

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE
Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy
(2019-2020)

Minutes of the First meeting held on December 5, 2019 (Thursday) at 3:00pm in Room 203, 2/F., Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15, Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Present

Mr. Wong Chi Hung, Edmond (Chairperson)	- Caritas – Hong Kong
Ms. Karrie Chan (Vice-Chairperson)	- Hong Kong Christian Service
Dr. Fan Ning	- Health in Action Limited
Mr. Francis Chau	- The Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong
Ms. Cindy Pun	- The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service
Ms. Ngai Mei Mui, Angela	- Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Dr. Wong Yu Cheung	- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Mr. Bill Lay	- Caritas – Hong Kong (Representative of Specialized Committee on Social Development)
Mr. Wong Kwok Kei	- Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service Hong Kong (Representative of Specialized Committee on Social Security and Employment)

In-attendance

Mr. Anthony Wong	- HKCSS
Mr. Peace Wong	- HKCSS
Ms. Olivia Ip (Recorder)	- HKCSS

Apologies

Dr. Wong Kwai Yau	- BGCA
Ms. Ho Sim Ki, Jennis	- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited
Mr. Lau Chung, Billie	- Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service Hong Kong
Professor Ray Yep	- City University of Hong Kong

1. Welcoming Remarks

Before the meeting, Mr. Anthony Wong, on behalf of the PRA Standing Committee Meeting, extended warm welcome to all members to join this Committee.

He introduced the Terms of Reference to new members, letting members have more understanding about PRA work.

2. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

2.1. Nominated by Mr. Francis Chau, and seconded by Dr. Fan Ning, Mr. Edmond Wong

was re-elected as Chairperson unanimously.

2.2. Nominated by Mr. Bill Lay, and seconded by Ms. Nora Wong, Ms. Karrie Chan was elected as Vice-Chairperson unanimously.

2.3. The Chairperson, Mr. Edmond Wong would be the representative to the Council's Executive Committee.

3. Representative to the Steering Committee for Community Housing Movement (CHM)

Dr. Fan Ning would represent Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy Committee to join this Committee.

4. Representative to the Working Group for Primary Healthcare Policy

Ms. Karrie Chan would represent Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy Committee to join this Committee.

5. Representative to join the Assessment Committee for Membership Application

Mr. Bill Lay would represent Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy Committee to join this Committee.

6. To adopt the agenda of the meeting

The agenda was adopted.

7. To adopt the minutes of last meeting

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

Deleted Ms. Karrie Chan from the **Present** item, and added Ms. Karrie Chan into **Apologies** item.

8. Matters for Discussion

8.1. Mid-Year Progress

8.1.1. Mr. Anthony Wong reported that the Report had circulated to members before the meeting.

8.1.2. He highlighted part of mid-year progress to members for more understanding.

- Coming issue of Policy Bulletin would list out HKCSS's recommendation to the Government on CSSA review.
- The Council would conduct a Research Study on Young Adult Employment.
- The Government had increased the funding for Housing to 5 billion and targeted to complete 1000 units in 3 years. These were more than what we had asked for in the past two years.

- Modular Housing Project:
 - The First Modular Housing Assembling Ceremony would be held at Nam Cheong Street site on December 20, 2019. Tung Wah Group of Hospitals had been appointed as the service operator.
 - Yen Chow Street site
Project's General Building Plan was in the process of production. Funding was approved and we were preparing to tender out in January 2020.
 - Yip Shing Street site
The tender period for submission of tender proposal on Lead consultancy services and Quantity Surveyor's consultancy services was passed. Follow up work would be conducted.
- A study visit to Singapore for primary health care model would be held at March 2020.
- The 9th Conference Cum Workshop on Practice and Research for Social Service Excellence was confirmed to be held on April 6-7, 2020.
- 社福抗貧網絡 would be organizing activities of experiencing poverty.
- A public education event with exhibition on poverty alleviation would be organized in the first quarter of 2020.

8.2. Initial idea on business plan for 2019-2020

Mr. Anthony Wong reported the followings:

8.2.1. Mr. Keith Wong had resigned from the Council.

8.2.2. It was proposed that Social Development Unit and Social Security and Employment Policy Unit would combine and would be under the supervision of Mr. Peace Wong, aiming to strengthen the capacity and synergy of the existing staff team members. Eventually, the entire team would work on 3 strategic research areas, and 3 corresponding sub-teams would be set up to as the expert team on these social policy issues, such as poverty alleviation, basic income protection, basic medial reform, ageing population etc. The exact areas of research would be further deliberated. Mr. Anthony Wong pointed out every research studies carried out by HKCSS were not academic research, and would only be considered after reviewing the action agenda of the project carefully. HKCSS's research studies were mainly focused on policy or service improvement of the government, such as solution of policy or changes of Hong Kong's long term development plan.

8.2.3. It was also proposed that working together with the 3 sub-teams, 3 corresponding expert groups would be set up as the expert platforms for these strategic areas of focus.

8.2.4. A paper would be prepared to consult the Council's EXCO in December.

- 8.2.5. Concerning the current social and political crisis, members expressed views on what the Council might consider to do.
- 8.2.6. On research, Mr. Anthony Wong told members that in June, Mr. Lee Ching Kwan of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, conducted interviews with dozens of people on the frontline at the recent social movement. Mr. Anthony Wong suggested inviting Mr. Lee to attend our PRA Standing Committee to introduce the research at the appropriate time.
- 8.2.7. Members were concerned recent social movement and the followings :
- 8.2.7.1. The division between the youth and their families
 - 8.2.7.2. Homelessness as a result of incident
 - 8.2.7.3. Hostility against the youth
 - 8.2.7.4. A tide of mental health problem in the population
 - 8.2.7.5. Pressure on teachers and social workers, and the crisis of these human professions.
- 8.2.8. Mr. Anthony Wong reported that Mr. Raymond Lai, Business Director of Service Development, held 2 focus groups meeting on brain-storming session, participants shared their views and agreed to do as much as we do.
- 8.2.9. New project on Time To Heal was started from September 2019, not many applications had been received. Among the workshops held, the most popular was Legal Aid Forum.

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1. Mr. Anthony Wong reminded members for filling in the “Declaration of Interest” form and giving it back to the secretariat for further action.
- 9.2. Co-opt members
- a) Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy would have 2 vacancy posts for co-option.
 - b) After discussion, members agreed to invite Dr. Tam Yat Hung continue serving as co-opt member for 2019-2021.
 - c) The followings would be invited by the following priorities:
 - (1) Mr. Otto Lau
 - (2) Ms. Sisi Liu
 - (3) Mr. Lee Tai Sing
 - (4) Mr. Keith Wong

10. Date of Next Meeting

Two proposed meeting dates were:

- January 10, 2020 from 2:30pm; or
- January 14, 2020 from 2:30pm

Post –meeting note:

Next meeting was confirmed to be held at **January 10, 2020 from 2:30pm in Room 1410 of the Council.**

Adopted by : _____
Chairperson

Date : _____