

## The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy

Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on July 23, 2021 (Friday) at 2:30 pm through Zoom Room.

Present:

Ms. Karrie Chan (Chairperson)	- Hong Kong Christian Service
Ms. Nora Wong	- HKSKH Lady MacLehose Centre
Ms. Sisi Liu	- Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres
Mr. Jim Hoe	- Sai Kung District Community Centre Limited
Ms. Iris Liu	- International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Dr. Wong Yu Cheung	- Caritas Institute of Higher Education
Dr. Paul Wong	- University of Hong Kong
Ms. Christa Cheung	- The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Dr. Fan Ning	- Health in Action Limited
Mr. Wong Kwok Kei	- Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service Hong Kong (Representative of Specialized Committee on Social Security and Employment Policy)
Ms. Ivy Leung	- Christian Family Service Centre (Representative of Specialized Committee on Social Development)

In-attendance

Mr. Anthony Wong	- HKCSS
Mr. Peace Wong	- HKCSS
Mr. Charles Ho	- HKCSS
Ms. Karen Yiu	- HKCSS
Ms. Olivia Ip (Recorder)	- HKCSS

Apologies:

Ms. Sky Siu (Vice-chairperson)	- Kely Support Group
Dr. Tam Yat Hung	- Shoebill Health Care
Mr. David Fung	- St. James' Settlement
Ms. Jennis Ho	- HKSKH Welfare Council Limited

**1. To adopt the agenda of the meeting**

The agenda of the meeting was adopted.

**2. To endorse the minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed with the following amendment:

Page 4, 3.2.2.13 should read as: Mr. Peace Wong added that SSEP prepared a paper on the caregiver allowance, which had very clearly stated our position.....

### 3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Mr. Anthony Wong reported the followings:
- HKCSS had submitted Annual Submission 2021 to Mrs. Carrie Lam, CE of HKSAR for consideration.
  - Government Consultation Session on Policy Address and Budget would be held in early August.
  - As in the past, HKCSS would organize a preparation meeting for participants of the consultation session. The main purpose was for participants to exchange views, so that there could be better coordination among participants and the consultation session could be better used.
  - Government would have a consultation session on housing in later stage.
- 3.2 He invited members to give their suggestions/views via email or through phone before July 31, 2021.

### 4. Matters for Discussion

- 4.1 Formation of Task Forces and the Related Nomination Procedure
- Mr. Anthony Wong introduced the function of three task forces and the terms of reference. He told members that the name of the task forces would regularly review the agenda and made appropriate changes and adjustments. If the agenda involved research idea or methodology, task force would submit proposal to the Standing Committee on PRA for discussion and seeking advice.
  - Except for the different scopes of three task forces, other contents were the same. Some small group meetings had been held discussion on scope before.
  - In the subject areas on Task Force on Poverty and Basic Income Protection, members would continue following the work on poverty, social security and employment policy.
  - Three Task Forces Year terms of offices were normally 3 years. The Convenor of the Task Force should be appointed by and from the Standing Committee on PRA. 6 task force members should be selection through nomination and selection process. Nomination Panel would be set up.
  - Only one representative from the same agency should be nominated or co-opted to become member of the Task Force.
  - 2-5 members would come out by co-option.
  - A list of nominated membership list would be ready and submit to the Standing Committee on PRA for endorsement.
  - Terms of Reference would be attached together with the invitation memo to agency representatives for reference.
  - Ms. Iris Liu suggested and agreed by members that we should better add one more point at the scope on: “If there were any other related issues in the future, the Task Force would propose new agenda to PRA for follow-up.”
  - Ms. Iris Liu suggested changing the name of Task Force on Housing and Health of the Grassroots to “Task Force on Housing, Health of the Grassroots”. The Chairperson asked the Council’s staff team to consider the opinion.
  - Mr. Anthony Wong told members that:

- He reported at the Executive Committee meeting before and had endorsed the year terms of three task forces were three years. However, since members of PRA were two-year term, if the two-year term of the Convenor just ended, PRA would need to appoint another convenor.
- Mr. Anthony Wong encouraged members to nominate task force member actively, and could take the initiative to serve as the Nomination Panel.

#### 4.2 Elections (Election Committee, LegCo, and CE) in 2021 and 2022

- Mr. Anthony Wong said that he had discussed with the Chairperson on the following issues before. He reported that:
  - Social Development and Welfare for the Platform of Candidates of 2016 Legislative Council Election was held in 2016. He asked members to think about the possibility on organizing forum this year.
  - Four Chief Executive Election 2017 Election Forums were held in February and March 2017. The Council would consider whether or not to organize a forum based on the prevailing social conditions.
- Mr. Jim Hoe commented that it was worthwhile continue organizing election forums. He recommended the Council submitting 5-years social welfare agenda to 1,500 voters, and hoped that they would be able to better understand the agenda setting of the Council.
- Mr. Anthony Wong asked members to propose 5-years social welfare agenda, hoping to become the election platform of each candidate.
- Mr. Anthony Wong told members that the election forums organized by HKCSS in the past were based on the principle of fairness and all candidates would be invited to participate.
- It was endorsed in the meeting that:
  - Organizing Election Committee Election Forum could still be considered but members did not deem it necessary.
  - Agreed the Council to organize Legislative Council Election Forum and the Chief Executive Election 2022 Election Forum.
  - Recommended the Council to contact and communicated with all elected members of the Legislative Council after the election.
- Mr. Anthony Wong would report committee's suggestions to the Council's Chief Executive for consideration.

#### 5. Any Other Business

- 5.1 Mr. Anthony Wong reported that the Standing Committee on PRA needed to handle Billie's vacancy. He reported that the committee might at most hold one more meeting. Members agreed that the vacancy could be left vacant as Billie's term was going to finish in Nov 2021. Hence the position would be filled by election in the AGM of 2021.
- 5.2 Dr. Paul Wong circulated a paper on "The changes of suicidal ideation status among young people in Hong Kong during COVID-19: A longitudinal survey" to members for reference before the meeting.

#### 6. Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting would be processed through email.

Post-meeting note:

Next meeting was scheduled for 2:30pm of 23 Nov 2021.

Adopted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairperson)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_