

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE
Standing Committee on Social Development
(2023-24)

Minutes of the 1st meeting held on 4 December 2023 at 2:30pm in Room 203 of the Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

Present:	Ms. CHAK Tung Ching, Yvonne (Chairperson)	Hong Kong Christian Service
	Ms. LEE Man Shan, Emily (Vice-Chairperson)	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association
	Mr. CHEUNG Tat Cheong, Cooke (Vice-Chairperson)	St. James' Settlement
	Mrs. CHIU CHUI Yuen Fun, Angela	Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council, The
	Mr. LAU Chung, Billie	Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong, The
	Mr. LO Chung Biu, Bill	Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China
	Ms. CHAN Fung Man, Angel	Christian Family Service Centre
	Ms. CHAN Ching Yee, Susan	Hong Kong association of Gerontology
	Mr. CHAN Wai Leung, Charlie	Caritaas-Hong Kong
	Mr. CHAN Man Ho, Wilson	Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, The
	Ms. CHAU, Kitty	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
	Dr. CHEUNG Chun Sing, Johnson	University of Hong Kong, Department of Social Work & Social Administration, The
	Mr. MA Ho Kwan, Daniel	Hong Kong Red Cross
	Ms. YAU Yee Man	Salvation Army, The
	Mr. CHUK Wing Hung, Keswick	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social

		Service - Hong Kong
	Mr. MA Kam Wah, Timothy	Chief Consultant, Ma Kam Wah & Co.
	Ms. LEUNG Yuk Kuen, Agnes	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service-Hong Kong
In-attendance:	Ms. Angie CHAN	HKCSS
	Mr. Anthony WONG	HKCSS
	Ms. Teresa LI	HKCSS
	Ms. Katie WONG	HKCSS
	Ms. Karen YIU	HKCSS
	Mr. Charles HO	HKCSS
	Ms. Joyce HO	HKCSS
	Ms. Hindy KAI	HKCSS
	Mr. Alex YEUNG (Recorder)	HKCSS
Apology:	Mr. CHIANG Chi Hang, Louis	Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service
	Mr. WONG Chi Kit	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong
	Mr. SUEN Kwok Tung, Eddie	SAHK

1. To adopt the agenda of the meeting

- Members confirmed the minutes without any amendment.

2. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

After nomination and election, arrangements were as follows:

- Ms. CHAK Tung Ching, Yvonne was elected as the Chairperson.
- Mr. CHEUNG Tat Cheong, Cooke and Ms. LEE Man Shan, Emily were elected as the Vice-Chairperson.

3. Appointment of representatives to serve in the Council's Committees

- The following representatives were selected by the Committee:

Committee / Group	Representing Member(s)
Executive Committee	Mr. CHEUNG Tat Cheong, Cooke
Strategy Committee on Tech Enablement	Mr. LAU Chung, Billie
Strategy Committee on Talent Development	Ms. CHAN Fung Man, Angel
Strategy Committee on Co-creation	Ms. CHAU, Kitty
Assessment Committee for Membership Application	1. Mrs. CHIU CHUI Yuen Fun, Angela 2. Ms. YAU Yee Man 3. Mr. CHAN Wai Leung, Charlie
The Mainland Affairs Steering Committee	Mr. MA Kam Wah, Timothy

4. Co-option of new member

- This would be further discussed in the next meeting.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of the 6th meeting for 2023/24 (Appendix 1)

- Members confirmed the minutes without any amendment.

6. Functions of the Standing Committee and its relationship with the Specialized Committees and Strategy Committees (Appendix 2)

- Monitoring the trends and challenges of social development in Hong Kong is vital to the commitment to formulating directions and strategies for the Council's service researches. This standing Committee is dedicated to setting the welfare and social development agenda in response to social needs and advocating service development, as well as concerned policies. The primary goal is to drive and participate in long-term welfare planning and service development, providing impactful service solutions and policy

advocacy recommendations. Engaging the welfare sector, policy makers, stakeholders, and the public is crucial in fostering understanding of social trends, and in adopting the Council's viewpoints and recommendations. Through collaboration with the Specialized Committees and Strategy Committees, members can identify welfare and social agendas and cultivate joint efforts to address the root causes of social problems. Furthermore, all committee members are committed to formulating strategies that facilitate knowledge exchanges with the Mainland and international social sector, promoting collaboration and learning on a global scale.

- All functions of this Standing Committee are aligned with the newly established 1+3 structure. To cultivate a culture of prioritizing impact in the welfare sector, the Standing Committee plays a crucial role in nurturing this mindset. By emphasizing the importance of producing meaningful outcomes and tangible results, the Committee strives to promote an "Impact-given" culture that permeates the entire sector, leading to positive change, increased effectiveness, and enhanced efficiency in its initiatives.

7. Members' expectation about the work of the Standing Committee

- Since this Committee is modified from the Standing Committee on Service Development, members suggested that it is vital to find out the mission and priority of the Committee for balancing the discussion between service development and challenges in the society.
- Several members have put forth a visionary proposition for service development, encompassing the creation of a family center and the advancement of talent development. This forward-looking approach seeks to address the evolving needs of the community, recognizing the importance of comprehensive support systems. The proposed family center would serve as a centralized resource, offering a wide range of integrated services to cater to the diverse requirements of families. Concurrently, prioritizing talent development would ensure a skilled workforce capable of delivering high-quality services and driving innovation within the welfare sector.

- Another member advised to allow small NGOs or non-subvented NGOs to take apart in this Standing Committee since most of the members are from large NGOs. Members can benefit from their unique perspectives and insights, enabling members to view issues from different perspectives. This diversity of viewpoints enhances the overall balance and health of the group, fostering a more comprehensive and well-rounded approach to problem-solving. The Council do not exclude and welcome small NGOs to join in this standing committee.
- End of Life and Carer are the two agendas will be focused in this standing committee. The Council already set up an agenda group on Carer. This agenda is formed by the Council and representatives related with this field from different stakeholders. All challenges and trend of Carer can be discussed in the group. Meanwhile, the network of End of life is formed instead of forming the agenda group due to the immaturity of this agenda. The Council is working on the service mapping and finding out the service gap in the legislation of “Gazettal of Advance Decision on Life-sustaining Treatment Bill”.
- The mission of Strategy Committees elected at the beginning is to serve this Standing Committee and corresponding agendas. Members pointed out the importance of co-creation between Strategy Committees, which allows the Council to formulate strategies that facilitate knowledge exchanges more effective. Recognizing the existence of numerous agendas that remain unfamiliar to the Council, it has emphasized the importance of gathering expertise from across the welfare sector. By bringing together relevant talents and knowledge, the Council aims to collaboratively address these complex issues and find comprehensive solutions. This inclusive approach ensures a collective effort in tackling challenges and harnessing the diverse perspectives and expertise within the welfare sector to achieve meaningful and impactful outcomes.
- Some members questioned the division of labor between this Standing Committee and the Standing Committee on Sector Development & Finance due to the relevance of these two Standing Committees. The Council clarified that the main purpose of this Standing Committee is giving impetus to service development and social trends through engaging with variety of stakeholders, but the direction in detail need to be discussed together.

Therefore, there is a part for Members' orientation and retreat in following agendas.

8. Ideas for the annual business plan of the Standing Committee

- It is combined with the agenda 7. Please read above for detail information.

9. Report on S+ Summit

- Please refer to the Appendix 3.

10. A.O.B

10.1. Members' orientation or retreat

- Based on the new structure of governance, The Council would like to have a retreat with members in Standing Committees, Specialize Committees and Strategy Committees after the Executive Committee, which is around January. The format and detail information will be confirmed. Members are welcome to express their options.
- The Council recognizes that while some agendas may not be directly operational, they are nonetheless crucial for the overall welfare sector, and is therefore open to exploring the possibility of discussing these agendas within this committee.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- 20th February, 2024

Adopted by: _____
(Chairperson)

Date: _____

