

## 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 (2021-22) held on July 13, 2022 (Wednesday) at Room 202, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai.

#### **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 Carmen LIAU	Breakthrough Limited
Ms Judy CHAN	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
Ms Florence KONG	Hong Kong Christian Service
Ms HSU Siu-man	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
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
Ms Carrie CHUNG	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Ms LEUNG Tsui-wan	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited
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
Ms Angie CHAN	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Blanche KI	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr Jim HOE	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Jobe HSU	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Qubie TANG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Eva LAM (recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

#### **Apologies**

Ms Scarlet POON	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
Mr YIP Kin-chung	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited
Ms Cindy YIU	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association

#### **1. Welcome for New Members**

Members extended a warm welcome to Ms LEUNG Tsui-wan (replacement of Mr Raymond Wong).

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

The draft minutes (revised version) of the meeting held on May 18, 2022 were circulated

by email on July 12, 2022 and was confirmed.

### **3. Matters Arising**

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

Ms Angie Chan reported the progress of MRS consultation. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) is planning to hold a consultation session for the social service sector, and online training based on current guidelines for different sectors in December 2022.

On July 18, 2022, the Family and Community Service (FCS) team together with the Children and Youth Service (CYS) team would arrange an online discussion forum on MRS. The forum includes three parts: 1. sharing and comparison of foreign judiciary examples; 2. sharing of law issues that may result by lawyer, Mr Chong and 3. discussion on MRS and main concerns about legislation from different service fields.

Members commented on a case example on the forum's agenda that amendments and supplements should be added to encourage discussion. Moreover, differences before and after the legislation of MRS, internal operation and coordination, as well as penalties were the main concerns among members. Members also asked for the minutes of Working Group on MRS in the last two meetings for reference.

*(Post-meeting note: The minutes of Working Group on MRS in the last two meetings were sent to members by email on July 18, 2022.)*

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

Mr Jim Hoe summarised the report of the Consultancy Study on Needs and Support Required of Carers of Elderly Persons and of Persons with Disabilities in Hong Kong released by the government on June 9, 2022. Regarding the 11 proposed recommendations for supporting carers on the report, Mr Jim Hoe presented responses and follow-ups from HKCSS on five key issues and the gist of recommendations from the sector. Ms Angie Chan added that in late August, HKCSS would arrange a public forum on the report to facilitate sector engagement.

Ms Agnes Leung supplemented that the response of SWD to measures of supporting carers in WAPS 2022 was disappointing since they were not fully committed to adopting our carer-centred advocacy. Besides, Ms Agnes Leung updated that the progress of service model (社區照顧者支援模式) has been built at the halfway stage and Working Group on Carer Service and Policy would spare no effort in completing the whole model.

### 3.3 Follow-up action on Welfare Agenda and Priorities Setting 2022 (WAPS)

Ms Angie Chan reported that the proposal on WAPS 2022 was submitted to SWD while the minutes of discussion session and supplementary enquiries would be submitted on July 15, 2022. In October 2022, HKCSS shall meet with SWD to have further discussion on the proposal on WAPS 2022 and other relevant issues.

Members shared their opinion on WAPS 2022 and discussed the effectiveness in terms of the meeting format and rundown. Ms Iris Liu opined that interaction between SWD and service users is limited due to the online meeting format, and asked if we could have more than three proposed agendas in next year's rundown to stimulate discussion.

Moreover, Ms Faye Chan and Ms Carol Ng reported the progress of ethnic minorities and drug parents-related issues respectively. In upcoming reviews on 3 outreaching teams for ethnic minorities, network members would strive to request more resources with SWD. Meanwhile, Ethnic Minority District Ambassador (EMDA) Scheme is positive to be continued in the future. It is hoped that salaries, job arrangement and application method, etc. could be refined at the new commencement of the scheme. Regarding the drug parents-related issues, network members requested more manpower of social workers and an in-depth investigation into the feasibility of alterations to residential drug treatment services at the WAPS 2022.

## **4. For Information**

### 4.1 Progress Update

Ms Blanche Ki reported the progress of JC Project IDEAL, including the training offered by CUHK, large-scale events and NGO activities that have been held, as well as feedback from partner NGOs and service users. As of the second project year, 2043 parents were engaged in 10 Transformative Learning Platforms with 1113 sessions of groups and programs.

Paper 4: Progress Report from June to July 2022 of FCS was sent to members for information. The following items were included:

- I. NGO Innovation Hub (NIH)
- II. 2022 National Symposium on Drug Abuse Prevention and Control
- III. Consultancy Study on Needs and Support Required of Carers of Elderly Persons and of Persons with Disabilities in Hong Kong
- IV. Welfare Agenda and Priorities Setting exercise (WAPS)
- V. Discussion group on Cannabis issue - 大麻事宜討論小組

- VI. Centralized training under the Professional Traineeship Program for the Ethnic Minorities (EM) (May 26 & June 23, 2022)
- VII. Briefing Session on Professional Traineeship Programme for the Ethnic Minorities (for Ethnic Minorities Youth) (June 2, 2022)
- VIII. Centralized Interview of Professional Traineeship Program for the Ethnic Minorities (July 4 – July 8, 2022)
- IX. Sharing Session on IFSC Experience and Wisdom (for IFSC network members)

Ms Angie Chan highlighted the gist in the meeting.

## **5. Any Other Business**

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

Ms Angie Chan reported that the restructuring of Specialised Committed on Family and Community Service and Children and Youth Service would not take place at the first stage of the revamping exercise, since workforce allocation and concurrent issues of both services should be further discussed beforehand. Members agreed that to achieve the impact-driven setting, conducting a reflection on current workloads and issues under networks and working groups would be beneficial. FCS team would summarise the information and review it in order to have a more in-depth discussion with members in future SC-FC meetings.

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

Ms Qubie Tang promoted an upcoming event of “Social Service City Hunt” on August 11, 2022, which is under the “Professional Traineeship Programme for the Ethnic Minorities” (少數族裔專業培訓計劃), and urged members to enrol as checkpoints and participants. The City Hunt would be conducted in a hybrid mode of online and offline with the aims to familiarize Ethnic Minorities with different social services, build rapport among Ethnic Minority (EM) staff and non-EM staff, and promote cross-service co-creation through Social Service Map.

**6. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on September 14, 2022 (Wednesday) at 2:30 pm in Duke of Windsor Social Service Building or by ZOOM platform.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Adopted by

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