

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Service Development (Family & Community)

Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2017-18) held on November 2, 2017 (Tuesday) at Room 1401, 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 Wendy WONG (Vice-chairperson)	St James' Settlement
Mr Kenny NG (Vice-chairperson)	Community Development Alliance
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
Ms Eliza LAM	Caritas – Hong Kong
Ms HSU Siu-man	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Ms Jessie YU	Hong Kong Single Parents Association
Mr Kerin CHAM	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Ms Ramy CHAK	The Salvation Army
Dr FAN Ning	Health in Action Limited
Mr Daniel CHU	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Mr Moses MUI	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Lynn LAW	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr Billy WONG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Noel CHOW (recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Apologies

Ms Mable KWOK	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service
Mr Charles NG	Christian Family Service Centre
Ms YUEN How-sin	Community Drug Advisory Council
Mr Daniel MA	Yan Oi Tong

1. Welcoming and Introduction

Membership list of the Committee 2017-2019 (paper 1) had been sent to members for reference before the meeting. Members were advised to send any amendment needed by email to the secretariat after the meeting. Members introduced themselves to each other. Mr Moses Mui extended warm welcome to all members.

2. Structure and Terms of Reference of Specialized Committee

Structure of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (paper 2) and Terms of Reference of Specialized Committees (paper 3) had been sent to members for information. Mr Moses Mui briefed members on the composition of the existing networks under family and community services. He further took members through the Terms of Reference.

3. Election of Chairperson and Vice-chairperson; Appointment of Representative to Standing Committee on Service Development and Liaison

Mrs Angela Chiu was elected to be the chairperson while Ms Wendy Wong and Mr Kenny Ng were elected to be the vice-chairpersons of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service for 2017-2018 respectively. Hence, Mrs Chiu would represent the Committee to join the Standing Committee on Service Development and Liaison as ex-officio member in 2017-2018.

4. Cooption of Members

Mr Moses Mui noted members there had been a policy that only one representative from each agency could be Committee member (which is applied for both elected and co-opted members). It was agreed to keep the practice continuing co-opt representatives from the Network on Community Development Service, the Network on Ethnic Minorities Service and the Network on Substance Abuse Service. Members were noted that any further recommendation could be made throughout the year if necessary.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on September 13, 2017 was circulated by email on October 13, 2017 and was confirmed with nil amendment.

6. Matters Arising

6.1 **Advocacy on Maintenance Board and Specialized Service for Divorced Families**
Paper 4a (落實法律改革委員會《子女管養權及探視權報告書》建議的擬議法例及相關支援措施) and paper 4b:revised (節錄自施政綱領第六章 (P134) & 節錄自立法會福利事務委員會文件 (立法會 CB(2)35/17-18(01)號文件)) has been emailed to members for information.

Mr Moses Mui reported that as revealed in the policy address and related LegCo paper, additional resources would be allocated by the government for enhancing support of co-parenting. While members were welcomed the enhanced measures for divorced families, there was concern about the service mode. Members reiterated their concerns on the subject by recommending specialized service for divorced families.

While members were noted SWD intended to further discuss with NGO IFSC operators on the possible service mode, it was suggested dialogue with the Secretary for Labour & Welfare (Dr C K Law) should be initiated. Mr Moses Mui reported that a dialogue session with Dr C K Law will be organized by the Council

on November 13, 2017. Members were highly encouraged to bring up the issue in the session.

6.2 Public Consultation on Gender Recognition (性別承認)

Further to previous discussion in the last Specialized Committee meeting, Mr Moses Mui updated members a forum was held by Council on September 21, 2017. Mr Eric Cheung and Ms Atty Ching were invited to be the speakers.

While the Consultation had been extended to end of December 2017, the Council is now preparing its submission. Besides, members were noted that the public hearing would be held in LegCo on November 20, 2017. Mr Moses Mui would forward the details to members.

6.3 Recent Family Tragedy in Shan King Estate

Paper 6: 由山景邨事件引申的社會福利服務議題 were sent to members by email. It listed out the discussion highlights from various Committees of the Council. Mr Moses Mui explained the details to members, mainly pointed the following 3 directions of recommendation:

- i) outreaching & networking service to be provided to small community;
- ii) to enhance support to social welfare service delivery by influencing owners' corporation and properties management companies; and
- iii) to improve coordination among related government departments.

Members suggested to lobby Mr Cheung Kin-chung for handling cross-departmental issues (e.g. among SWD, Housing Department and HAD) in higher level. Besides, it was suggested not to mention streamlining CIIF procedure while it might contradict with the proposed outreaching & networking service which is supposed to be recurrent service.

Moreover, members also recommended to organize large-scale campaign for promoting community care in housing estates, eg. 屋邨展關懷.

7. Half-year Progress Report (April to September 2017)

The Half-year Progress Report (April to September, 2017) of the Family and Community Service (paper 7) has been sent to members for information.

Mr Moses Mui presented a powerpoint document (April to September, 2017) to highlight/supplement the following items:

- i) Divorced Family 離異家庭;
 - 「離婚單親家庭貧窮研究」 was released and sent to LegCo, Women's Affairs Committee as well as Family Council
 - promoted specialized support service in WAPS meeting with SWD was held on July 20, 2016

- premiere of micro film, Jockey Club Child-focused Co-parenting Project was held on May 13, 2017 and there was over 2,500,000 views online up to September 30, 2017.
- animate for divorced family would be published in 2018
- ii) Compassionate Reallocation 體恤安置; **Reallocation**→ **Rehousing**
 - review and recommendation on the task has been carried out and the 2nd phrase would be held in January 2018
- iii) Domestic and Sexual Violence 家庭及性暴力;
 - Network on Domestic and Sexual Violence Services met with Mr Shiu Ka-chun to express major concerns
 - the Network members also met with the police force to discuss the workflow and other details for referral of domestic violence cases
- iv) Community of New Public Housing Estates 新公屋社區;
 - advocacy in establishing specialized team
 - Future Camp HK 2017 was held on September 16, 2017 to share the business opportunities in new public housing estates and living adaptation
 - **Network on Domestic and Sexual Violence Services met with Mr Shiu Ka-chun to express major concerns (to be deleted)**
- v) Substance Abuse 藥物濫用;
 - 「戒毒治療和康復服務第八個三年計劃諮詢大會」 was held on June 7, 2017
 - 「處理冰毒精神病患者的評估及戒毒治療」研討會 was held on September 6, 2017
 - 2017 年全國藥物濫用防治研討會 was held from October 17 to 20, 2017
- vi) Ethnic Minorities 少數族裔; and
 - Network on Ethnic Minorities had two meetings with LegCo's Subcommittee on Rights of Ethnic Minorities on May 8 and June 12, 2017
- vii) Special Projects 特別項目
 - 「SME 社區樂」計劃 (7.2017 - 8.2018)
SME: Sharing, Mind, Enjoyment
 - 「賽馬會家在一起」計劃 (9.2017 - 8.2020)
FamConnect: participation of member agencies **were** encouraged

8. Initial Discussion on Business Plan 2018-2019

Based on the business plan 2017-2018 of family and community service (paper 7), the following new areas were suggested by members:

- i) community care campaign;
 - funding support to be sought for running territory-wide campaign
- ii) welfare service planning in public housing;
 - seminar to be organized for facilitating sector discussion
- iii) re-marriage and step-family;
 - research studies, existing service and policy to be examined for members' further discussion
- iv) cross-border families
 - latest trend and service provisions to be examined

Draft of the business plan 2018-2019 will be prepared with members' views incorporated, for further discussion.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Community Housing Movement 「社會房屋共享計劃」

Ms Wendy Wong informed members St James' Settlement will launch the community housing project in early November and encouraged members to make referrals.

9.2 青少年全健精神科資助計劃

Ms Hsu Siu-man distributed a pamphlet and briefed members on the content of the project.

9.3 CIFA 3A Project

Mr Moses Mui reminded members the deadline for submission for 3A Project would be December 29, 2017 while the Asian Family Summit would be held at Hong Kong in August 2018.

9.4 Mr Chan Ching-wa updated the new director of Hong Kong SKH Lady MacLehose Centre was Mr Ng Yuk-ming.

9.5 Mr Chan Ching-wa reported operators of NLCDP and CC would discuss the issue of transferring bureau. And the issue would be further followed up in the Network on Community Development.

9.6 For the dialogue session with Dr CK Law on November 13, 2017, Mrs Cross Leung, Mr Daniel Chu, Mr Kenny Ng, Ms Tammy So and Mrs Doris Lee as well as colleagues from Health in Action would attend.

10. Date of Next Meeting - Proposed Meeting Schedule

A proposed meeting schedule (paper 8) was sent to members for discussion. There were nil amendment and the next meeting would be held on January 3, 2018 (Wednesday) at 2:30 pm in Room 1410, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

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

Adopted by

Chairperson
on the _____ day of _____ 2018