

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

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting

Date: 26th Jan, 2021 (Tuesday)
Time: 14:30 – 16:30
Venue: Zoom (Remote meeting)

Present:	Ms. Ivy LEUNG (Chairperson)	- Christian Family Service Centre
	Mr. Po Shan TANG (Vice Chairperson)	- Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service
	Mr. Billie LAU	- Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service
	Ms. Emily LEE	- Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association
	Dr. Margaret WONG	- Hong Kong Shue Yan University
	Mr. Mike CHEUNG	- Hong Kong Christian 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 Business Update

3.1 Policy Research and Advocacy

The progress of sub team of Housing and Health of the Grassroots was reported. Profile of children living in sub-divided units will be released. The sub team will be focus on housing output.

3.2 Centre for Social Impact

Ms. Natalie YAU reported that the 1st Annual Conference on Policy Research and Advocacy will be held on 15 March 2021, at 9:00 – 13:00. The speakers and rundown were confirmed. Members concerned the arrangement of half day conference.

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1 Discussion of Tenancy Control and Rental Allowance Position Paper

Ms. Natalie YAU gave a brief presentation on Tenancy Control and Rental Allowance. There was no specific concern raised in the meeting. Mr. Peace WONG expressed that comments after the meeting are welcome.

4.2 Draft Business Plan for 2021-2022

Ms. Natalie YAU and Ms. Connie CHEN gave a brief presentation on tentative business plan for 2021-2022, including matters of Housing, Primary Healthcare and Practice Research. Members gave recommendations on research and advocacy tasks. Topics of SDU research under theme 3(Health of Grassroots) and theme 4 (Household with children) was suggested, such as public health issue under Covid-19, gender issues in terms of environmental health and safety. Members agreed that survey on condition of post Covid-19 in the society should be taken into consideration. Mr. Peace WONG expressed that there will be more discussion on it within the whole team.

Ms. Margaret WONG introduced methodology of Trans-disciplinary Research to promote practice research. It aims at enhancing the effectiveness of the project via collaboration between different sectors (i.e. business, social work, medical and public health).

Members concerned the development and application of big data and IT in social welfare sector. Three points of consideration were identified: (1) role of HKCSS on bridging collaborative work between NGOs and other sectors, that to enhance service development via use of big data; (2) funding to facilitate research works with other sectors; (3) activities conducted by HKCSS to improve application of basic knowledge and skills of big database and IT system.

4.3. Co-optedd member of Specialized Committee on Social Development

Members were informed that Mr. Brian FONG had withdrawn from the Committee. Members agreed that it was no necessary to coopt member this year, but the Committee may consult experts on some policy agenda if needed.

5. **Any other business**

No other businesses were raised by the committee members.

6. **The date of next meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 16:30. The next meeting will be scheduled after the meeting.