

**The Hong Kong Council of Social Service**  
**Policy Research & Advocacy**  
**Specialized Committee on Social Development (2019/2020)**

**Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting**

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| <b>Date:</b>          | 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2019 (Thursday)                              |  |
| <b>Time:</b>          | 10:30 – 13:00  |  |
| <b>Venue:</b>         | Room 1410, 14/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, Wan Chai |  |
| <b>Present:</b>       | Mr. Bill LAY<br>(Chairperson)                                      | - Caritas Hong Kong                          |
|                       | Mr. Po Shan TANG<br>(Vice Chairperson)                             | - Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service         |
|                       | Mr. Billie LAU   | - Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service |
|                       | Ms. Ivy LEUNG  | - Christian Family Service Centre            |
|                       | Dr. Kim Wah CHUNG (Co-opted)                                       | - Hong Kong Polytechnic University           |
|                       | Dr. Margaret WONG (Co-opted)                                       | - Hong Kong Shue Yan University              |
|                       | Mr. Anthony WONG   | - The Hong Kong Council of Social Service    |
|                       | Mr. Keith WONG   | - The Hong Kong Council of Social Service    |
| <b>In attendance:</b> | Ms. Natalie YAU  | - The Hong Kong Council of Social Service    |
|                       | Ms. Connie CHEN (Recorder)   | - The Hong Kong Council of Social Service    |
| <b>Apologies:</b>     | Mr. Mike Cheung  | - Hong Kong Christian 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**

For the election of chairperson, Mr. Bill LAY was nominated by Dr. Kim Wah CHUNG and Mr. Billie LAU seconded. Mr. Bill LAY was elected as the chairperson with majority votes. He would also be the ex officio member of the

Standing Committee of Policy Research and Advocacy.

For the election of vice chairperson, Mr. Po Shan TANG was nominated by Mr. Bill LAY and Mr. Billie LAU 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.

#### **4. Business Update**

##### *4.1 Policy Research and Advocacy*

Mr. Keith WONG presented the half-year progress report for 2019/2020. That included housing, primary healthcare, and the on-going research projects. The topic of the upcoming issue of Policy Bulletin would 'Transitional Housing'. The Singapore study trip on primary healthcare would most likely be conducted in the week of 24 February 2020 or the week of 9 March 2020.

##### *4.2 Centre for Social Impact*

Mr. Keith WONG reported the progress of SIA projects. The 9<sup>th</sup> Conference on Practice and Research for Social Service Excellence was scheduled for April 2020.

#### **5. Matters for Discussion**

##### *5.1 Co-opted member of Specialized Committee on Social Development*

Committee members suggested inviting Dr. Chi Hang Brian FONG to be co-opted member of the Specialized Committee. (Post-meeting note: Dr. Chi Hang Brian FONG accepted the invitation and would serve a term of two years.)

##### *5.2 Year Plan of Social Development 2020-2021*

Members discussed and gave initial feedback to the year plan for the unit in the coming year. They agreed that the research should continue focusing on housing policy and the development of primary healthcare. Members suggested narrowing

down the scope on these two topics.

**6. Any other business**

*6.1 Delegates vetting for Singapore Study Trip on Primary Healthcare*

Members agreed that Dr. Margaret WONG, Dr. Kim Wah CHUNG and Dr. Brian FONG would be invited to help with the vetting process. The vetting process would be started as the itinerary confirmed.

*6.2 Social service planning and development after election of District Council*

Members raised their concern on recent District Council election results and discussed whether the Council should explore ways to put forward the relevant social service/welfare agenda in the new district political situation. Mr Anthony WONG responded that while we would keep abreast of the latest development of the current situation, we should be taking more a reactive approach rather than a proactive one given the uncertainty for the time being. The Chairperson updated some of the initiatives embarked upon by the newly elected councilors and other organizations.

*6.3 Special Thanks to Chief Officer of Social Development Mr. Keith WONG*

The chairperson Mr. Bill LAY, as representative of Specialized Committee Members, gave special thanks to Mr. Keith WONG for his contribution to the unit.

**7. The date of next meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 13:00. (Post-meeting note: the next meeting is scheduled on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 11:00)

Confirmed  
by :

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Mr. Bill LAY  
Chairperson of Specialized  
Committee on Social Development

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