

## THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Service Development (Family & Community)

### **Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service**

Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2020-21) held on September 8, 2021 (Wednesday) in Room 1410, 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 LAM Yee-mui	The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
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 Carmen LIAU	Breakthrough Limited
Ms Florence KONG	Hong Kong Christian Service
Mr YIP Kin-chung	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited
Ms Judy CHAN	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
Ms Cindy YIU	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Ms Florence CHENG	Aberdeen Kai-Fong Welfare Association 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 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 Agnes LEUNG	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong
Dr Margaret WONG	Hong Kong Shue Yan University
Ms Carol NG	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church – HK Synod
Ms Sky SIU	KELY Support Group Limited

#### **In-attendance**

Ms Eva LAM	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
------------	---

#### **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 July 22, 2021 was circulated by email on August 13, 2021 and was confirmed with nil amendment.

### **3. Matters Arising**

#### **3.1 Working Group on Supporting Divorced Families**

Ms Angie Chan reported that 2 letters were sent to 葛珮帆議員 and 蔣麗芸議員 regarding the release of Report of HKU's Study on the Phenomenon of Divorce in Hong Kong. Copies of the letters and a reply slip accepting the disclosure of such letters were sent to members for reference as paper 1.

After discussion, members suggested Dr Margaret Wong to invite Prof Daniel Shek to a lunch meeting with Mrs Angela Chiu and Ms Christina Suen to share the views and recommendations of the policy and services for divorced families.

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

It was shared that the Task Force has arranged second meeting and invited more representatives from different NGOs who are operating community carers projects. It would like to sort out the information of service nature, community elements and locations for further analysis. PRA team will help for the exercise.

For information, the Council has strong urge on early identification of high-risk carer, eg. middle-aged, unemployed, etc. according to the latest released research. Research and Advocacy team will conduct further study on the enhancement of mainstream respite service.

To advocate the community support for carer, the Council would collaborate with Jockey Club Design Institute for Social Innovation (JCDISI) of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in coming year. Tentatively, 3 to 9 NGOs will be invited to formulate their ideas and implement the prototype of community support for carer by design thinking approach.

Ms Eliza Lam shared with members that Caritas – Hong Kong operates a display centre for elderly carer at 9/F, Caritas Institute of Higher Education. Agencies are welcome for visitation.

### **4. CR Review Progress**

Paper 2: Guidelines and Procedures for Processing Compassionate Rehousing Cases and Alternative Housing Assistance (recommendations and email message dated August 19, 2021) were sent to members.

Ms Eliza Lam supplemented the background of CR Review. The assessment yardsticks among District Social Welfare Officers (DSWOs) who vet CR cases vary, so a Specialized Team (ST) was suggested before.

To conclude, it was suggested to insist on medical ground should be recommended by public doctors for CR cases. training for IFSCs workers handling CR cases should be followed by SWD recurrently.

## **5. Mandatory Report System Consultation Paper**

Paper 3: (1) Mandatory Reporting System IFSC, Drug & EM service; (2) 強制舉報懷疑虐待兒童個案的規定 - 其他考慮; (3) 香港社會服務聯會就《擬議強制舉報懷疑虐待兒童個案的規定諮詢文件》交勞工及福利局之意見 was sent to members.

Ms Angie Chan extracted the content in the meeting. It was suggested to request an extension of deadline for such consultation since the service workers wouldn't be ready in such short notice. Moreover, it was agreed that parents, social workers and teachers should have adequate training on the mandatory reporting system before it is in force.

The Family and Community Service Team would explore the possibility in holding professional sharing from lawyers, professors and experienced social workers, with overseas practice referencing in November 2021.

## **6. For Information**

### **6.1 Progress Update**

Paper 4: Progress Report from July to August 2021 of Family and Community Service was sent to members for reference. The following items were included:

- NGO Innovation Hub (NIH)
- Working Group on Localization of International Standard of Community Development Service (ISCD)
- Follow-up on HKU's "Further Study on the Phenomenon of Divorce in Hong Kong"

Ms Qubie Tang and Mr Toby Yip explained the items in detail.

## **7. Any Other Business**

7.1 HKCSS's publication 《疫光飛行》 was distributed to members in the meeting.

7.2 The Family and Community Service would hold 香港戒毒治療和康復服務三年計劃 2021-2023 交流會：服務協作、政策和資源的配合 in 4 sessions from September 20 to October 15, 2021.

7.3 It was reminded that FSA service monitoring system (except mass programme) had resumed normal on August 2, 2021.

7.4 Council's Governance Platform Project would organize a Webinar – An Overview of the National Security Law from NGO's Perspective on October 8, 2021. Details would be shared to members.

## **8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on November 16 (Wednesday) or 17 (Thursday), 2021 at 2:30 pm in Duke of Windsor Social Service Building or by ZOOM platform.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Adopted by

---

Chairperson

on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021