

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 (2021-22) held on November 16, 2021 (Tuesday) at Room 201, 2/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Present

Mrs Angela CHIU (Chairperson)	Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council
Ms Iris LIU (Vice-chairperson)	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Ms Agnes LEUNG (Vice-chairperson)	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong
Ms Scarlet POON	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
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 Cecily MA	The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
Ms Monica CHEUNG	Caritas – Hong Kong
Ms Joyce TSE	Christian Family Service Centre
Ms Priscilla LEUNG	The Salvation Army
Mr Raymond WONG	St James' Settlement
Ms Carrie CHUNG	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Ms Carol NG	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church – Hong Kong Synod
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

Dr Margaret WONG	Hong Kong Shue Yan University
Ms Cindy YIU	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Ms Florence CHENG	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service
Ms Sky SIU	KELY Support Group Limited

In-attendance

Ms Eva LAM	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
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1. Welcoming and Introduction

Membership list of the Committee 2021-2023 (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. Ms Angie Chan extended warm welcome to all members. All members agreed to join the SC-FC WhatsApp group to be created by Family and Community Service Team for better communication.

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. Ms Angie Chan also briefed members on the composition of the existing networks and working/task groups under family and community services. She 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.

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

Mrs Angela Chiu was elected to be the chairperson while Ms Iris Liu and Ms Agnes Leung were elected to be the vice-chairpersons of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service for 2020-2021.

(Post-meeting note: Mr Angela Chiu would represent the Committee to join the Standing Committee on Service Development and Liaison as ex-officio member in 2021-2022.

4. Cooption of Members

Ms Angie Chan 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. Declaration of Interests by Members of Governing Committees of HKCSS

Paper 4: Declaration of Interests by Members of Governing Committees of HKCSS was sent to all members by email. Most of the completed forms were collected before or at the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: Collection email messages were sent on November 17, 2021 to Dr Margaret Wong, Ms Florence Cheng and Ms Sky Siu as reminder.)

6. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on September 8, 2021 was circulated by email on October 29, 2021 and was confirmed with the following amendment:

3.1 Paragraph 2: ... a lunch meeting with Mrs Angela Chiu and Ms Christina **Suen** to share the views and recommendations ...

7. Half-year Progress Report (April to September 2021)

The Half-year Progress Report (April to September 2021) of the Family and Community Service (paper 5) has been sent to members for information.

Ms Angie Chan presented a powerpoint document (April to November 2021) to highlight/supplement the following items:

- i) Service and Policy Advocacy - Divorced Families
 - Home Affairs Department returned the draft report to the research team of “Further Study on the Phenomenon of Divorce in Hong Kong” led by Prof Paul Yip, University of Hong Kong to further supplements
 - co-parenting service site visit was arranged during the 1st meeting of Working Group for Supporting Divorced Families (2021-2022) on January 13, 2021.
- ii) Service and Policy Advocacy – Integrated Family Service
 - review of procedure and guidelines on compassionate rehousing should be completed in November
 - new version of data collection form would be launched in April 2022
- iii) Service and Policy Advocacy – Ethnic Minorities
 - Ethnic Minorities District Ambassador Programme had been launched FCS Team are recently providing training and coordinating service for the Ambassadors and their supervisors to create the inclusive working environment.
 - Moreover, FCS Team is also promoting the EMDA Scheme through service mapping.
 - Adopting an advocacy by evidence-based approach, HKCSS version of EMDA Scheme will be funded by the government next year. FCS team will be responsible for establishing a protocol for building the inclusive working environment and produce a role model of the EMDA Scheme which will be replicated into the business sector.
- iv) Community Development
 - 「實證為本的社會工作研究沙龍—低收入劏房住戶住屋選擇和服務需要」 was organized
 - working group was formed to follow up the content and format of Sub-divided Unit (SDU) support team under the SDU tenancy control regulations
- v) Drug Abuse Prevention
 - conducted an survey on caseload of 「濫用精神藥物者輔導中心」 and 「戒毒輔導服務中心」 on drug rehabilitation service for drug-abusing parents
 - a workshop was organized to reflect on value dilemma in social work practice in cross sector cooperation
 - roundtable discussion was held to follow up work for Three Year Plan on Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation in Hong Kong
- vi) Domestic and Sexual Violence
 - Supporting Ethnic Minority Victims of Intimate Partner Violence in Hong Kong: A Roundtable Discussion for NGOs, Government support services and Pro-bono lawyers was held
 - preparation for training to pro-bono lawyers of EM suffering from domestic violence
 - advocacy of local open shelter

- vii) JC Project IDEAL: 賽馬會「你」想家長培力計劃
- training and consultations were held with HKCU for social workers
 - 827 families participated various activities organized by 10 partner agencies
 - “Happy Family Month” online show was podcasted on May 15, 2021 with over 8,000 views
 - 2 movie 《聽見歌 再唱》 viewing plus sharing sessions were held on October 30 and November 6 with 328 participants
- viii) 「集盒」計劃 NGO Innovation Hub
- 1st workshop was held with HKBU
 - consultation service had been launched for the project from HKBU

8. Discussion Item

8.1 The Follow Up Planning for Mandatory Report System

Ms Angie Chan briefed members the background of the Mandatory Report System. 4 main service, including family, community development, ethnic minorities and substance abuse would be related.

There would be an online training 從法律角度認識「強制舉報虐待兒童個案的規定」的擬議法律框架 held by the Family and Community Service Team on December 10, 2021 to share the views from the legal perspective.

A working group was agreed to be formed from multi-services, consisted of members from SC-FC and its related networks. Ms Joyce Tse, Ms Iris Liu, Ms Cecily Ma, Ms Carol Ng and Ms Monica Cheung would join the working group with Ms Angela Chiu as the convenor. It would target to make recommendations with a year parallel to the government’s consultation.

Mr Raymond Lai added that there would also be a staff group of the Council working on the subject as well. Therefore, coordination would be performed to come up with the common interest in the field.

(Post-meeting note: After discussion, the convenor of the Working Group for Mandatory Report System would be elected in their 1st meeting. Ms Florence Kong joined as member of the working group.)

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1 All members shared their recently completed and existing projects to each other during the pandemic. Details about the dates, theme, clientele, aims and objectives, feedbacks etc were briefed in the meeting. Further information was encouraged to be circulated by emails and via WhatsApp group.
- 9.2 It was brought to the Committee’s attention that various service needs of parents/students being back to school in person this school year. Their mental wellness should be focused since certain number of teachers and classmates had immigrated and the school may be discontinued due to lack of students at specific lower birthrate years.

9.3 Further co-operation within Council's service teams and specialized committees were suggested to address the scaring number of suicides happened to the school age children. Alignment of cross-service would be arranged to alleviate the stree level of teacher, parents and students.

10. Date of Next Meeting - Proposed Meeting Schedule

A proposed meeting schedule (paper 6) was sent to members for discussion. There was nil amendment and the next meeting would be held on January 19, 2022 (Wednesday) at 2:30 pm in Room 1410, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building or by ZOOM platform.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Adopted by

Chairperson
on the _____ day of _____ 2022