

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 (2022-23) held on Jul 26, 2023 (Wednesday) at Room 201, 2/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Present

Ms Agnes LEUNG (Vice-chairperson)	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong
Mrs Angela CHIU (Chairperson)	Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council
Ms Cecily MA	Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
Ms Joyce TSE	Christian Family Service Centre
Ms Terry Tsui	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services
Ms Judy CHAN	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
Mr Jonathan CHAN	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lady MacLehose Centre
Ms Tracy LEUNG	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited
Ms Angela CHENG	Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers
Ms Maggie CHAN	St. James' Settlement
Dr. Janet LEUNG	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Ms Priscilla LEUNG	The Salvation Army
Dr. Anna CHOI	The University of Hong Kong
Ms Phoebe WAN	Wofoo Social Enterprises Limited
Ms Carrie CHUNG	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Ms Angie CHAN	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr Jim HOE	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

Ms Iris LIU (Vice-chairperson)	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Mr Mike CHEUNG	Hong Kong Christian Service
Ms Doris LEE	Harmony House Limited
Ms Carmen LIAU	Breakthrough Limited
Ms Monica CHEUNG	Caritas – Hong Kong
Ms May LAU	Lee Kum Kee Family Foundation
Ms Irene SO	ZeShan Foundation
Mr Toby YIP	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Jessica TAM	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Jobe HSU	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

1. Confirmation of reschedule the meeting.

Members have agreed to reschedule the 5th Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2022-23) from July 19, 2023,

to July 26, 2023. Notification of this change was sent to members via email on June 16, 2023.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 2023, were circulated by email on Jul 18, 2023, and was confirmed.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Follow up action on MRR (Paper 1)

Mr. Jim Hoe presented the HKCSS's strategic plan for the upcoming 24 months, which is designed to address the implications of the pending Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Bill. The strategy primarily focuses on two phases: 1) Understanding the contents of the ordinance; 2) Preparing for the implementation of the bill. He emphasized the critical nature of comprehending the bill while it is still under consideration by the Bills Committee. This understanding is vital to identify and highlight uncertainties within the current bill. HKCSS plans to consolidate and analyze these uncertain areas, subsequently submitting a paper to the Bills Committee members. This paper will seek responses from the Welfare and Labour Bureau on these matters.

The team plans to solicit feedback on these uncertain areas from members via various networks before mid-September. Mr. Jim Hoe also mentioned the Bills Committee's intention to host a hearing session in September. Despite the absence of a public invitation to this session, its value was affirmed, and HKCSS's intention to enroll for this hearing was confirmed. Concurrently, Mr. Jonathan CHAN urged members to participate in the hearing session, in responding to the underscoring the significance and impact created to the welfare sector as reflected in draft of the ordinance.

3.2 Working group on Carer Agenda Group (Paper 2)

The first meeting of the Carer Agenda Group took place on June 15th, 2023. At this meeting, Ms. Angie Chan outlined three primary areas of focus: 1) Carer policy, 2) Carer empowerment, and 3) Creating a professional sharing platform for carers. Future meetings, including both main and subgroup sessions, will aim to incorporate the professional insights of participants in formulating an action plan or project. The objectives are to stimulate discussions on service development and to advocate for policy changes.

4. For Discussion

4.1 Lump Sum Grant Cost Apportionment (Paper 3)

In order to collect service operator's concern and corresponding cases on "Funding and Service Agreements" ("FSA"), FSA related and non-FSA service, the team has created a questionnaire that was emailed to all members on 27 Jul 2023. Ms. Angie CHAN explained the primary objectives of this questionnaire was to discern which services currently straddle the line or are ambiguous in their categorization as either FSA-related or non-FSA, and to identify any services that may be contentious and might potentially need to be included as FSA services or FSA related services.

The team will gather feedback and consolidate from all members via various channels until mid-August, and then to facilitate a meaningful dialogue with the Social Welfare Department for reaching a consensus about the classification of services.

4.2 Recent tragedy

Members were deeply saddened by the tragic incidents in Sham Shui Po and Diamond Hill. Members proposed the following suggestions:

- 1) Strengthen the training of frontline workers to enable early identification and response to potential cases.
- 2) Promote greater collaboration among psychiatric nurses, social workers, and educators to provide a more comprehensive support system for people with mental health.

For your information, some members of the Network on Ethnic Minority Service, acting in their agency capacity, have released a statement suggesting a comprehensive review and improvement of existing mental health policies for Ethnic Minority Groups.

Articles on the topic of << 加強支援少數族裔 >> were published on June 22, 2023 in "AM730-蔡海偉網誌", These articles have been disseminated to members via WhatsApp.

5. For Information

5.1 Progress update (Paper 4)

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

- 1) Carer policy

2) Consultation on Three-year Plan on Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Services in Hong Kong 2024-2026

3) Capacity training for Trainees' next career move.

Mr. Jim Hoe highlighted the gist in the meeting.

Furthermore, Mr. Jim HOE extended his apologies for the substandard performance of the audio equipment during the "《家事法知多少 - 社工篇》" event held on July 11, 2023. The team is committed to developing comprehensive contingency plans for future events, with particular focus on ensuring the reliability and effectiveness of audio equipment, especially in Hybrid event formats.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Invitation to Join Jockey Club Project IDEAL - 「家長服務新維度」研討會 2023 (Paper5)

Mr Jim HOE promoted an upcoming symposium "Invitation to Join Jockey Club Project IDEAL - 「家長服務新維度」研討會 2023" to be held on Aug 4 2023, he encouraged members to join the symposium and shared the event link via WhatsApp.

6.2 Members shared their participation in the event <<收集社福界對 2023 《施政報告》的意見及建議（家庭服務）>> organized by Connecting hearts, which took place on 20th Jul 2023.

6.3 Ms. Priscilla LEUNG and Mr. Toby YIP will be resigning from their positions. Members expressed their best wishes to both individuals on their future endeavors. Additionally, Mr. Jim HOE has been promoted from the position of project manager to officer.

7. Date of Next Meeting - Proposed Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be held on **Sep 13, 2023, at 14:30pm in Room 201**, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:30 pm.

Adopted by

Chairperson
on the _____ day of _____
2023