

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Service Development (Family & Community)

Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2020-21) held on July 22, 2021 (Thursday) in Room 202, 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
Ms Scarlet POON	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
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 Florence CHENG	Aberdeen Kai-Fong Welfare Association Social Service
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
Mr Raymond WONG	St James' Settlement
Ms Wendy WONG	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Ms Carol NG	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church – HK Synod
Mr Anthony WONG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr Raymond LAI	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Angie CHAN	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

Mr Tom MA (Vice-chairperson)	The Salvation Army
Ms Carmen LIAU	Breakthrough Limited
Ms Cindy YIU	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Ms Iris LIU	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Ms CHENG Miu-nar	Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers
Ms Sky SIU	KELY Support Group Limited

Ms Eliza Lam extended warm welcome to Mr Raymond Lai, Business Director and Ms Angie Chan, Chief Officer (Family and Community Service) to join the meeting. All members introduced themselves and the work of their agencies to each other.

1. Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda of the meeting was confirmed with nil amendment.

2. **Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on May 12, 2021 was circulated by email on May 17, 2021 and was confirmed with deletion of the 2nd sentence of paragraph 2 of item 3.

3. **Matters Arising**

3.1 **Working Group on Supporting Divorced Families**

Ms Wendy Wong thanked Ms Angela Chiu for joining the Working Group on behalf of Specialized committee. They will elect the convener in the next meeting on July 29, 2021.

Regarding HKU's further Study on the Phenomenon of Divorce in Hong Kong, Ms Qubie Tang shared that HKU informed us language fine-tuning of the report had been made. And they are planning to submit the reports to HAB by the end of July. Dr Margaret Wong, a member of the Family Council, was also waiting for the final version. Their next meeting would be held on September 24, 2021. Chairperson, **Ms Eliza Lam** raised out we should study on the final version and further discuss in the Committee in due clause. All members agreed.

3.2 **Working Group on Carer Service and Policy**

Mr Tom Ma had sent his resignation to the SC-FC. Ms Agnes Leung would help to act as convenor for the Working Group. Mr Toby Yip updated the current membership of the Working Group to members. Further nomination was welcome. Ms Eliza Lam also invited Hong Kong Christian Service and Hong Kong Family Welfare Society to send representatives for joining the working group on behalf of Family service. Mr Toby YIP would follow up the membership invitation.

Mr Raymond Lai reported that the Task Force has been studying the needs of respite 「抖吓氣」 for carers. Their focus in the 2nd phrase would be carer policy advocacy and adhoc carer issue. Details would be discuss with service development teams.

4. **Replacement of SC-FC Members**

Paper 1: Terms of Reference of all specialized Committees of service teams, HKCSS were sent to members.

Resignation of Ms Wendy Wong and Mr Tom Ma were noted. As they had both served their 2nd year of their 2nd term, there would be only 1 meeting by the end of 2020-2021. After discussion, members agreed that no replacement was needed.

5. **For Information**

5.1 **Progress Update**

Paper 2: Progress Report from May to June 2021 of Family and Community Service was sent to members for reference. The following items were included:

- **Ethnic Minority District Ambassador Scheme • Practice Sharing Dialogue**
Ms Qubie Tang shared more details on non-FSA EMDA Scheme to members in the meeting. Sharing would be organized by SWD on July 27, 2021.

Members were interested to know the language ability, age, academic background, location, and job description of the ambassadors. Concerns on the sustainability of the Scheme and career development for EM were raised.

➤ **Survey on views of service users towards Open Shelter for Women**

Mr Toby Yip reported the preliminary findings on views of service users based on their age and composition of their families. Different kinds of shelters and their characteristics were introduced in the meeting. Though there were 5 shelters in Hong Kong currently, substance abused parents were always excluded from ordinary shelter service. Shelter specifically for this clientele should be considered.

➤ **NGO Innovation Hub (NIH)**

Ms Angie Chan supplemented that 70% of CPP projects were interested in NIH. Among those shortlisted projects, 10 projects were selected for NIH.

➤ **NGO Forum on Community Development**

Further to the complaint of a CD service agency that Home Affairs Bureau had not called for further forum meeting after the walk-out incident, the Council had issued a letter to HAB and a reply were received that they would work on this matter.

➤ **Study on the Respite Needs of Carers in Hong Kong**

➤ **Jockey Club Project IDEAL**

5.2 Initial findings from CCPSA service data collection exercise

Paper 3: CCPSA 濫藥母親的服務數字及發現 were sent to members by email. Ms Carol Ng explained to members the findings in details. Moreover, CCPSA's FSA review would be carried out starting in 2022.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Ms Angela Chiu table two booklets to each member. The brief contents were introduced in the meeting.

6.2 Mr Toby Yip updated that all CD service units were requested by SWD to add "outcome indicator" in their FSA.

6.3 Mr Raymond Lai reported the progress of LSG review has been uploaded to SWD's website and members were encouraged to participate in the coming agency heads meeting to be held in the coming week to have further discussion.

6.4 Consolidation of manpower loss in the social welfare field were requested.

6.5 Shortage of NDCC were noted in the meeting. Further explanation and proof were needed to bring to SWD's attention.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on September 8, 2021 (Wednesday) at 2:30 pm in Duke of Windsor Social Service Building or by ZOOM platform.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm.

Adopted by

Chairperson
on the _____ day of _____ 2021