

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

Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee for 2020/21 held on Monday, 26 July 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 201, 2/F., Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong (Upon request, *Zoom was available for Members who were not able to join in person*).

**Present** : Mr. Kennedy Liu (Vice-Chairperson)  
Ms. Yvonne Chak Mr. Charles Chan  
Ms. Karrie Chan Ms. Queenie Chan  
Ms. Susan Chan Mr. Francis Chau  
Mr. Raymond Chiu Mr. Larry Kwok  
Mr. Kwok Lit Tung Mr. Lai Wing Hoi  
Dr. Lam Ching Choi Ms. Elizabeth Law  
Ms. Josephine Lee Dr Edward Leung  
Dr. Annissa Lui 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** : The Hon. Bernard Chan Mr. Benny Cheung  
Dr. CC Luk Mr. Stephen Wong

*(The Hon. Bernard Chan, Chairperson, was out of town and Mr. Kennedy Liu, Vice-Chairperson, took chair of the Meeting on his behalf)*

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

1. Minutes of the last meeting dated 31 May 2021 were confirmed with no amendment.

**MATTERS ARISING**

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

– The Book 《疫光飛行》

Sponsored by the Community Chest, the Book written by Wong Ming Lok, a freelance educator, was recently published and available for sale in the Commercial Press (HK) Ltd. The Book recorded that NGOs had contributed greatly in providing timely support to disadvantaged groups in the community to face the unprecedented challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic.

– HKCSS 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary's Consultancy Study

Mr. Chua reported that the management had been working closely with the consultant, McKinsey & Company, and had conducted focus group interviews with key stakeholders, partners and the Council staff, in collecting views before heading into the next stage for more in-depth exploration into specific issues and concerns.

## **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.

– Time to Heal (港講訴) Project

The Time to Heal Project (the Project) had been supporting the public who have mental health needs and up to July, the Project had approved a total of 2,602 applications for providing emergency psychological support. It was encouraging to note that an additional injection of funds had been received recently.

– Survey on Households of Sub-divided Units (SDU)

Under the "Assistance Programme to the Living Environment of Low-income Subdivided Unit Households", a 4-domain-survey had been started since July 2020 until June 2022. It was targeted to reach out and study the service needs of about 20,000 low-income SDU households. The 1<sup>st</sup> phase under the domain "housing choice" was completed and widely covered by the media. The major findings released had provided a timely reference for the government and policy-makers to further explore the needs of these SDU households.

– Review Report on Enhancement of Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (the Report)

It was noted that the Government had released the Review Report on Enhancement of Lump Sum Grant Subvention System (LSGSS) on 5 July 2021. There were 30 recommendations under five domains, namely, quality of services, human resources management, financial planning, proper use of subvention and accountability and governance, being reported and introduced to enhance the LSGSS.

Mr. Cliff Choi, Business Director, reported that preliminary views from members of the governing committees concerned had suggested writing a joint letter expressing disappointment to the Director of Social Welfare on the Report, in particular on the use of subvention, among other issues. Mr. Choi also noted that an agency heads meeting would be arranged to further collect views from member agencies before proceeding with the petition.

Members of ExCo noted and had given comments. A Member opined that the Council should consider organizing a consultation with relevant stakeholders and representatives of member agencies in the sector, in order that different perspectives of views, in relation to subvented and non-subvented services, could be thoroughly surveyed and taken into consideration. There was also an opinion that in making a response to the Government on behalf of member agencies, the Council was suggested to be strategic in the positioning and in articulating the sector's response, whether making it a targeted feedback on core issues to NGOs or a holistic perspective that might achieve a bigger impact. A Member also viewed that the Council should be aware that only a substantial number of signatories participated in the joint letter could substantiate the petition in making an impact. Mr. Chua thanked Members for the advice and would keep them abreast of the latest update.

### To note the Position of Funds

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

### To note and approve Membership Withdrawal of Agency Member

5. Members noted and approved membership withdrawal of agency members.

### To note and approve the Agency Member's Change of Name

6. Members noted and approved the change of name of agency member.

To note and approve the Review of Enhancements of Provident Fund provided to HKCSS Staff

7. Members noted and endorsed to extend the employer's contribution of 10% of staff salary to eligible staff for another year until 2023-24, taken into consideration that the Council was financially viable in accommodating the enhancement. Mr. Chua further noted that the government's proposed abolition of MPF offsetting mechanism to be tabled in the next legislative year should be an important factor for consideration when making the relevant projections next year.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

Membership Feedback Survey 2020/21

8. Mr. Cliff Choi, Business Director, presented the findings of the Membership Feedback Survey 2020/21 (the Survey) conducted by the Council's membership unit with all member agencies in between April to June 2021. Mr. Choi reported that the Survey was done anonymously and both quantitative and qualitative data were collected. According to the results of the Survey, Mr. Choi noted that based on the feedback collected, an average incremental increase in performance of the Council had been recorded. It was in particular gratifying that the overall feedback was positive and a majority of views had expressed appreciation and supportive to the work of the Council in effecting positive impact for the sector and to the community in the past years.

Members noted and received the Survey report with no further enquiries. Mr. Chua thanked all member agencies for their unfailing support. The results would also be a useful reference for the consultant, McKinsey & Company, when conducting the HKCSS 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary consultancy study to develop the Council's future strategy for social development.

Follow up on the "Improving Electoral System Bill 2021"

9. Mr. Chua presented and introduced to Members the considerations and proposed guidelines for the Chairperson and Chief Executive, who were Council's representatives being entrusted by the ExCo in performing their roles as a member of the Election Committee and a registered voter, respectively, in upcoming elections. The ExCo noted and supported in principle the proposed guidelines.

*(Post-meeting note dated 21/9/2021: the wordings of the guidelines are refined as follows:*

- To facilitate the Council's functions of promoting social welfare and social development, the Council's representatives may inform candidates/potential candidates of any upcoming elections of the Council's working objectives on social welfare and social development.*
- When making nominations of candidates/potential candidates or when voting in such elections, the Council's representatives may consider whether the positions of such candidates/potential candidates as represented by them are in line with the Council's working objectives on promoting social welfare and social development.)*

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

10. The next meeting was scheduled for 27 September 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 201 of Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

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