

The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Policy Research & Advocacy
Specialized Committee on Social Development (2020/2021)

Minutes of the 1st Meeting

Date: 13th Nov, 2020 (Friday)
Time: 14:30 – 16:30
Venue: Zoom (Remote meeting)

Present:	Mr. Billie LAU	- Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service
	Ms. Emily LEE	- Hong Kong Young Women’s Christian Association
	Ms. Ivy LEUNG	- Christian Family Service Centre
	Dr. Margaret WONG	- Hong Kong Shue Yan University
	Mr. Mike CHEUNG	- Hong Kong Christian Service
	Mr. Po Shan TANG	- Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service
	Mr. Wo Ping WONG	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
In attendance:	Ms. Natalie YAU	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
	Ms. Connie CHEN	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
	Mr. Dennis LAM (Recorder)	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

1 To receive the agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

2 To confirm minutes of last meeting

The minutes were confirmed without amendment.

3 Elections of new chairperson, vice chairperson, representatives of Policy Bulletin Editorial Board, Working Group on Primary Healthcare, Working Group on Housing

The position of Chairperson was vacant. For the election of vice chairperson, Mr. Po Shan TANG was nominated by Ms. Ivy LEUNG and Ms. Emily LEE seconded. Mr. Po Shan TANG was elected as the vice chairperson with majority votes. As discussed and agreed by the Specialized Committee, the vice chairperson would be the Committee's representative in the Policy Bulletin Editorial Board.

As discussed and agreed by the Specialized Committee, Mr. Po Shan TANG would be the representative of Working Group on Housing Policy; Ms. Ivy LEUNG would be the representative of Working Group on Primary Healthcare.

Post Meeting Notes

Ms. Ivy LEUNG was elected after the meeting. She was nominated by Ms. Emily LEE and Dr. Margaret WONG seconded. She was elected as the chairperson with majority votes. She would be the ex officio member of the Standing Committee of Policy Research and Advocacy. As discussed and agreed by the Specialized Committee, Mr. Billie LAU replaced Ms. Ivy LEUNG as the representative of Working Group on Primary Healthcare.

4. Business Update

4.1 Policy Research and Advocacy

The sub team of Housing and Health of the Grassroots reported the half yearly progress for 2019/2020, (Post-meeting note: the half yearly progress report was endorsed by Specialized Committee on Social Development). The members agreed that the team should continue focusing on tenancy control and rental allowance in the latter half of the year.

4.2 Centre for Social Impact

Ms. Natalie YAU updated the progress of Conference on Research and Advocacy 2020-2021.

5. Matters for Discussion

5.1 Co-opted member of Specialized Committee on Social Development

Members brainstormed the nomination list of co-opted members. The committee will decide whether to co opt the member after the nomination list circulated via email.

5.2 Year Plan of Social Development 2021 – 2022

Members discussed and gave initial feedback to the year plan for the unit in the coming year. Member suggested that with existing SDU data, sub-groups such as

Ethnic Minority at SDU could be studied in the following year. There should be more innovative research and advocacy methodology to be explored under the current social context.

6. **Any other business**

No other businesses were raised by the committee members.

7. **The date of next meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 16:30. The next meeting is scheduled on 26th January 2021 at 14:30.

Confirmed by :

Ms. Ivy LEUNG
Chairperson of Specialized Committee on
Social Development

Date:
