

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

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2024-25) held on Jul 16, 2025 (Wednesday) 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
Ms. SEE Man-yan (represented by Yuen Wai-ye)	Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong, Jordan Centre
Dr. CHAN Siu-ming	City University of Hong Kong
Mr. NG Kwan-lim, Kenny	Community Development Alliance
Ms. Apple TSOI	Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres
Ms. NG Suet-kam	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, LC-HKS
Ms. LEUNG Tsui-wan, Tracy	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited
Mr. CHEUNG Muk-yan, Mike	Hong Kong Christian Service
Ms. FONG So-pik, Fiona	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-ye, Charrix	The Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
Ms. CHAN Fei, Faye	The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council
Ms. CHAN Yu-ling, Lincole	The Salvation Army
Ms. LAM Yick-man	St. James' Settlement
Mr. WONG Wo-ping, Peace	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr. HOE Kwun-hung, Jim	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms. HSU Sau-fong, Jobe	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms. KWOK Kwan-yuet, Queenie	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr. YEUNG Tsz-yin, Alex	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms. LAW Sze-ki, Alice	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms. WONG Wing-ting, Sandra (Recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Apologies

Mr. FAN Man-tao, Frankie	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong
Mr. YIP Kin-chung	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited
Dr. Chan Ying, Crystal	The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Ms. LEE Koon-mei, May	The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, HK

1 Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting – May 14, 2025

The draft minutes of the meeting held on May 14, 2025 was circulated by email on Jul 9, 2025 and was confirmed.

2 Reporting Items

2.1 Progress Report (May 2025 to Jul 2025) (Paper 1)

Progress Report from May 2025 to Jul 2025 of SCFC was sent to Members for information.

I. 2025 National Symposium on Drug Abuse Prevention and Control

HKCSS will host the "2025 National Symposium on Drug Abuse Prevention and Control" from 22 to 24 October 2025 at St. Francis University, Hong Kong. Following the deadlines for paper submission and early-bird registration, 35 abstracts have been received, and 178 participants have registered. The event will also feature at least 16 exhibition booths and a minimum of eight field tours, with a focus on sharing best practices and fostering regional collaboration.

II. Response to the Concern of Social Workers from Substance Abuse Services Regarding the Impact of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance

A workshop on the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance was conducted for social workers from substance abuse services, led by Professor Camilla Lo. The session aimed to enhance participants' skills in assessing and handling child abuse cases, with a focus on integrating attachment theory and a child rights perspective. The workshop also addressed the challenges of balancing child protection responsibilities with supporting family relationships.

III. Community Development Resources Book

HKCSS has received a total of 49 abstracts. The first round of review and feedback, conducted by 30 experienced community development reviewers, has been completed. Invitations for full paper submissions have been sent to authors, and full papers are expected to be collected by August 15, 2025.

IV. Building Community, Building Tung Chung

The project has smoothly transitioned from the SOL team to the FCS team. To ensure

alignment and foster collaboration, stakeholders, funders and partners have been actively engaged, encouraging community building in Tung Chung. Series of community carnivals and training workshops have been and will be organized by community partners. A circular mail will be distributed to Tung Chung residents in August to promote the project and upcoming activities.

V. Family Centric Financial Literacy Project Supported by DBS

The “Treasure Wealth, Treasure Love” Family Financial Education Programme held the first Service Development Coordination Meeting on 30 May 2025, uniting Community Partners to discuss service model design and implementation. To promote financial well-being and family-centric financial decision-making, 16 district-based public education events will be organized, with the first event on 4-6 July 2025 attracting over 3,000 participants who gained practical financial management skills.

VI. Building Community Support for Carer

The FCS team is coordinating with service operators, funders, and business partners to build community collaboration models to support carers. A pilot project practicing this model will be launched in Kwun Tong in Q4.

VII. The Utilization of S+ as a Multi Stakeholder Engagement Platform for Multiple Agendas

The FCS team utilized the S+ Summit cum Expo on May 20–21, 2025 as a multi-stakeholder engagement platform, organizing three sessions which are on ethnic diversity in the Belt and Road Initiative, image-based sexual violence and carer support networks. These sessions aimed to promote discussion and explore collaboration opportunities across multiple areas with diverse stakeholders.

3 Discussion Items

3.1 Update on Mandatory Reporting

Mr. Jim Hoe reported that the Guide for Mandated Reporting and Module 2 of the online self-learning training platform will be launched in July, providing training to support professionals in identifying and reporting child abuse cases. He also announced that a Mandated Reporting Impact Survey is being conducted through the IFSC network group from mid-July 2025 to mid-July 2026, to assess its impact to services. Further discussion

will be continued at the next meeting while the guide will has been released.

3.2 Community Support to Hidden Carers

Mr. Peace Wong reported that new government initiatives including a pilot scheme in Kwun Tong and Shatin using carer allowance and data from the Housing Department to identify hidden elderly/carers and assigned Care Teams for conducting home visits. Members raised concerns about interfacing between Care Teams and NGO after the home visit. Further communication and interaction between relevant parties will improve coordination and effectiveness of the process, and the overall planning of the SWD in this initiatives should be taken into considerations.

3.3 Service Implication of the Latest Development in Housing Policy

Mr. Peace Wong reported that the BHUs Bill was passed on June 20, 2025 and eligibility for transitional housing has been broadened, with the introduction of a new category of C Tenants. Members raised concern about the adequacy of transitional housing to meet the needs of a growing user base and questioned the eligibility criteria of this category . Ms. Angela Chiu suggested that the IFSC network further discuss referral and support processes.

3.4 Update of Business Plan of FCS

Mr. Peace Wong updated on the FCS Business Plan and invited members for discussion. Mr. Jim Hoe suggested a new project to train approximately 100 social workers on image-based sexual violence and related online abuse through various training sessions and public education activities. The initiative is planned to run for 1.5 to 2 years and is currently at the conceptual stage.

Mr. Peace Wong also reported that the Standing Committee has agreed in principle to establish a Carer Advisory Committee, which will focus on identifying carers through data and integrating carer services. The Advisory Committee Terms of Reference have been drafted and will be finalized upon committee approval. Members emphasized the need to connect informal outreach efforts with formal service networks and to address related operational challenges.

Ms. Jobe Hsu provided an update on upcoming community development service exchange activities, noting that the CD Network will host a sharing session on July 24, 2025, focusing on housing and women's work. The event aims to enhance students' understanding of community development and to facilitate peer exchange among professionals. Further networking activities and sector collaborations are planned.

Members has agreed on proceeding with the business plan and suggested the proposed activities will be beneficial to enhance the capacity of the sector in delivering better service.

3.5 International and Mainland China Collaboration

Mr. Peace Wong noted that HKCSS's proposal of the coming year international exchange is to be submitted to the International and Mainland Affairs Division by October. Members suggested FCS to strengthen its mission on sharing successful experiences from Hong Kong with other regions such as other ASEAN countries. Kenny Ng further suggested the participation in the IACD conference in Scotland on community development and organized a sub session for east Asia countries.

3.6 Opportunities for Cross Service Exchange

Mr. Jim Hoe proposed cross service exchange meetings to be held between the IFSC Network and the other service networks, one with the DSV Network in November on MRR and the other one with SAS Network in December on case management involving drug-related items. He also noted that an update on meeting details will be provided in early September. Members agreed to proceed with the SAS Network exchange, while collaboration with the DSV Network could be further explored.

4 Any Other Business Reform of Laws on Sexual Offences

Mr. Jim Hoe reported on the reform of laws on sexual offences, noting that the call for public response is originally planned to be implemented by 2025. However, due to the Legislative Council elections, there is a possibility related discussion may be postponed until January.

5 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be subjected to further arrangement. The meeting will be held in Room 201, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Adopted by

Chairperson

on the _____ day of _____ 2025