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

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2025-26) held on Jul 17th, 2026 (Friday) 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
Mr. NG Kin-man (Vice- Chairperson)	Tai Po Baptist Church Social Service
Ms. CHUNG Ling-wai, Vanessa	Caritas - Hong Kong
Mr. FAN Man-tao, Frankie	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong
Ms. FONG So-pik, Fiona	Heep Hong Society
Mr. CHEUNG Muk-yan, Mike	Hong Kong Christian Service
Ms. NG Suet-kam (Co-opted)	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, LC-HKS
Ms. SO Yim-fong, Tammy	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association
Ms. TSOI, Apple (Co-opted)	Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres
Mr. NG Kwan-lim, Kenny (Co-opted)	Impact HK
Mr. KAN Ming Yuk, Eric	The Church of United Brethren in Christ Social Service
Ms. LEE Shuk-yee, Charrix	The Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
Ms. WONG Yuen-kee, Rufina	Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council
Ms. CHAN Yu-ling, Lincole	The Salvation Army
Ms. LAM Yick-man	St. James' Settlement
Mr. Peace WONG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr. Jim HOE	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
Mr. Alex YEUNG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms. Qubie TANG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms. Sandra WONG (Recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Apologies

Mr. CHAM Kwok-wing, Kerin (Vice-Chairperson)	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Ms. SO Wai-yee	Christian Family Service Centre
Dr. CHAN Siu-ming (Co-opted)	City University of Hong Kong
Ms. LEE Koon-mei, May	The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, HK
Dr. LO Kai Chung (Co-opted)	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Dr. CHAN Ying, Crystal (Co-opted)	The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Ms. CHAN Kit-wah	Sai Kung District Community Centre

1 Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on Mar 5, 2026 was circulated by email on Jun 26, 2026 and was confirmed.

2 Report

2.1 Progress Report (March 2026 to May 2026) (Paper 3)

With reference to Paper 3, Mr. Peace WONG briefed members on the Progress Report from March to May.

3 Matter Arising

3.1 Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance

Ms. Qubie TANG reported that HKCSS launched a one-year survey on the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance to assess its implications for IFSCs in handling child abuse cases. The data was collected until July this year and no significant changes have been observed.

To address the problem that front line EM workers may have the difficulty to handle suspected child abuse cases for the service users, a Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance training will be held on 7 August 2026.

3.2 Follow-up on the Ethnic Minority District Ambassador (EMDA) Scheme

Ms. Qubie TANG reported that the EMDA Scheme will continue until September 2027, with 46 posts remaining under existing operators and three posts to be transferred to SWD family service units. To sustain the scheme, HKCSS will explore opportunities to liaise with the SWD on preserving the program and plan to submit proposals to the Government before the upcoming Policy Address.

3.3 Evaluation on Cross Service Exchange

Mr. Jim HOE reported that the cross-service exchange between the Substance Abuse Service Network and the IFSC Network was successfully conducted, and was joined by nearly 150 participants from 42 social service agencies. During the session, professionals shared fruitful experiences and addressed the complexities of treating drug addiction as a family issue rather than an isolated behavioral problem. Members

suggested that more cross-service exchange sessions be organized in the future.

4 Discussion Item

4.1 New arrangement on Network Meeting

Mr. Peace WONG reported that network meetings will be renamed as "Service Exchange Sessions" following the FSA renewal. He also noted that Co-opt Members were previously selected by the network meeting conveners and the procedures and criteria for future appointments are currently under review.

4.2 Discussion on Year Plan

Mr. Peace WONG noted that FCS team will drive technology enablement by organizing frontline training and examining the long-term service implications of technology-based abuse. Additionally, HKCSS will collaborate with Mainland partners to establish joint GBA standards.

The team will also arrange a study visit to Taiwan to study best practice in handling IBSV and form a delegate to attend the CIFA Conference in Malaysia this November.

In Substance Abuse Service, FCS team is submit a position paper in the Three-Year Plan on Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation in Hong Kong

The EM Services will focus on advancing the EMDA scheme and staff training.

For Community Development, FCS team is preparing a resource book and organizing a service exchange session on health promotion this August.

For Carer Support, the team will focus work on supporting measures for working carers and will be responsible for the management of the Carer Portal.

New and ongoing initiatives of the funded project of the team includes, the Jockey Club FDH Project and the "Treasure Wealth, Treasure Love" Family Financial Education Programme. The current phase of Building Tung Chung Programme is approaching completion, and plans are underway for the next phase application.

4.3 Law Reform on Sexual Offences

Mr. Jim HOE reported on the Law Reform Commission's Review of Sexual Offences, which put forward 72 recommendations spanning non-consensual offences, offences against children and people with mental impairment, miscellaneous sexual offences and victim protection in court. Key legislative updates include expanding the definition of rape, increasing the maximum penalty for offences involving minors from 5 years to life imprisonment and introducing multiple provisions for persons with mental impairment. With the public consultation having closed on 5 August, the Government aims to introduce the Bill into the Legislative Council within this year and complete enactment by June 2027.

Additionally, Mr. Peace WONG invited members to submit views on statutory exemptions under non-consensual sexual offences, which HKCSS will consolidate for its formal consultation response.

4.4 Discussion on upcoming Policy Address

Mr. Peace WONG invited members to provide feedback on the upcoming Policy Address, which HKCSS will follow up.

5 Any Other Business

Mr. Peace WONG invited members to enroll in the coming Specialized Committee in 2026-2027. The deadline for the nomination for election of Specialized Committee (Family and Community) will be on 24th Jul 2026 at 17:00.

Moreover, Ms. Angela CHIU invited members to participate in the seminar on High-Conflict Personality in Legal and Family Disputes, which will be held on 14 Oct 2026; details will be posted in the WhatsApp group.

6 Date of next meeting – Proposed Meeting Schedule

The next meeting would be held on Oct 15, 2026 (Thursday), 09:30 a.m. at Room 201, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building due to the cancellation is for the meeting on Aug 13rd, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 04:30 p.m.

Adopted by

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Chairperson

on the _____ day of _____ 2026