

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE
Service Development (Family & Community)
Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (SCFC)

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2024-25) held on Jan 22, 2025 (Wed) at Room 201, 2/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Present

Ms Angela CHIU (Chairperson)	Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council
Ms MA Yeuk-nung, Cecily (Vice-chairperson)	Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
Ms CHEUNG Wai-ling, Monica (Vice-chairperson)	Caritas – Hong Kong
Ms TSE So-hung, Joyce	Christian Family Service Centre
Mr. YIP Kin Chung	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited
Ms NG Suet-kam	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, LC-HKS
Ms Fiona, FONG So-pik	Heep Hong Society
Mr. CHAM Kwok Wing Kerin	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Ms YIU Yan-ye, Cindy	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Ms LEE Shuk Yee Charrix	The Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
Ms LEE Koon Mei May	The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong
Ms Lincole CHAN	The Salvation Army
Ms LAM Yick Man	St. James' Settlement
Ms CHUNG Craier, Carrie	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Mr Peace WONG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr Jim HOE	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr Alex YEUNG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Qubie TANG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Jobe HSU	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Queenie KWOK	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Alice LAW	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Sandra WONG (recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Apologies

Mr. NG Kwan-lim, Kenny	Community Development Alliance
Mr FAN Man Tao, Frankie	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong
Mr CHEUNG Muk Yan Mike	Hong Kong Christian Service
Ms Apple Tsoi	Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres

Ms LEUNG Tsui Wan, Tracy
Ms. CHAN Fei, Faye

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited
The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting – Nov 29, 2024

The draft minutes of the meeting held on Nov 29, 2024 was circulated by email on Jan 7, 2024 and was confirmed.

2. Report

2.1 Joint Parental Responsibility - Capacity Training

Ms. Qubie Tang reported that Hong Kong Council of Social Service Social (HKCSS) has invited Mr. Steven Leung from Law Society of Hong Kong to share insights into the essence of the Bill on February 20th, 2025 and has encouraged members to participate in this event.

2.2 Mandatory Reporting Requirement – Update

Ms. Angela Chiu announced that every organization is invited by social welfare department to nominate three colleagues to join the focus group on January 24th, 2025. The group will collect opinions and feedback from frontline service providers, including their experiences with difficulties and specific cases.

Members proposed categorizing focus group nomination candidates by service field, such as ethnic minorities, youth services, and family services, to ensure comprehensive coverage.

2.3 Progress Report (November 2024 to January 2025)

Progress Report from Nov 2024 to Jan 2025 of SCFC was sent to members for information.

I. Combating Image-Based Sexual Violence: Empowering Frontline Workers

Eighty social workers attended a RainLily-facilitated workshop on supporting image-based sexual violence victims, gaining insights on image removal and harm mitigation. Mr. Peace Wong reported that there will be follow up activities in 2025 to address the feedback collected in the session.

II. Drug Rehabilitation Services Exchange Forum 2024

The event drew 240 professionals, featuring 11 service units showcasing diverse programs. Feedback from the participants is positive and claims that the event reconnected practitioners with their core mission and fostering professional development.

III. 2025 National Symposium on Drug Abuse Prevention and Control

The St. Francis University in Hong Kong will host the "2025 National Seminar on Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment" from October 22-24, 2025. The event features two-phase early bird registration, aiming for 200 local and 100 international delegates.

IV. Family Centric Financial Literacy Project Supported by DBS

DBS Foundation and HKCSS have launched the "Treasure Wealth, Treasure Love" program, partnering with five community organizations. The program will be started in January 2025, and the CUHK's Department of Social Work has been commissioned to conduct the social impact assessment to evaluate its effectiveness.

V. Annual EOC meeting with the Network on Ethnic Minorities

Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) and the Network on Ethnic Minorities Services under HKCSS have conducted an annual meeting on December 4th, 2024 to address key concerns in related to ethnic communities.

VI. Position Paper on the Implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD)

A position paper has been submitted to the Hong Kong government to highlight persistent racial equality challenges, including language barriers and indirect discrimination.

VII. The Asian Family Summit and Family Well-Being Expo 2024

The Asian Family Summit 2024 was held from December 27-29. Over

700 participants joined the summit and discussed current challenges faced by the families and initiatives to tackle the problems. The Family Well-Being Expo also provided a platform to showcase service projects of different NGOs.

3. Discussion Item

3.1 Recommendations of Co-option Members

After discussion, members agreed to have six co-opt members to join the FCSC. Ms. NG Suet kam from the Network on Substance Abuse Service, Ms. Apple Tsoi from the Network on Domestic & Sexual Violence Service, Ms. CHAN Fei, Faye from the Network on Ethnic Minority and Mr. NG Kwan-lim, Kenny from the Network on Community Development will join FCSC as co-opt members. For the other two remaining seat of co-opt members, it is suggested to invite Prof. CHAN Siu Ming, Dr Fan Ning or Dr. CHAN Ying, Crystal to join. Mr. Peace Wong stated that HKCSS staff team will send invitations and updates through the WhatsApp group.

3.2 Consultation on Proposed Regulatory Regime for Basic Housing Units

Mr. Peace reported that HKCSS will hold a roundtable meeting to discuss the proposed regulatory framework for Basic Housing Units on 23rd January, 2025. The purpose of this roundtable meeting is to facilitate the exchange of opinions among industry stakeholders regarding the current consultation on Basic Housing Units.

3.3 Year Plan (Family & Community Service Team)

Mr. Peace WONG introduced the upcoming year's business plan for the Family & Community team, outlining the main Core Business Objectives

Members suggested that HKCSS should keep on influencing policy in related to the welfare sector and can leverage on existing channels, e.g. the consultation session held by Connecting Hearts Hong Kong, for expressing view.

4. Any Other Business

Members promoted various activities to encourage committees' participation and sharing among colleagues.

4.1 Replacement of SCFC member

Following the resignation of Ms. Carrie Chung from her position at Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service, members agreed to invite the candidates with the second highest vote in the last SCFC to fill the remainder of her term.

4.2 Questionnaire on Ethnic Minority District Ambassador (EMDA) Pilot Scheme

Ms. Qubie Tang reported that HKCSS is collecting opinions from both the supervisors and the ambassadors of the EMDA scheme to share their views about the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme and the way forward of the scheme.

4.3 S+ Summit

Mr. Jim HOE promoted the upcoming event, 'S+ Summit and Expo', scheduled to be held at the Hong Kong Exhibition and Convention Centre on May 20-21, 2025. The event will feature multiple topics related to the latest concern of Hong Kong. Guided tour can be offer to interested members pursuing for a more in-depth understanding of the topics.

5. Date of Next Meeting – Proposed Meeting Schedule

The proposed meeting schedule (referenced in Paper 4) has been distributed to all members for review and discussion. The next meeting would be held on **Mar 12, 2025 (Wednesday) at 10:00 a.m.**, at Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.Room 201.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Adopted by

Chairperson

on the _____ day of _____ 2025