

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Service Development (Family & Community)

Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2022-23) held on February 6, 2023 (Monday) at Room 202, 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 Agnes LEUNG (Vice-chairperson)	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong
Ms Iris LIU (Vice-chairperson)	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
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 LEUNG Tsui-wan	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited
Ms Carmen LIAU	Breakthrough Limited
Mr Mike CHEUNG	Hong Kong Christian Service
Ms Judy CHAN	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
Mr Jonathan CHAN	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lady MacLehose Centre
Ms Maggie CHAN	St. James' Settlement
Ms Phoebe WAN	Wofoo Social Enterprises Limited
Ms Priscilla LEUNG	The Salvation Army
Ms Carrie CHUNG	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Ms Doris LEE	Harmony House Limited
Ms Jessica TAM	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Angie CHAN	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr Jim HOE	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr Toby YIP	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Qubie TANG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Fion TAI	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Kylie WONG (recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

1. Welcoming

Mrs Angela CHIU extended warm welcome to all members, especially Ms Iris LIU, Ms Priscilla LEUNG, Ms Carrie CHUNG and Ms Doris LEE who were unable to attend the 1st meeting.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on December 5, 2022 was circulated by email on February 2, 2023 and was confirmed with nil amendment.

3. Matters Arising

2.1 Cooption of Members

After discussion, the members agreed to continue the current practice of increasing the board size to six co-opt members from the Networks, academia, and the funder. Two members from funder, two from academic, and the other two from Network will be appointed, Ms CHENG Miu-nar, Angela 鄭妙娜女士 was elected to be the representative of the Network on Substance Abuse Service and Ms TSUI Shuk-yin, Terry 徐淑賢女士 was elected to be the representative of the Integrated Family Service Center. According to the result of co-opt members' polling on February 6, 2023, Dr. LEUNG Tsin Yee Janet 梁倩儀博士 and Dr. CHOI Wai Man Anna 蔡惠敏博士 were elected to be the representative of scholar, Ms Irene Mui Ling So 蘇梅玲女士 (擇善基金會) and Ms May Lau 劉明燕女士 (Lee Kum Kee Family Foundation) were elected to be the representative of funder. The staff team will send invitations as per the highest vote.

2.2 Working Group on Carer Service and Policy

- Mr Toby YIP briefed the members on the idea of Community-based Carer Support Model as proposed by the working group.
- Three NGOs showed intention to work on this project as a trial run, include:
 1. 香港婦女中心協會 大埔太和邨
 2. 社區發展推動基金 東涌逸東/滿東邨
 3. 香港聖公會麥理浩夫人中心 地區待定

The final meeting of the working group was held on February 9, 2023, after which the working group would be disbanded. Further details of the service recommendation will be worked out once it is confirmed to be raised in the coming agenda group on carer support, which will be held on 14 Mar 2023.

2.3 Working Group on MRS

- A Sharing session for EM Leaders on Child Protection in HK is proposed to be held on March 17, 2023 (Friday) 15:00. The proposed details are still pending for Social Welfare Department's official reply.
- The team staff will send invitations to the targeted EM Network and/or EM Social workers, and the invitation letter will be drafted and sent under the name of SC-FC.
- Member suggested to include Ethnic Minority Social Workers as participant in the sharing session.
- Members suggested to conduct the session in face-to-face format and expand the proposed attendance quota.

4. Discussion Item

4.1 HKJC Parent Empowerment Project

Mr Jim HOE invited members to share their views on the second-round application of the HKJC Parent Empowerment Project. According to the member's comments and suggestions, the significant recommendations were summarized as follows,

- The serving target should be different from the first-round project and highlight the need of the serving target.
- The key to the project should be clarified and highlighted for application.
- To extend the impact of the project by systematic design of knowledge transfer
- The project should involve more stakeholders to make a cultural change.

Generally speaking, the members agreed that the project should promote the transformative learning approach to parents of different backgrounds in the social welfare industry. The team staff will continue the further discussion with the Jockey Club to seek an opportunity for a project extension.

5. Progress Report (December 2022 to January 2023)

The Progress Report (December to January 2023) of the Family and Community Service (paper 2) has been sent to members on February 3, 2023, for information. Mr Toby Yip and Ms Qubie TANG highlighted the following items:

i) NGO Innovation Hub (NIH)

- NGO Innovation Hub Symposium was held on Dec 16, 2022.

ii) Carer Policy - Legislative Council

- A discussion of the Panel on Welfare Service on enhancing support carers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities was held on 12 Dec.
- Social Welfare Department will execute the follow-up carer services within 2023.
- The public hearing on the carer policy was held on 16 Dec via zoom.

iii) 1st Supervisor Meeting of Professional Traineeship Programme for the Ethnic Minorities

- The 1st Supervisor Meeting was held on December 15th, 2022.
- The supervisors' feedback was collected, and they rated 8.2/10 for their satisfaction with the trainee's deployment at their center/organization.

iv) Bi-monthly Peer Support Meetings under Professional Traineeship Programme for the Ethnic Minorities

- A 3rd bi-monthly meeting was held on January 26, 2023.
- Trainees had one-hour discussion on their Social Service City Hunt - Showcase event which will be held on July 2nd in Yuen Long and August in Yau Tsim Mong with date to be announced later.

6. Report-back Session of CIFA Regional Symposium 2022

Ms Angie CHAN and Ms Phoebe WAN reported that CIFA Regional Symposium of the 2022 was held in Singapore on 8-10 November 2022. Ms Angie CHAN highlighted the following items:

- Strong families' characteristics included higher predictability, good communication, having warmth & care, making children feel safe and secure and having strong connections to others outside the family.

- Parenting information should be presented differently as to address to the needs of contemporary parents.
- Wofoo 3A Project 2022 Final Round Adjudication has provided a platform for social science professionals and their work collaborators to share wisdom and work experiences in promoting family well-being in the Asian Region.

7. Any Other Business

All members agreed to join the SC-FC WhatsApp group to be created by Family and Community Service Team for better communication.

8. Date of Next Meeting - Proposed Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be held on March 29, 2023 (Wednesday), 2023 at 2:30 pm in room 202, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Adopted by

Chairperson
on the _____ day of _____ 2023