

# THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Service Development (Family & Community)

## **Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service**

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2015-16) held on January 11, 2017 (Wednesday) at Room 1410, 14/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

### **Present**

Mrs Angela CHIU (Chairperson)	Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council
Ms Eva WONG	Caritas – Hong Kong
Ms Jessie YU	Hong Kong Single Parents Association
Mr Kerin CHAM	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Ms Ramy CHAK	The Salvation Army
Mr NG Ka-kui, Charles	Christian Family Service Centre
Mrs Doris LEE	Harmony House Limited
Mrs Cross LEUNG	Hong Kong Christian Service
Ms Charrix LEE	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
Mr CHAN Ching-wa	Hong Kong SKH Lady MacLehose Centre
Ms Tammy SO	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association
Mr FU Tsun-hung	-
Mr Kenny NG	Community Development Alliance
Ms YUEN How-sin	Community Drug Advisory Council
Ms Crystal CHENG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr Moses MUI	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Lynn LAW	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr CHAN Wing-Sun	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Noel CHOW (recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

### **Apologies**

Ms Wendy WONG	St James' Settlement
Mr Daniel CHU	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Ms HSU Siu-man	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Dr Margaret WONG	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals
Ms Mable KWOK	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service
Ms Agnes NG	-

#### **1. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting - November 15, 2016**

The minutes of last meeting was distributed to members by email on January 5, 2017 and confirmed with nil amendment.

#### **2. Matters Arising**

##### **2.1 Co-option of Members**

Paper 1: Updated Membership list of the Committee 2016-2018 (paper 1) had been sent to members for reference before the meeting. Mr Moses Mui introduced the 2 newly co-opted member, Mr Kenny Ng and Ms Yuen How-sin, representative from Network on Community Development Service and Network on

Substance Abuse Service respectively. Members were informed that another co-opted member from Network on Ethnic Minorities would attend the next meeting.

### **3. For Discussion**

#### **3.1 Advocacy on Maintenance Board and Specialized Service for Divorced Families**

Paper 2: 「《子女管養權及探視權報告書》建議 - 擬議法例」公眾諮詢跟進工作 was sent to members for update of latest progress of the Council's advocacy on Maintenance Board and Specialized Service for divorced families. Mr Moses Mui explained the background of the advocacy to members. He also briefed the progress of both HKSAR Government and the Council after the concerned consultation which was completed in March 2016.

A seminar was held on December 20, 2016 to gather users, academic professionals, lawyers and LegCo members to discuss the proposed maintenance board. Yet, no government officials attended the event though invitations were sent to SWD and HAB.

While members were noted that the proposed bill might be put up to LegCo later in 2017, following concerns and views were raised in the meeting:

- i) more efforts should be made to lobby support from LegCo members, including Mr Shiu Ka-chun and judges of Family Court;
- ii) implication of the proposed bill on social resource (e.g. public housing) should be highlighted;
- iii) while the proposed Maintenance Board to be advocated as long-term solution, the existing policy or practice regarding CSSA cases should be improved as interim measure; and
- iv) lacking of co-ordination between government departments and bureaux should also be highlighted.

Members were noted that Study on Single Parent Poverty conducted by Council will be released in February, 2017 to arouse public concern on the difficulty faced by single parents with maintenance issue.

#### **3.2 Parental Substance Abuse**

Paper 3: 香港社會服務聯會 交立法會兒童權利小組委員會「濫藥家庭兒童支援措施」意見書 submitted on December 22, 2016 was sent to members for reference. Ms Lynn Law highlighted the background of the issue of parental substance abuse and the latest development. Recommendations in service enhancement, data collection, training and cross-disciplinary co-operation were mentioned.

There was a related training seminar on children protection held in January 10, 2017 organized by the Council. Over 200 participants from different services attended with very positive feedback.

A public hearing would be held on January 16, 2017. After discussion, members suggested the following:

- i) review of existing policy of residential child care services is needed;
- ii) public education on impact of drug abuse on babies could be strengthened for early identification; and
- ii) collaboration platform among social services and medical professions in district level should be promoted.

#### **4. For Information**

##### **4.1 HKSAR CE Election**

Besides sharing paper 4: 香港社會服務聯會 向 2017 年行政長官選舉候選人建議之社會發展及福利政綱 to members, a memorandum regarding 2017 HKSAR Chief Executive Election Forum was distributed in the meeting. Mr Moses Mui introduced the series of forums held / to be held by Council with HKSAR Chief Executive Election candidates.

In particular, the issue of support for new public housing estates was raised. It was suggested that in-depth discussion will be held in the next SC meeting. Meanwhile, Mr Chan Wing Sun, responsible for the subject of community development, would send a memo regarding the concerned roundtable forum to be held on February 15, 2017 to members.

##### **4.2 Consultation on Sexual Offences involving Children and Persons with Mental Impairment**

Paper 5: a memo of 《涉及兒童及精神缺損人士的性罪行》諮詢會 was sent to members for reference. Mr Chan Wing Sun briefed the briefed members on the consultation background and major concerns discussed in our Network on Domestic & Sexual Violence Service. A consultation session will be held in January 17, 2017. Members were encouraged to participate for in-depth discussion.

##### **4.3 Consultation on HK2030+**

A powerpoint was printed as paper 6: 香港 2030+ 跨越 2030 年的規劃遠景與策略 – 簡介及初步跟進工作建議 and distributed to members for information in the meeting. Mr Keith Wong, Chief Officer (Policy & Research Advocacy) explained the background and scope of the consultation.

Members were noted that the Planning Department would give a briefing on this consultation on February 6, 2017 in Council. Members were cordially invited to express their views.

#### **5. Networks' Progress Update**

The Progress Report (December 2016 - January 2017) of the Family and Community Service (paper 7) were sent for members' information. The items included:

- i) Advocacy on Maintenance Board;
- ii) Cross-service Dialogue on Parental Substance Abuse;

- iii) New Public Housing Social Support Service; and
- iv) Happy Family Kitchen Movement Project.

Supplementary updates were made as following:

- i) Network on Ethnic Minorities  
Ms Lynn Law informed members that a 3-sessions Symposium on Language Policy and Social Inclusion would be held on February 10 and 11, 2017.
- ii) Network on Community Development  
Mr Kenny Ng highlighted the progress of following up the advocacy on the support for new public housing estate.
- iii) Network on Substance Abuse Service  
Members were encouraged to share their views on SWD's review on procedural guide in handling child abuse cases.

**6. Any Other Business**

- 6.1 The pamphlet of Best Practice Award 2017 was tabled. This year's theme would be "促進社群參與 推動正面轉變". Mr Moses Mui encouraged members for active participation. A briefing session would be held on January 20, 2017.

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on March 15, 2017.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Adopted by

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Chairperson  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017