

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Service Development (Family & Community)

Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2022-23) held on Mar 29, 2023 (Wednesday) at Room 202, 2/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Present

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| 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 Carmen LIAU | Breakthrough Limited |
| Mr Mike CHEUNG | Hong Kong Christian Service |
| 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 Irene SO | ZeShan Foundation |
| Ms May LAU | Lee Kum Kee Family Foundation |
| Ms Angela CHENG | Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers |
| Ms Terry Tsui | Hong Kong Children & Youth Services |
| Dr. Janet LEUNG | The Hong Kong Polytechnic University |
| Dr. Anna CHOI | The University of Hong Kong |
| 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 |

Apologies

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| Ms Tracy LEUNG | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited |
| Ms Judy CHAN | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society |

1. Welcoming

Members extended a warm welcome to Co-opted members, who included:

- Ms Irene SO (ZeShan Foundation)
- Ms May LAU (Lee Kum Kee Family Foundation)
- Ms Angela CHENG (Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers)
- Ms Terry Tsui (Hong Kong Children & Youth Services)

- Dr. Janet LEUNG (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)
- Dr. Anna CHOI (The University of Hong Kong).

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on February 28, 2023, was circulated by email on March 1, 2023. and was confirmed with the following amendment:

- Mr. Jonathan Chan had sent an email on March 28, 2023, pointing out the need for an amendment of 2.3 of (3) matters raising in the minutes.
- Members agreed to allow representative(s) of the Specialized Committee to be present and join the discussions, so as to reflect concerns to the guidelines and matter related to the implementation of MRS in a wider context.
- Ms. Angie Chan pointed out that the purpose of the sharing session was to provide more opportunities for Ethnic Minorities leaders and Social Welfare Department to have exchange on MRS-related matters.
- Ms. Angie Chan expressed concern that changing the discussion framework could potentially divert the meeting from its intended focus.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Working Group on MRR

- Members agreed to widen the scope of participants from Ethnic Minority leaders to the following so that the leaders' opinion on strengthening the safety net of child protection would be further understood:
 - Ethnic Minority Leaders' secretary (in-attendance)
 - Social Workers working with Ethnic Minorities (in-attendance)
 - Members from Network on Ethnic Minorities Service (in-attendance)
 - Members from Specialized Committee (Family & Community) (in-attendance)
- An invitation letter will be drafted and sent under the name of SC-FC. The invitation will be specifically targeted to the participants mentioned above.
- A Sharing Session for Ethnic Minority Leaders on Child Protection in Hong Kong will be held on May 5th, 2023. Members nominated Ms Iris Liu, the Vice-convenor of Specialized Committee Family & Community Service for 2022-2023 to become the moderator of this sharing session. Ms Iris Liu agreed to accept the nomination.
- The staff of HKCSS will continue the further discussion with the Social Welfare Department, such as quota of participants, registration, and the rundown update.
- Ms. Iris Liu reported the last join working group meeting with IFSC held on 13th March as follows:

Some members expressed concerns about a potential increase in reported child abuse cases after implementing the new legislation. They questioned whether the current mechanism could handle the anticipated increase of service demand and whether the Social Welfare Department had a backup plan in place to address this potential issue, especially the case that was not being established as a child abuse

case but with child abuse risk. There is a service gap that must be addressed. It was suggested that a sharing or co-learning session for managerial staffs to establish an internal guideline for handling the process, according to their unique service context.

Besides, Professional Training and supervisory support are essential and critical. Ms Angie Chan supplemented that the concern of service gap will be reflected in the WAPS this year.

3.2 Carer Agenda Group

Ms Angie Chan reported there was a Carer Agenda Group formed under the governance of Standing Committee on Service Development. She highlighted the focus of the Carer Agenda Group's work as follows:

- 建立平台與不同界別持分者保持定期溝通
- 督導相關政策研究
- 督導相關始創項目作範例

She added that representative from SCFC might be invited to join this group.

3.3 IDEAL Project Phase 2 application

Mr Jim HOE presented a new project idea to handle the service gap after MRR implementation. Members conducted a fruitful discussion and shared their recommendations:

- It was suggested that service units (such as community centres) should seek alternative ways to engage the child abuse at-risk parents before implementing transformation learning. This could include utilizing individual counseling, tangible community resource referral or employment services to fulfill their current needs and engage them via existing services.
- The target groups can be divided into high-risk, moderate, and those who have been reported but found to be unsubstantiated cases.
- A more user-friendly service model was recommended to encourage greater parent participation, starting with grassroots families to proactively prevent issues from arising.

4. Discussion Item

WAPS for FCS

- The following 3 agendas were proposed to the Specialized Committee:
 - 推動賦權形式家長教育服務為高風險家庭建立家庭保護因子預防虐兒發生
 - 設立社區支援服務為不適切住房居民提供支援
 - 加強少數族裔使用主流福利服務

Mr. Jim HOE, Mr. Toby YIP, and Ms. Qubie TANG highlighted the key points during the meeting.

- Paper4 which focus on 完善社區層面照顧者支援措施 is for members' reference
- The relevant paper on 加強小數族裔使用主流福利服務 will be provided soon.
- The 2023 Welfare Agenda and Priorities Setting Exercise is scheduled to be held on May 5th at Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

5. **For Information**

5.1 Progress Report (Feb to March)

Progress Report of FCS from February to March 2023 was sent to members for information. The following items were included:

- Carer Policy - HKCSS Convention 2023
- Bi-monthly Centralized Trainings – The culturally responsive learning for Ethnic Minorities
- Service Review on Voluntary Residential Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Programmes

Ms Angie Chan highlighted the gist in the meeting.

5.2 Annual Plan

- Ms Angie Chan guided members to go through the core business objectives, key result areas and projects with detailed explanation. Enhancements and updates would be made when necessary.
- National Symposium on Drug Prevention will be held in Hong Kong in 2025. FCS team will draw up a funding proposal for Beat Drug Fund to support the event.

6. **Any Other Business**

The information of the Capacity Training for healthcare professionals in serving Ethnic Minorities to be held on April 18th 2023 was shared to invite members' participation. The training is to enhance the primary healthcare services for Ethnic Minorities together with the medical field.

7. **Date of Next Meeting - Proposed Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting will be held on May 17, 2023 (Wednesday), 2023 at 2:30 pm in room 201, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Adopted by

Chairperson
on the _____ day of _____ 2023