

## THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Service Development (Family & Community)

### **Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service**

Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2022-23) held on Sep 13, 2023 (Wednesday) at Room 201, 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 Iris LIU (Vice-chairperson)	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Ms Agnes LEUNG (Vice-chairperson)	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong
Ms Cecily MA	Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
Ms Terry Tsui	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services
Ms Doris LEE	Harmony House Limited
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
Dr. Janet LEUNG	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Dr. Anna CHOI	The University of Hong Kong
Mr Mike CHEUNG	Hong Kong Christian Service
Ms Phoebe WAN	Wofoo Social Enterprises Limited
Ms Irene SO	ZeShan Foundation
Ms Carrie CHUNG	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Ms May Lau	Chow Tai Fook
Ms Jessica TAM	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Jobe HSU	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
Ms Qubie TANG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Kylie WONG (recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

#### **Apologies**

Ms Carmen Liau	Breakthrough Limited
Ms Monica CHEUNG	Caritas – Hong Kong
Ms Tracy LEUNG	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited
Ms Angela CHENG	Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers
Ms Joyce TSE	Christian Family Service Centre

#### **1. Confirmation of Agenda**

Mrs. Angela CHIU has proposed the inclusion of the topic "Lump Sum Grant Cost Apportionment" for discussion in section 3.2. and was confirmed.

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

The draft minutes of the meeting held on Jul 26, 2023 was circulated by email on

Sep 12, 2023 and was confirmed.

### **3. Matters Arising**

#### **3.1 Working Group on Carer Agenda Group**

The Subgroups meeting were conducted on 09 August for Carer Policy and 21 August 2023 for Empowerment. Throughout these sessions, members expressed diverse perspectives on the definition and expectations of Carer. Ms. Angie CHAN highlighted three key points for future discussion:

1. The challenges associated with carer policy.
2. The necessity and means of supporting Carers.
3. Ensuring financial sustainability for Carers.

The second meeting of the Carer Agenda Group, which will delve into these issues, is scheduled for September 21st, 2023.

#### **3.2 Lump Sum Grant Cost Apportionment**

The HKCSS has gathered feedback and case studies from various sources to identify potential areas for inclusion of both FSA, non-FSA and FSA-related issues in Funding and Services Agreements ("FSA"). Meetings with government officials are scheduled for this week to discuss these insights.

Ms. Angie CHAN also raised an issue concerning certain events being listed in the SIS but not applicable to the FSA. She suggested that this inconsistency requires further attention.

The members agreed on the importance of agencies enhancing their comprehension of the Lump Sum Grant Cost Apportionment. They believe understanding this process is essential for frontline supervisors to uphold their service mission in daily operations.

### **4. For discussion**

#### **4.1 Mandatory Report System (Paper 1)**

The second meeting of the Committee on the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Bill was held on September 12, 2023, members who attended the meeting and expressed their views: 1) Ms. Iris LIU proposed the expansion of the social circle and the connection of different NGOs to exert influence on the legislative body, considering the numerous NGOs in society. 2) Mr. Jonathan CHAN emphasized the importance of the government providing a framework that professionals can easily follow in relation to the Mandatory Reporting of

Child Abuse Bill. 3) Members suggested considering penalties or license suspension as alternatives to imprisonment. 4) Members suggested that the current focus of non-governmental organizations should shift towards understanding the legislative aspects rather than comprehensive supporting facilities.

The HKCSS will follow-up on this matter and update members timely.

## **5. For information**

### **5.1 Progress Update (Paper 2)**

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

- I. Advocacy for Sustainable and Long-term Welfare Development
- II. Discovering New Avenues and Encouraging Innovation in Service Delivery to Address Evolving Social Needs
- III. Strengthening and Showcasing the Efficacy of Social Services
- IV. Engage Supporters and Promote User Rights and Participation

Ms Qubie TANG and Mr Jim HOE highlighted the gist in the meeting.

### **5.2 Report on The Greater Bay Area (大灣區考察團)**

During the Greater Bay Area visit to Shenzhen and Guangzhou, Ms. Jessica Tam, Ms. Angie Chan, and Ms. Iris Liu shared their viewpoints highlighting four key points: 1) Relatively wholistic Policies for the Elderly Care Industry in China 2) Hong Kong offers diverse opportunities for career growth, expertise.3) Government Digitization and Understanding of People's Needs. This emphasis on data-driven decision-making enables the government to provide targeted services and support. 4) Strong Engagement Fostering Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Professional Development. These views provide insights into Hong Kong's care industry policies.

## **6. Any Other Business**

### **6.1 Invitation to Join 「照顧者支援-政策倡議及服務發展」研討會 2023**

Mr Jim HOE promoted an upcoming symposium “Invitation to Join 「照顧者支援-政策倡議及服務發展」研討會 2023” to be held on 06 October 2023, this year's keynote speech not only focuses on social welfare but also covers various aspects of people's livelihoods. It consists of four parts:

- I. 確立照顧者政策要走多幾里路?

- II. 強化照顧者承載力的可行性及策略
- III. 創新思維策劃與分擔照顧責任
- IV. 照顧者財務規劃

Mr Jim HOE encouraged members to join the symposium and shared the event link via WhatsApp.

Also, Mr. Jim HOE has promoted another upcoming Zoom meeting titled "跨服務網絡交流會議" which will be held on October 12th. He has shared the event link via WhatsApp.

#### 6.2 Sub-category for the FC service in HKCSS Membership Directory (Paper 3)

Members suggested that to enhance the accessibility and visibility service to service users, it is best to merge some services into one from the user's perspective so that it is easier for service users to understand. HKCSS will follow-up with the Membership Liaison and Service department.

#### 6.3 香港社會服務聯會香港戒毒治療和康復服務三年計劃 2024 至 2026 年意見書 (Paper4)

Mr. Jim Hoe presented “香港戒毒治療和康復服務三年計劃 2024 至 2026 年意見書” It is summarized in the following seven main recommendations, including: (1) 加強院舍的醫療 和支援能力 (2) 針對大麻的資料搜集及研究 (3) 加強預防教育及宣傳 (4) 提升朋輩 支援員的資助和建立資歷認證以強化轉業或晉升能力 (5) 特別組群的需要和支援 (6) 研究緩減傷害手法的本地化應用模式 (7) 完善續顧服務及其成效評估 (8) 改善禁毒基金的運作 (9) 建立戒毒及復康藍圖促進跨界合作及協調。 This paper will seek responses from the Narcotics Division (ND) of the Security Bureau on these matters.

### **7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting date and venue will be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Adopted by

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Chairperson

on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023