

## 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 (2021-22) held on May 18, 2022 (Wednesday) at Room 501, BGCA Headquarters Building, 3 Lockhart Road, Wan Chai, 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 HSU Siu-man	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Ms Cindy YIU	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Ms Cecily MA	The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
Ms Monica CHEUNG	Caritas – Hong Kong
Ms Priscilla LEUNG	The Salvation Army
Mr Raymond WONG	St James' Settlement
Ms Carrie CHUNG	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
Ms Faye CHAN	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council
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	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Eva LAM (recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

#### **Apologies**

Ms Judy CHAN	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
Ms Joyce TSE	Christian Family Service Centre

#### **1. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on March 16, 2022 was circulated by email on April 14, 2022 and was confirmed.

## **2. Matters Arising**

### **2.1 Working Group on Mandatory Reporting System (MRS)**

Ms Angie Chan reported the progress of consultation on MRS. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) has not provided an update on the consultation forum and the release of consultation paper.

In July 2022, the Family and Community Service (FCS) Team together with the Children and Youth Service (CYS) Team would arrange a discussion forum on MRS. The forum would include the sharing of foreign examples in the hopes of stimulating discussion. Publicity of the forum would be launched in June 2022. Mrs Angela Chiu added that she presented members' recommendation regarding MRS to the Standing Committee. The Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) would continue to follow up on seeking legal advice and arranging sharing before the start of government consultation.

### **2.2 Working Group on Supporting Divorced Families (SDF)**

Ms Qubie Tang reported that special meetings on Specialized Co-parenting Support Centre (SCSC) Service were conducted under the Working Group to discuss the content of service review. After deliberations, SCSC members agreed to collect more data before they proposed to SWD an alternative FSA output.

Regarding the study on divorced families by University of Hong Kong (HKU), it is still undergoing the refining process. The release of the study would be postponed without concrete timetable. The Working Group would closely follow up on the study with HKU researchers and further discuss the SDF service development.

### **2.3 Working Group on Carer Service and Policy Families**

Ms Agnes Leung shared the agenda items of the last meeting of the Working Group with Mr Toby Yip's supplement. For the Community Support for Carers: "Call for Ideas" Programme (『照顧者』社區應援—好橋招募計劃), 3 action project proposals from 1st Step Association, Sai Kung District Community Centre and Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service were selected in the final pitch on April 22, 2022.

The Working Group planned to raise the public awareness over carers and identify carers at risk in the community. In order to facilitate the formation of carer community support team, the content and division of work of the service model (社區照顧者支援模式) had been drafted and revised by the Working Group.

Suggestion for the Welfare Agenda & Priorities Setting on carers' support is mentioned in point 3 of the agenda.

### **3. For Discussion**

#### **3.1 Welfare Agenda & Priorities Setting (WAPS) 2022**

Paper 1: Draft of Welfare Agenda & Priorities Setting (WAPS) 2022 was sent to members by email.

3 agendas were proposed to the Specialized Committee:

- I. 加強對濫藥孕婦及父母的支援
- II. 加強少數族裔使用主流福利服務:
- III. 推動照顧者為本的社區層面支援

Members voiced their opinions on the proposed agendas and recommended changes to the factsheet wordings. The factsheet would be revised accordingly and emailed to members for final approval. Moreover, Mrs Angela Chiu suggested that 2 to 3 representatives from the relevant working groups should be invited to present in the WAPS Exercise.

### **4. For Information**

#### **4.1 Full-year Report on Business Plan for 2021-2022**

Paper 2: Draft of Full-year Report on Business Plan for 2021-2022 was sent to members for reference. Ms Angie Chan highlighted the survey on IFSCs workload would be discussed in the next meetings of IFSCs Network to enhance the service delivery of Integrated Family Service Centres (IFSCs) for quality service.

Service support for families living in inadequate housing community are still in progress, and the Working Group of Subdivided Units may liaise with successful tenderers to discuss on the feasibility to expand their scope of service in July.

#### **4.2 Progress Update**

Paper 3: Progress Report from March to May 2022 of FCS was sent to members for information. The following items were included:

- I. Community Support for Carers: "Call for Ideas" Programme
- II. NGO Innovation Hub (NIH)
- III. 2022 National Symposium on Drug Abuse Prevention and Control
- IV. Meeting on procedure of handling case referral and admission of Shelters for Women and Family Crisis and Support Centre for drug-abusing women

- V. Special Meeting on Specialized Co-parenting Support Centre (SCSC) Service
  - VI. Social Service Model for Ethnic Minority
  - VII. 1<sup>st</sup> Centralized training under the Professional Traineeship Program for the Ethnic Minorities
  - VIII. Briefing Session on Professional Traineeship Programme for the Ethnic Minorities
- Ms Angie Chan highlighted the gist in the meeting.

## **5. Any Other Business**

### **5.1 Revamping Exercise of HKCSS**

Mr Cliff Choi introduced members with the “1+3” strategic blueprint for HKCSS, which focused on an impact-driven agenda to transform HKCSS’s culture and governance. As the proposed revamping exercise would be reviewed in the next meeting of Executive Committee for endorsement, Mr Cliff Choi encouraged members to express opinions on it before July 2022.

Members conveyed their concern about the restructuring of Specialised Committee of FCS and CYS as well as the nomination and appointment of advisory groups. After a long discussion, members decided to convene a Zoom meeting for further discussion about the restructuring of Specialised Committee of FCS and CYS on June 17, 2022 (Friday) at 10:00am.

*(Post-meeting note: The captioned meeting was cancelled as the restructuring about FCS and CYS team will not be taken place at the first stage and the discussion could be included in the future SC-FC Meetings.)*

### **5.2 Professional Traineeship Programme for the Ethnic Minorities**

Ms Qubie Tang briefed members with the upcoming “Professional Traineeship Programme for the Ethnic Minorities” (少數族裔專業培訓計劃), which is now accepting applications from NGOs until June 12, 2022.

The programme is funded by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region’s Anti-epidemic Fund and initiated by HKCSS to nurture a pool of young EM professionals in the social service and business sector. During September 2022 and August 2023, 24 trainees would be deployed to 6 to 24 NGOs, while 16 trainees would be deployed to 8 to 16 business companies.

**6. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on July 13, 2022 (Wednesday) at 2:30 pm in Duke of Windsor Social Service Building or by ZOOM platform.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Adopted by

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Chairperson  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022