

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE
Standing Committee on Service Development
(2020-21)

Minutes of the 6th meeting held on 14th September 2021 at 2:30pm in Room 203 of the Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

Present:	Ms Yvonne CHAK (Chairperson)	Hong Kong Christian Service
	Ms CHAN Lai Kwan, Queenie (Vice-chairperson)	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service-HK
	Ms CHAN Siu Lai	The Salvation Army
	Ms LEUNG Wai Ling, Rachel	Heep Hong Society
	Ms LEE Doris	Harmony House
	Ms LEUNG Siu Ling, Ivy	Christian Family Service Centre
	Ms LEUNG Yuen Ching, Cindy	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
	Mr. NG Ting Shan	Care for the Elderly Association Limited / Rep of SC(ELD)
	Mr. SUEN Kwok Tung, Eddie	SAHK / Rep of SC(Rehab)
	Ms CHUNG Mei Ling	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, LC-HKS/ Rep of SC(CY)
In-attendance:	Mr Raymond LAI	HKCSS
	Ms Karen YIU	HKCSS
	Ms Rachel SZETO	HKCSS
	Ms Teresa LI	HKCSS
	Ms Grace CHAN	HKCSS
	Mr Peter KWOK	HKCSS
	Ms Angela NG	HKCSS
	Ms Carmen TAI (Recorder)	HKCSS
Apology:	Ms YU Mei Yuk, Doris	Caritas – Hong Kong
	Ms LI Yi Man, Moroco	Richmond Fellowship of Hong Kong
	Ms CHOW Mee Tim	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited
	Mr SUI Wai Keung, Stephen	Co-opted Member
	Mr. LING Kar Kan	Co-opted Member
	Ms LAM Yee Wan, Eliza	Caritas-Hong Kong / Rep of SC(FC)

(1) Confirmation of Minutes of the Last Meeting (Appendix 1 & 2)

- Minutes were confirmed without any amendment.

(2) Matters arising

(2.1) Anti-epidemic Measures and Welfare Support

- The government announced on 10 Sep that the restricted visiting arrangement for residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes was continued. Visitors and residents were exempted from COVID-19 test if they had completed two-dose vaccination. Visitors were required to get a negative result from the speed test or nucleic acid testing if the residents did not complete two-dose vaccination. Visitors and residents who did not complete two-dose vaccination were both required to present a negative COVID-19 test result before the visit.
- HKCSS received 10,000 free copies of COVID-19 speed test from a supplier. A total of 97 residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes participated in the pilot project. The free copies were distributed to visitors with financial needs, so that they could fulfill the visiting requirements. The test supplier also developed an App for easier storage of the test reports. The pilot project would last until Feb 2022. A media campaign would be held on 16 Sep.
- A special arrangement on testing was announced that lump sum grant could be applied for COVID testing until Sep 2021. The 7 days cycle of testing was continued. Colleagues who had completed two-dose vaccination still could receive free testing at the community testing centers.
- Members raised their concern that some colleagues had medical reasons for not getting vaccination and asked whether they could be granted discretion of lump sum grant subsidized testing. It was replied that they could receive free testing at community testing centers with medical certificate.
- Members reported that some private RCHEs and schools required colleagues who had completed two-dose vaccination to receive COVID testing or provide their vaccination proof. The testing costs were not covered by lump sum grant or reimbursed by SWD. It was suggested bringing out the issues in the meeting of the specialized committees and negotiating with related government department or bureau.

- Members suggested proactively initiating communication with SWD on the COVID-19 vaccination requirements of residents of the elderly and residential care homes, for a better preparation in future operations. HKCSS would follow-up on the discussion with members and operators in specialized committees and network meetings, and reflect the concerns to SWD/LWB.

(2.2) Review on Enhancement of Lump Sum Grant Subvention System

- Regarding the issue of FSA related activities, the joint letter to SWD was not issued as HKCSS did not receive sufficient no. of agency members showing support. Currently, as the major focus was FSA related activities and 1% welfare subvention cut, service review was pending.

(3) Gerontech and Innovation Expo cum Summit 2021 (ITA)

- HKCSS shared the latest development and concerns.
- GIES Expo would be held on 3 Nov to 6 Nov, and the Summit would be held on 2 Nov to 4 Nov. Members were invited to participate in the events.
- Regarding the gerontechnology platform, interested members were welcomed to approach the ITA team.

(4) Proposed Mandatory Reporting Requirement for Suspected Child Abuse Cases (Appendix 3 & 4)

- Paper on mandatory reporting was submitted. The legislation on mandatory reporting requirement for suspected child abuse cases would take about 2 years and HKCSS would continue to discuss about various concerns with corresponding operators.

(5) Primary Health Care and Social-Medial collaboration (Appendix 5 & 6)

- 「社醫合作的社會服務案例」研討會 was organized on 2 Sep and the factsheets of the seminar were tabled.

(6) Progress Update of Services (Appendix5)

- The progress of service teams was illustrated in the report.

(7) A.O.B.

(7.1) HKCSS Convention 2022 cum 75th Anniversary

- Date: 19 May 2022

(7.2) National Security Law

- Members were concern about the operation in social welfare setting.

(8) Date of next meeting (TBC)

Adopted by: _____
(Chairperson)

Date: _____