

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

Minutes of the Second meeting held on January 10, 2020 (Friday) at 3:00pm in Room 1410, 14/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
Ms. Ho Sim Ki, Jennis	- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited
Mr. Francis Chau	- The Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong
Ms. Ngai Mei Mui, Angela	- Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Dr. Wong Yu Cheung	- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Dr. Tam Yat Hung	- University of Hong Kong
Ms. Nora Wong	- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lady MacLehose Centre
Mr. Lau Chung, Billie	- Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service Hong Kong
Mr. Wong Kwok Kei	- Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service Hong Kong (Representative of Specialized Committee on Social Security and Employment)
Mr. Bill Lay	- Caritas – Hong Kong (Representative of Specialized Committee on Social Development)

In-attendance

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

Apologies

Dr. Fan Ning	- Health in Action Limited
Dr. Wong Kwai Yau	- BGCA
Professor Ray Yep	- City University of Hong Kong
Ms. Sisi Liu	- Hong Kong Federation of Women
Ms. Cindy Pun	- The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service

Welcome new members

Before the meeting, on behalf of the Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy, Mr. Anthony Wong extended a warm welcome to Mr. Billie Lau, Ms. Jennis HO and Dr. Tam Yat Hung for joining the Committee.

1. To adopt the agenda of the meeting

The agenda of this meeting were endorsed without any amendments.

2. To adopt the minutes of last meeting

The minutes of last meeting were endorsed without any amendments.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Re-structuring of Staff Team and Governance Restructure team

Mr. Anthony Wong reported that a proposal of restructuring staff team was prepared and submitted to the Council's Ex-Co for comment and information.

In the last Ex-Co meeting, members of the Ex-Co noted the staff team restructuring and agreed with the strategic areas identified, and the proposed formation of expert groups to work together with the small teams in respective areas. Ex-Co however was concerned that the proposed restructuring of the governance should be given more thoughts. Ex-Co understood the rationales of the proposal but would hope that the staff team could consult a round of consultation with the concerned committees in line with the principle of ensuring participation of the agency members in the work of PRA would not be compromised. Ex-Co requested a proposal with the result of consultation to be submitted before July this year for consideration.

3.2 Follow-up on discussion on the impact of current social and political crisis

3.2.1 Mr. Anthony Wong told members that a whole day open forum on 「從社會運動看社會服務的未來」研討會 would be held on January 16, 2020 at the Auditorium of Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, and introduced the content of the forum, he encouraged members to attend.

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1 Major initiatives of business plan for 2020-2021

Mr. Anthony Wong briefly introduced the paper to members:

- (a) The Government accepted part of the recommendations from the Council in the last Policy Address. The Council would continue to follow up.
- (b) Colleagues of Social Security team were working on the Study on Carer Allowance, and would be finished by end of March.
- (c) The Labour and Welfare Bureau of HKSAR explored with the Council to see if we would be interested to submit a tender for conducting the Study on Carers which they would be calling for soon. The Council had expressed interest in this study.
- (d) In the coming few years, the Council would continue working the carer's policy. A cross-business staff team was formed under another Business Director, with the participation of the staff team of PRA.
- (e) Following up Study on Young Adult Mobility and 墟市 were still on-going.

- (f) The project on Community Housing Movement was expected to finish in September 2020. Steering Committee was considering the feasibility of continuation. The Standing Committee would be updated on further progress.
- (g) Community Care Fund agreed to fund a new project on material/service distribution to 20,000 subdivided unit residents. Mr. Cliff Choi would be responsible for this project and the research team would make use of these 20000 households to conduct several surveys to understand the livelihood of these tenant households. Four main theme of research studies would be identified, and the surveys would be conducted in the coming few years.
- (h) The Conference for Research and Practice for Social Service Excellence in April would be held. Yet, in the ensuing years, it would be organized in a way that both the elements of research and policy advocacy would be included. It was expected that, after the Conference in this year, PRA would have an annual PRA conference scheduled to be held every year.

5. Matters for Reporting

5.1 Transitional social housing new development

- 5.1.1 Short term tenancy of Yen Chow Street Site project had not been approved, but the tendering was being prepared, hoping to be rolled out in January this year.
- 5.1.2 Short term tenancy and funding of Yip Shing Street Site had been approved.
- 5.1.3 Wheelock had donated a piece of land for transitional social housing, but the Council would need to inspect the site and to explore whether it was suitable for use.
- 5.1.4 For future development, Community Housing Movement Project team might be transformed into an subsidiary entity such as a social housing enterprise and continue to develop future work. There was not any decision at this moment.

6. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Two proposed meeting dates were:

- March 23, 2020 from 3:00pm
- April 3, 2020 from 3:00pm

(Post-meeting note:

Next meeting would be held at April 3, 2020 (Friday) from 3:00pm in Room 1410 of the Council.)

Adopted by : _____
Chairperson

Date : _____