

To note the Chief Executive's Progress Report

3. Members noted the Chief Executive's Progress Report and Mr. Chua provided supplementary information on below issues.

- Social Welfare Caring Campaign for Anti-epidemic
Due to the pandemic of COVID-19, HKCSS has launched the "Social Welfare Caring Campaign for Anti-epidemic" providing support to people in need since February 2020, materials such as anti-epidemic care packs were distributed. Recently after reviewing the stock of materials, the Council planned donating the remaining masks to small NGOs and groups of service users to support their service operations.
- The Book 《疫光飛行》
Sponsored by The Community Chest, the book written by Wong Ming Lok, a freelance educator, was recently published. It described ten real cases of how NGOs were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and they had tried every different effort to cope with these unprecedented challenges. The book would also be launched at upcoming HK Book Fair in July.
- Hong Kong Seeing Eye Dog Services Limited (HKSEDS)
Mr. Chua reported on a recent complaint against an agency member, HKSEDS, for dog maltreatment, the Council had been closely monitoring the case which would be handled properly in accordance with formal agency complaint procedures, and should it had damaging impact to the Council's reputation, the membership unit would take action accordingly.

To note the Position of Funds

4. The Position of Funds was noted and received by Members.

To note the Annual Election Procedure and Schedule for AGM 2021

5. Mr. Chua reported that the Council's AGM 2021 was scheduled to be held on 12 November, Friday, at the Council's Auditorium. Members were invited to endorse the formation of Election Committee, the appointment of Mr. Kennedy Liu and Mr. Larry Kwok to serve on the Election Committee, the election procedure and schedule for the new governance of 2021-2023. Mr. Chua also highlighted that the governance structure of the Core Business on Policy Research and Advocacy had been revised in order to enhance its work. The Specialized Committee on Social Development and Specialized Committee on Social Security & Employment Policy would be dissolved after the AGM 2021. Members noted and endorsed the formation of Election Committee, the procedure and schedule for the new governance of 2021-2023, and the management would commence the preparation work accordingly.

To note and approve Application of Agency Membership

6. Members noted and approved the application of below agencies:

- Faith Health Counselling and Training Centre Ltd 同在坊輔導及培訓中心有限公司
- Brother & Sister in Christ Foundation Ltd 基督為本基金有限公司
- Integrated Brilliant Education Limited
- Yama Foundation Limited 整體瑜伽治療中心有限公司
- Hong Kong Rugby Union Community Foundation Limited 香港欖球總會社區基金有限公司

After deliberation, below agency applications were not approved by Members and the membership unit would communicate with concerned agencies in accordance with the prescribed procedures. *(Agency names were strictly for discussion and not to be disclosed)*

To note and approve Membership Termination / Withdrawal of Agency Member

7. Noted that the agency had already ceased its operation, Members approved the membership termination of Enlighten Hong Kong Limited 香港啟迪會.

Update on the Latest Development of HKCSS WiseGiving and Transitional Social Housing

8. Mr. Cliff Choi, Business Director, reported and explained the latest development of WiseGiving, which Members noted and endorsed the recommendation that upon completion of expending existing project funds or returned to HKCSS appropriately, the HKCSS WiseGiving Limited and WiseGiving Charitable Trust would be wound up accordingly.
9. Mr. Anthony Wong, Business Director, reported on the latest development of Community Housing Movement (CHM) and Modular Social Housing (MSH), and explained to Members that the role of the Council changed and had been officially selected by Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) to be the consultancy service provider for NGOs to develop their social housing projects. Mr. Wong highlighted to Members that in light of the new role, the governing committees had been renamed as Steering Committee for Social Housing with its Terms of Reference being revised. Mr. Wong also reported that the change of role implied that the financial risks were not going to be as high as what had been previously projected, so the need for a separate subsidiary would no longer be existed and the process of forming a subsidiary had been ceased. Mr. Chua further clarified the existing status of subsidiaries under HKCSS: ITRC and ILRC, that the former would be maintained as an active company, and the latter would become dormant. Members noted and endorsed the new developments.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

2021 Annual Submission to Chief Executive of HKSAR and WAPs

10. Mr. Anthony Wong, Business Director, presented the draft 2021 Annual Submission which had been discussed in concerned service networks and governing committees. Mr. Wong highlighted in the Submission that different walks of life, in particular the vulnerable groups in the community had been greatly impacted by challenges and hardships brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, but the Council together with the sector had responded quickly and proactively mobilized massive resources from community funders, partners and the government to help support urgent needs of NGOs in the sector in order to further provide essential services to people in need in the society.

The submission this year had focused on 9 key recommendations relating to improving people's livelihood and in building civil society, hoping that relevant policies and measures could be developed by the government in supporting citizens in need in order to survive the hardship. In summary, the recommendations were proposed in addressing 1) unemployment and inadequate income; 2) burden of housing expenditure of grassroots households; 3) youth's emotional problems; 4) child protection system and child abuse; 5) rehabilitation of young prisoners; 6) carer-centered carer policy and support measures; 7) community care services revamping; 8) tele-practice in the new normal; and 9) agency capacity building to improve support to non-subsidized NGOs.

11. Following the presentation of the Annual Submission, Mr. Raymond Lai, Business Director, reported on the Welfare Agenda and Priorities Setting 2021, which was successfully held online on 14 May 2021. It was highlighted that the annual exercise similar to that of the last year, had been arranged online due to COVID-19 pandemic and over 900 participants were recorded taking part. Mr. Lai reported that all views collected from participants were consolidated together with the feedback received from committees of governance and network meetings, and a draft submission was compiled with a final WAPs list of 18 agenda items comprising different scope of services. The final WAPs report once endorsed by ExCo would be submitted to SWD and the follow-up work would continue according to

the work plan. Mr. Chua also noted that the Council had recently received from SWD the draft Review Report of LSG, which the management would study and related task force and committees would be engaged for comments.

Members discussed and their views were noted. With no further enquiries, Members received and endorsed both Reports which would be finalized for submission to the government.

Follow up on the “Improving Electoral System Bill 2021”

12. Mr. Chua Hoi Wai, Chief Executive, presented to Members the “Improving Electoral System (Consolidated Amendments) Bill 2021” (the Bill) gazetted on 13 April and pending for passage of the Bill by the Legislative Council by end of May 2021. Mr. Chua noted that the Bill had changed substantially composition of the Election Committee (EC), including the Social Welfare Subsector (SW Subsector). In short, the number of members of the SW Subsector was proposed to be reduced from 60 to 30, with 15 being ex-officio members and 15 to be elected by about 180+ corporate voters. Mr. Chua referred to Annex of the discussion paper for details and invited Members to:

- note that the Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) was one of the 15 ex-officio members of the Social Welfare Subsector;
- nominate a representative to be a voter representing the HKCSS in 2021 Election Committee Subsector Ordinary Elections (ECSSOE) to be held on September 19, 2021;
- deliberate on guidelines to be given to the representatives of the HKCSS in the 2021 ECSSOE, for example, when considering making nominations and voting, etc.; and
- give advice on how to respond to enquiries of the Council’s Agency Members.

Members noted that the Chairperson of the Executive Committee (ExCo) of the HKCSS was one of the 15 ex-officio members of the SW Subsector. After serious deliberation, Members of the ExCo decided to appoint the Chief Executive of the Council to be the authorized representative to become a voter in the SW Subsector.

Regarding the guidelines to the representatives of the HKCSS in the 2021 ECSSOE in making nominations and voting, Members opined that the decision-making process should involve in-depth deliberation. The engagement of ExCo would be necessary in order to collect their concerns. There were also views that the Council should prepare for making recommendations of welfare agenda to the candidate’s election platform.

Mr. Chua thanked Members for the views and suggested to continue the discussion at the ExCo meeting in July, and meanwhile, a memo informing all Agency Members of the resolution that the Chief Executive was nominated as the representative to be the voter of the HKCSS would be issued. Members would also be informed of the latest update.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13. The next meeting was scheduled for 26 July 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.