

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Service Development (Family & Community)

Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2020-21) held on May 12, 2021 (Wednesday) in Room 201, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

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 Scarlet POON	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
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
Ms Cindy YIU	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Ms LAM Yee-mui	The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
Ms Judy CHAN	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
Dr Margaret WONG	Hong Kong Shue Yan University
Ms Iris LIU	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Ms CHENG Miu-nar	Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers
Mr Raymond WONG	St James' Settlement
Ms Wendy WONG	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Ms Florence CHENG	Aberdeen Kai-Fong Welfare Association Social Service
Ms Carol NG	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church – HK Synod
Mr Moses MUI	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Blanche KI	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Qubie TANG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr Toby YIP	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Noel CHOW (recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Apologies

Ms Sky SIU KELY Support Group Limited

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on March 10, 2021 was circulated by email on April 9, 2021 and was confirmed with nil amendment.

2. Matters Arising

2.1 Working Group on Supporting Divorced Families

Ms Wendy Wong reported that the Working Group has held its last meeting on April 27, 2021 in which follow-up plan was discussed based on the latest progress

of HKU's study. It was suggested that new strategies needed to be deliberated in response to the changing social environment.

Members were informed that Ms Melissa Pang has replaced Prof Daniel Shek as chairperson of Family Council. The Working Group will further liaise with her for lobbying support.

Moreover, it was also reported that training program on parental responsibility was conducted for school personnel in March 2021 under SWD's Working Group on Promotion of Parental Responsibility's coordination, with participation of SCSCs.

2.2 Working Group on Carer Service and Policy

Mr Tom Ma updated the recent progress of the Working Group to members, it was mainly focusing on the preparation for WAPS – one of the three foci of the Family and Community Service, i.e. 加強對照顧者社區層面的支援.

Mr Peace Wong and Ms Becky Fung from the Council's Policy and Research Advocacy team shared with members the preliminary findings of a recent research 《照顧者「抖吓氣」需要研究》 of the Council in the meeting. This includes the overview, and the quality of life of carers and their service needs. In particular, members agreed that community-based support for carer is essential for providing informal support network. The Working Group will further work on the proposed service model in this regard.

2.3 Welfare Agenda & Priorities Setting (WAPS) 2021

Paper 1 relating to the WAPS exercise were sent to members for reference, it consists of the followings:

- a) the program rundown;
- b) 2021 年各地區福利辦事處所識別的重點福利項目;
- c) 加強對照顧者社區層面的支援;
- d) 發展網上家庭支援服務; and
- e) 加強對濫藥孕婦及父母的支援

Ms Eliza Lam and Mr Moses Mui reconfirmed the arrangements of WAPS for family and community service in the meeting with all members. It was noted that concerned members have been invited to speak on the respective subject in the meeting.

3. Sharing on HKU's Further In-depth Study on the Phenomenon of Divorce in HK

Prof Paul Yip and Prof Sandra Tsang of HKU attended the meeting and shared with members in detail the latest progress of their Study on the Phenomenon of Divorce in Hong Kong. The major recommendations included the following items:

- a) Family Responsibility Office (FRO)
- b) Maintenance Assurance Scheme (MAS)
- c) Integrated Database System (IDS)

Members responded by sharing their views, in particular pointing out the existing service gaps.

Members also expressed their expectation that the study should be wrapped up as soon as possible, and the government should respond by providing clear policy direction for enhancing the support for divorced families.

Members were encouraged to provide further views to the HKU research team by email on or before May 20.

Further follow-up plan would be discussed by the Working Group in the next meeting on July 29.

4. For Information

4.1 Business Plan for 2021-2022

Paper 2, Service Development (Family and Community) Business Plan 2020 – 2021, Full Year Progress Report (April 2020 – March 2021) were emailed to members. Details of the core business objectives, key results areas, projects, output/outcome and progress were clearly indicated.

4.2 Progress Update

Paper 3, Progress Report from March to May 2021 of Family and Community Service was sent to members for reference. The following items were included:

- Online Briefing on “Protecting Children from Maltreatment – Procedural Guide for Multi-disciplinary Co-operation”
- Three-year Plan on Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Services (2021-2023)
- Exploration on Feasibility of Adopting Open Shelter in Women’s Shelter
- Jockey Club Project IDEAL

5. Any Other Business

This is the last SC-FC meeting for Mr Moses Mui, all members expressed sincere gratitude to him for his services in the past years.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on July 7, 2021 (Wednesday) at 2:30 pm in Room 1410, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building or by ZOOM platform.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Adopted by

Chairperson
on the _____ day of _____ 2021