

**THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE**  
**Executive Committee 2022/23**

Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee for 2022/23 held on Monday, 5 June, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. and the meeting was held online via zoom.

Present : The Hon. Bernard Chan (Chairperson)  
Ms. Yvonne Chak Ms. Susan Chan  
Mr. Benny Cheung Mr. Raymond Chiu  
Mr. Andy Ho The Hon. Peter Douglas Koon  
Mr. Larry Kwok Dr. Hon. Lam Ching Choi  
Ms. Elizabeth Law Ms. Anthea Lee  
Ms. Carmen Lee Ms. Josephine Lee  
Ms. Rachel Leung Mr. Kennedy Liu  
Dr. CC Luk Prof. Terry Lum  
Dr. Hon. Tik Chi Yuen Ms. Apple Tse  
Ms. Wong Sau Wa Ms. Yvonne Yeung

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

Apologies : Ms. Karrie Chan Ms. Queenie Chan  
Ms. Chan Siu Lai Dr. Fung Cheung Tim  
Mrs. Patricia Lau Ms. Ivy Leung  
Ms. Melissa Pang

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

1. Minutes of the last meeting dated 3 April 2023 were confirmed with no amendment.

**MATTERS ARISING**

Membership Suspension of Non-compliant Agency Members

2. Mr. Chua Hoi Wai, Chief Executive, provided an update stating that as of the meeting date, 21 agency members had complied with the requirements, 2 cases had been withdrawn, and only 6 out of 29 agency members were left with suspended membership. Our Membership Liaison and Service unit staff had contacted them all to monitor their progress closely, provide sufficient time and assistance, and help address any difficulties they might have experienced.

**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 issue(s) presented in the report.

3.1 Youth-friendly Mental Health Support Secret Chat (默密傾) : Co-creation of Online Chat Counselling

Mr. Chua emphasized that the project was introducing a new service model by adopting an online chat counselling approach. This innovative approach was designed to meet the psychosocial needs of young people and was worth exploring further. The first workshop for the project was scheduled to be held in late August or September 2023.

### 3.2 Rehabilitation International 100th Anniversary Celebration

In regards to the Rehabilitation International 100th Anniversary Celebration, Mr. Chua mentioned that the event was held in Beijing, China from May 19th to May 23rd, 2023. Approximately 50 representatives from various rehabilitation agencies had attended the event, which featured a range of activities including an exhibition similar to the GIES of the Council. The exhibition showcased the adoption of new technology, with advanced and innovative assistance tools, related to key areas such as rehabilitation, education, employment, and community inclusion.

Mr. Chua also shared his observations with Members regarding a recent study tour led by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare to the Greater Bay Area, which showcased several elderly care service centers and rental services. Additionally, the use of advanced information systems had facilitated effective data sharing and analysis on specific care services. He also mentioned an exhibition in Shanghai that was attended by Ms. Grace Chan, Business Director. The exhibition showcased the fast and forward-thinking development of elderly services and the adoption of advanced assistive tools, including both hardware and software.

### 3.3 The Press Conference of the Guideline of Care Food Standard

Regarding the press conference of the guideline of care food standard, Mr. Chua mentioned that the guideline was recently officially released in a press conference: 「照護有你 - 照護食標準指引發布會」。 The conference had received significant attention from the public and news media, and it was hoped that the guideline would be adopted by the Hospital Authority and promoted further to District Health Centres (DHC) in various districts.

### To note the Position of Funds

4. The Hon. Treasurer presented the Position of Funds of the Council, which also highlighted details about the amount due from BMO and movements of the HKCSS Investment Fund that were impacted by recent stock transactions. In response to a question about the timeline for BMO to repay the receivables dues and to mitigate potential financial risks arising from any unpaid debts, it was suggested that the Council should prepare a provision. The Hon. Treasurer acknowledged the issue and stated that she would carefully review the entire financial statement with Mr. Chua to provide regular updates on the progress.

Mr. Chua elaborated that the finance situation of BMO was gradually improving after rental income picked up post-COVID, and service enhancement plans aimed at generating income were in progress to help mitigate BMO's financial pressure. With queries addressed, Members acknowledged and accepted the Position of Funds without any further questions.

### To note and approve the Termination of Agency Membership

5. Members noted and approved the membership termination of below agencies:
  - 擇善坊有限公司 Charitable Choice Limited
  - 社會協同基金有限公司 Social Synergy Fund Limited

### To note and approve the Annual Election Procedure and Schedule for 2023 AGM of HKCSS

6. Mr. Chua announced that the Council's AGM for 2023 was scheduled to take place on November 13th, Monday afternoon, at the Council's Auditorium. He also presented the new election arrangements for the Council's governance during the terms of 2023-2024 and 2023-2025, including the appointment of the election committee and the nomination schedule. Mr. Chua emphasized that, following the restructuring of governance committees, all of the elected members of the two new Standing Committees (Standing Committee on Social Development and Standing Committee on Sector Development and Finance) should be elected. Half of the elected members should serve a two-year term, and the other half

should serve a one-year term. The details of these changes were documented in the table listed for the Executive Committee, Standing Committees, and Specialized Committees.

In response to a Member's inquiry, Mr. Chua confirmed that all relevant changes, including any election-related technical issues, such as handling of lots drawn for the same number of votes, would be clearly stated in the election guidelines. With no further inquiries raised, Members noted and endorsed the formation of the Election Committee, the appointment of Mr. Kennedy Liu and Mr. Larry Kwok to serve on the committee (Mr. Kennedy Liu as Chairperson), the election arrangements, and the nomination schedule for the new governance of 2023-2024 and 2023-2025. Mr. Chua thanked Members for their support, and the Membership Liaison and Service unit would proceed to start the preparation work accordingly.

To note and approve the Welfare Agenda and Priorities Setting (WAPS) 2023

7. Mr. Raymond Lai, Business Director, presented the final draft of the Report of 2023 Welfare Agenda and Priorities Setting (WAPS) Exercise for Members to review and comment. During the presentation, Mr. Lai highlighted that the annual WAPS exercise had been successfully conducted on May 5th, 2023, where members and the Government had exchanged views and deliberated on priorities and future directions in the development of welfare policies and services. The selected agenda, valuable views, and feedback provided during the exercise were compiled and consolidated into the final report, which consisted of six priority service needs, including holistic welfare planning, child and youth, elderly, family and community, rehabilitation, and social security, among others. Being presented, Members had no further questions, the Report of WAPS 2023 was endorsed.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

8. Mr. Chua updated the Members on the Council's efforts to gather feedback and recommendations from the sector to be submitted to the Government. This was in response to recent tragic incidents that highlighted the need for additional resources and support for mental health patients.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9. The next meeting was scheduled for 31 July 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.