

# THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Service Development (Family & Community)

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

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2019-20) held on May 13, 2020 (Wednesday) via ZOOM platform.

### **Present**

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| Ms Eliza LAM (Chairperson)         | Caritas – Hong Kong                                    |
| Mr Charles NG (Vice-chairperson)   | Christian Family Service Centre                        |
| Mrs Angela CHIU (Vice-chairperson) | Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council           |
| Ms Lea YIP                         | Breakthrough Limited                                   |
| Mrs Doris LEE                      | Harmony House Limited                                  |
| Ms Florence KONG                   | Hong Kong Christian Service                            |
| Ms Charrix LEE                     | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society                       |
| Ms Polly PANG                      | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lady MacLehose Centre         |
| Ms KEUNG Choi-yin                  | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited       |
| Dr Margaret WONG                   | Hong Kong Shue Yan University                          |
| Ms LAM Yee-mui                     | Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong          |
| Ms Iris LIU                        | International Social Service Hong Kong Branch          |
| Mr Tom MA                          | The Salvation Army                                     |
| Ms CHENG Miu-nar                   | Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers |
| Mr Raymond WONG                    | St James' Settlement                                   |
| Ms Wendy WONG                      | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service                 |
| Mr Kenny NG                        | Community Development Alliance                         |
| Ms Carol NG                        | Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service                      |
| Mr Moses MUI                       | The Hong Kong Council of Social Service                |
| Ms Lynn LAW                        | The Hong Kong Council of Social Service                |
| Mr CHAN Wing-sun                   | The Hong Kong Council of Social Service                |
| Ms Noel CHOW (recorder)            | The Hong Kong Council of Social Service                |

### **Apologies**

Ms Sky SIU KELY Support Group Limited

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

The draft minutes of the meeting held on March 11, 2020 was circulated by email on March 30, 2020 and was confirmed with the following amendment:

- i) 1. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting  
... draft minutes of the meeting held on January 22, **2020** was circulated . . .
- ii) 2. Matters Arising  
2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, ... the final report shall be submitted in March **2020** ...

## 2. Matters Arising

### 2.1 Working Group on Maintenance Issue

Paper 1: Membership List of the Working Group on Maintenance Issue (updated May 5, 2020) was sent to members for information.

Mr Moses Mui highlighted the new members from the SCSCs of the Working Group which would join the coming meeting on May 19, 2020.

A ZOOM meeting was arranged between the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service and the HKU consultants regarding the final study report on April 28, 2020. Recommendations both in policy advocacy and service development in addressing the maintenance issues were discussed. Members shared their views on HKU consultants' recommendations and raised concerns such as operational feasibility, interfacing with existing services, and importance of statutory power etc. The subject matter will be followed through by the Working Group while the final study report might be released in mid-2020.

Members noted that the maintenance issues would be covered in the Council's annual submission to HKSAR CE this year.

### 2.2 Welfare Agenda & Priorities Setting (WAPS) 2020

Paper 2.1: Rundown of WAPS Exercise and Paper 2.2: the fact sheets of the 3 foci were sent to members via email prior to the meeting.

Members were updated that more than 700 registrations received with around 130 participants will join in the group session for family and community service. As in previous year, the chairperson of our Specialized Committee (Ms Eliza Lam) would co-moderate the group session with SWD officials, i.e. Assistant Director (FCW) and Chief Social Work Officer (Youth).

Members shared their supplementary views on the welfare foci and highlighted the points to be emphasized during the WAPS meeting. In particular, it was suggested to add the point of digital divide in the topic of "cyber family support".

Members were noted that the final submission would be sent to SWD after the WAPS meeting to be held on May 15, 2020.

### 2.3 Outbreak of COVID-19

Paper 2.3: 社署公布逐步恢復資助福利服務的安插 were sent to members.

Members were noted that a follow up meeting with SWD was held on May 7, 2020 after the meetings between various Specialized Committees and respective ADs in end of March. Mr Moses Mui briefed members the relevant service resumption in accordance with the SWD's announcement made on May 9. Members have shared their views on the operation such as impact of the legal requirement.

### **3. Formation of Carer Policy and Corresponding Service Delivery**

Mr Chan Wing-sun briefed members the policy background and major work done by the Council regarding the subject of “carer support” through a powerpoint presentation with the following highlights:

- i) Previous roundtable discussion on the use of community work approach;
- ii) Community support through building up informal social support network;
- iii) Encouraging cross-service collaboration; and
- iv) Overall strategies led by the Council’s Standing Committee (Service Development)

It was agreed that a working group under the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service would be formed to discuss the subject matter. Mr Charles Ng, Mr Kenny Ng, Mr Tom Ma and Ms Polly Pang would be the members. At the same time, representative will be nominated to join the concerned working group under the Standing Committee, with the expectation to provide input from the perspective of family and community services.

### **4. For Information**

#### **4.1 Full-year Report on Business Plan 2019-2020**

Paper 3: Full Year Progress Report (April 2019 – March 2020) has been sent to members for information.

Mr Moses Mui highlighted the major works mainly handled in this Specialized Committee while other works are mainly followed through in respective service networks. After discussion, it was suggested that the Working Group on Family Service Programme Plan led by Dr Margaret Wong could further examine the progress of its work by taking into account the recent impact of COVID-19. Moreover, Ms Lam Yee-mui had shown interest to join the group.

### **5. Progress Update**

Paper 4: Progress Update of Family and Community Service (March to May 2020) was sent to members for information.

The following items were included:

- i) Survey on Parental Substance Abuse Case Intervention
- ii) Professional Exchange and Capacity Building in Drug Treatment Service
- iii) Engaging District Council for Serving Ethnic Minorities (EM)
- iv) Community Work Practice under Pandemic
- v) Service Development on Woman Shelter
- vi) Jockey Club FamConnect Project

Ms Lynn Law further explained the item on EM to members.

Mr Charles Ng shared that there was a seminar co-organized by the University of Hong Kong (HKU) and International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) to share the research findings on pandemic influence on social work.

**6. Any Other Business**

6.1 Mr Charles Ng shared that an invitation to participate in a research on ethical challenges for social workers during COVID-19 was received from the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) and an international Social Work Ethics Research Group consisting of academics from a number of countries, coordinated by Professor Sarah Banks. Members were invited to participate and further details will be sent out by Mr Charles Ng.

6.2 Members noted the fund-raising events (flag day) of International Social Service Hong Kong Branch and Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council and were encouraged to support.

**7. Date of Next Meeting – July 8, 2020**

The next meeting would be held on July 8, 2020 (Wednesday) at 2:30 pm in Room 1410, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

There being no other business and the meeting was adjourned 5:20 pm.

Adopted by

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Chairperson  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020