

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE
Standing Committee on Service Development
(2022-23)

Minutes of the 3rd meeting held on 14 Mar 2023 at 2:30pm in Room 203 of the Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

Present:	Ms. CHAN Siu Lai (Chairperson)	The Salvation Army
	Ms. CHAN Chung Ho Karrie (Vice-chairperson)	Hong Kong Christian Service
	Ms. CHOW Mee Tim	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council
	Dr. LEE Hing Wai, Bonson	Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong
	Ms. SIN Fung Yee, Sally	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong
	Mr. YIP Kin Chung	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited
	Ms. YU Mei Yuk, Doris	Caritas - Hong Kong
	Ms. CHAN Ching Yee, Susan	Hong Kong Association of Gerontology / Rep of SC(ELD)
	Mrs CHIU Chui Yuen-fun, Angela	Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council / Rep of SC(FC)
In-attendance:	Mr. Raymond LAI	HKCSS
	Ms. Karen YIU	HKCSS
	Ms. Angie CHAN	HKCSS
	Ms. Kim KWOK	HKCSS
	Ms. Katie WONG	HKCSS
	Ms. Carmen TAI (Recorder)	HKCSS
Apology:	Ms. LEE Man Shan, Emily (Vice-chairperson)	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association
	Mr. CHAN Man Ho, Wilson	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
	Ms. LEUNG Yuen Ching, Cindy	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
	Mr. CHUK Wing Hung, Keswick	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong / Rep of SC(CY)
	Mr. Eddie SUEN	SAHK / Rep of SC(Rehab)

(1) Confirmation of minutes of last meeting (Appendix 1)

- Members confirmed the minutes without any amendment.

(2) Matters arising

(2.1) Latest update on COVID-19 pandemic and welfare support

- The Vaccine Pass requirement in RCHs was removed. However, all visitors were still required to show a negative result of the PCR test within 48 hours prior to the visit. RCH staff members were also required to conduct RATs and obtain negative results prior to work as well as undergo a compulsory PCR test every two days. Members suggested to review the visitation arrangement of RCHs and the policy that required staff to take leave with positive COVID test results. A member raised that CHP still required RCHs to report the number of cases, including no cases.
- In view of the impact from pandemic, member raised the concerns on the enhancement of the infrastructure and manpower RCHs and suggested to review the long-term plan and the Schedule of Accommodation, particularly the provision of isolation rooms.

(2.2) Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions

- The application result for the newly formed district-based teams would be announced in March 2023.

(2.3) Consultation on mandatory reporting requirement for suspected child abuse cases

- HKCSS and Tik Chi Yuen organized an informal sharing of suspected child abuse cases practices to NGOs. Members observed that the practices might vary from team to team.
- The working group of the Hong Kong Joint Council for People with Disabilities also invited the polices to share the issues in RCHDs. The online training was not launched by SWD.

(2.4) Flexibility in the use of LSG reserve

- HKCSS submitted a paper to SLW on the use of LSG reserve. SLW replied that NGOs are allowed to use the LSG reserve with flexibility in accordance with the existing policy and regulations. NGOs are requested to consult with SWD for the use of LSG reserve in non-recurrent items. NGOs can discuss with corresponding agency's liaison

officer of SWD about the proposed plan for the use of LSG reserve first. Members suggested to expand the scope of the use of LSG reserve, such as staff accommodation for imported care workers, digitization of service delivery, office rental, etc. Specialized Committee on Sector Finance would follow-up the discussion with SWD in the meeting.

- A member stated that the purchase of F&E items above \$50,000 was required to inform SWD, leading to extra administration time for major renovations. It was suggested to increase the amount and review the policy in accordance with the size of RCHs. Specialized Committee on Sector Finance noted the issue and follow-up with SWD.

(2.5) Progress Update of Teams (Appendix 2)

- Refer to the appendix.

(3) Proposed planning on Agenda Group on Carer (Appendix 3)

- HKCSS staff team reported on the planning on Agenda Group on Carer. Member suggested to refer to the consultation report as a starting point for follow-up. Regarding the membership, it was suggested to include members of LegCo, law sector and the carers in the membership of the agenda group. It was suggested to continuously engage with the government and scholars of the consultation report.
- Members discussed the definition of the carer and suggested to focus on three categories of carers at this stage, namely carers of the elderly, people with disabilities and children with special needs. HKCSS staff team would consider members' comments and review the timeline and membership. Members would be invited to join the agenda group after the meeting.

(4) HKCSS Convention cum HK Social Service Expo – review and recommendations

- HKCSS reported the formation of the social agenda team. The result of the participants' evaluation was reported. The direction of the 2024 convention was shared, temporarily preferred to hold the Convention and Expo on the same date, for a longer duration. A member suggested that the objective of the event should be more focusing and agreed to organize the event for more than one day.
- Member observed that the convention could provide a platform for NGOs and stakeholder to discuss the selected agenda effectively and while Expo provided

opportunities for networking. Member also appreciated the engagement of small NGOs. Member suggested to invite more participants from other sectors to facilitate the purposeful networking and collaboration in accordance with the selected agenda. In addition, it was suggested to arrange guided tours next year.

- In order to extend the impact of the event, HKCSS would further share the consolidated views from the Convention cum Expo through social media channels.

(5) A.O.B.

- Welfare Agenda and Priorities Setting (WAPS) Exercise was temporally scheduled on 12 May am.
- HKCSS reported that an oversea visit of palliative care was calling for an application. The staff team would invite 3 members to help in the panel interview after the meeting.

(6) Date of next meeting

No. of meeting	Date	Time
4	16 May 2023	2:30pm
5	18 Jul 2023	2:30pm
6	19 Sep 2023	2:30pm

Adopted by: _____
(Chairperson)

Date: _____