

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Service Development (Family & Community)

Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2020-21) held on November 11, 2020 (Wednesday) at Room 103, 1/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Present

Ms Eliza LAM (Chairperson)	Caritas – Hong Kong
Mrs Angela CHIU (Vice-chairperson)	Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council
Mr Tom MA (Vice-chairperson)	The Salvation Army
Ms Carmen LIAU	Breakthrough Limited
Ms Agnes LEUNG	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong
Ms Florence KONG	Hong Kong Christian Service
Mr YIP Kin-chung	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited
Dr Margaret WONG	Hong Kong Shue Yan University
Ms Cindy YIU	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Ms LAM Yee-mui	The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
Ms Iris LIU	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Mr Raymond WONG	St James' Settlement
Ms Wendy WONG	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Mr Moses MUI	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr W S CHAN	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Blanche KI	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Noel CHOW (recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Apologies

Ms Scarlet POON	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
Ms Judy CHAN	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
Ms CHENG Miu-nar	Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers

1. Welcoming and Introduction

Membership list of the Committee 2020-2022 (paper 1) had been sent to members for reference before the meeting. Members were advised to submit amendment needed for updating. Attending members and staff of Family and Community Service team introduced themselves to each other. Mr Moses Mui extended warm welcome to all members.

2. Structure and Terms of Reference of Specialized Committee

Structure of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (paper 2) and Terms of Reference of Specialized Committees (paper 3) had been sent to members for information. Mr Moses Mui also briefed members on the composition of the existing networks and working/task groups under family and community services. He further took members through the Terms of Reference, especially the composition and functions of the Specialized Committee as well as the term of office of its members.

(Post-meeting note: Declaration of Interests by Members of Governing Committees of HKCSS has been distributed to members by email on November 24, 2020 for completion.)

**3. Election of Chairperson and Vice-chairperson;
Appointment of Representative to Standing Committee on Service Development and Liaison**

Ms Eliza Lam was elected to be the chairperson while Mrs Angela Chiu and Mr Tom Ma were elected to be the vice-chairpersons of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service for 2020-2021. Hence, Ms Lam would represent the Committee to join the Standing Committee on Service Development and Liaison as ex-officio member in 2020-2021.

4. Cooption of Members

Mr Moses Mui briefed members there had been a policy that only one representative from each agency could be Committee member (which is applied for both elected and co-opted members). After deliberation, it was agreed to keep the practice continuing co-opt representatives from the Network on Community Development Service, the Network on Ethnic Minorities Service and the Network on Substance Abuse Service. Members agreed that any further recommendation of cooption could be made throughout the year if necessary.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on September 9, 2020 was circulated by email on October 27, 2020 and was confirmed with nil amendment.

6. Half-year Progress Report (April to September 2020)

The Half-year Progress Report (April to September, 2020) of the Family and Community Service (paper 4) has been sent to members for information.

Mr Moses Mui presented a powerpoint document (April to September, 2020) to highlight/supplement the following items:

- i) 2020 Welfare Agenda & Priorities Setting
 - the annual meeting of WAPS was held on May 15, 2020 via ZOOM platform
 - recommendations were submitted to SWD in July 2020
- ii) Three Year Plan on Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation in Hong Kong
 - 4 sessions of online consultation were held to collect sector's views
 - recommendations were sent to Narcotics Division
- iii) Professional Exchange and Capacity Building in Drug Treatment Service
 - a 2-day drug conference was held on June 2 to 3, 2020
 - 6 sessions of "Integrative Harm Reduction Psychotherapy" workshop were held in July 2020

- iv) International Standards on Community Development Practice
 - 2 workshops were organized with the support of HKCSSI on July 29 and October 29, 2020
- v) Service and Policy Advocacy – Ethnic Minorities
 - meetings with District Council members were arranged in April 15 and May 22, 2020 at Southern District and Kwun Tong respectively
- vi) Service and Policy Advocacy - Divorced Families
 - 2 meetings with the research team of “Further Study on the Phenomenon of Divorce in Hong Kong” led by Prof Paul Yip were held on April 28 and August 20, 2020 to discuss the policy recommendations
- vii) Special Projects
 - FamConnect Project: 「賽馬會家在一起」計劃 (September 2017 - November 2020)
thematic events, Happy Family Month events and community-based programmes were held though under the pandemic
 - Jockey Club Project IDEAL (September 2020 – August 2023)
a new 3-year project was launched for the enhancement of parental education through **I**nspiration, **D**evelopment, **E**mpowerment, **A**utonomy and **T**ransformative **L**earning

The powerpoint file would be shared to members for further reference between their agencies, updating the highlighted work of the Family and Community Service team of the Council

7. Matters Arising

7.1 Working Group on Maintenance Issue

Ms Wendy Wong updated members the latest progress of the Working Group. Members suggested the following for further follow up:

- i) Organizing sector forum to keep up the discussion after the HKU study report being released.
- ii) Capacity-building (eg. knowledge of family law and handling divorced cases) to be organized through collaboration with SCSCs and IFSCs.
- iii) Resuming discussion regarding legislation of co-parenting/ parental responsibility with examination of the readiness of service provision.

It was also suggested to rename the Working Group as “Working Group on Parental Responsibility” to reflect its expanded scope of concern. Besides, Committee members were encouraged to join the Working Group.

7.2 Working Group on Carer Service and Policy

Mr W S Chan reported the progress of the Council’s work on carer service/support. Recommendations within the framework would be:

- i) health & well-being;
- ii) service support and friendly environment; and
- iii) rest (eg. Carer Café)

It was agreed that Mr Tom Ma and Ms Cindy Yiu would be representatives from the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service to the Working Group this term.

NLCDP as relief of carer insufficiency was suggested in the meeting. It would be studied by the Working Group and further discussed in the next SC-FC meeting.

8. Any Other Business

- 8.1 It was agreed that Ms Lam Yee-mui would be the representative to Best Practice Award Organizing Committee from SC-FC.
- 8.2 All members agreed to join the SC-FC WhatsApp group to be created by Mr Moses Mui for better communication.
- 8.3 Members were noted the resignation of Ms Lynn Law. Mr W S Chan would take up the subject of Substance Abuse from November 19 onwards while Mr Moses Mui would be responsible for the subject of Ethnic Minorities till the newly appointed officer on board.

Members appreciated the contribution of Ms Lynn Law to the Council over the past years.

11. Date of Next Meeting - Proposed Meeting Schedule

A proposed meeting schedule (paper 5) was sent to members for discussion. There were nil amendment and the next meeting would be held on January 13, 2021 (Wednesday) at 2:30 pm in Room 1410, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building or by ZOOM platform.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Adopted by

Chairperson
on the _____ day of _____ 2021