

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 (2017-18) held on January 3, 2018 (Wednesday), 2:30 pm 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
Mr Charles NG	Christian Family Service Centre
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
Ms YUEN How-sin	Community Drug Advisory Council
Mr Daniel MA	Yan Oi Tong
Mr Anthony WONG	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 W S CHAN	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
Mrs Doris LEE	Harmony House Limited

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on November 2, 2017 was circulated by email on December 20, 2017 and was confirmed with deleting the duplicated attendance of Ms Wendy Wong from St James' Settlement.

2. Matters Arising

2.1 Advocacy on Maintenance Board and Specialized Service for Divorced Families

With reference of 信報財經新聞 A16, December 30, 2017 which was tabled in the meeting, members estimated that the government might tend to halt up the law reform due to diversified views in the society. On the other hand, it was expected that a few centres for co-parenting support might be in operation in 2018 according to the recent responses of SLW and DD(S) in different occasions. Members were noted that further discussion would be held in mid-February at LegCo welfare panel meeting, in which more concrete response from government should be received.

Members reiterated the need to have meeting with SWD to discuss the details of the proposed measure in strengthening co-parenting support. In particular, members pointed out that the concern of suitable premise, adequate manpower and service model should be raised out before the official announcement in Budget Speech by end of February 2018. Mr Moses Mui will further liaise with SWD for the meeting arrangement.

(Post-meeting note: the meeting between SWD and NGO on Strengthening Co-parenting Support was scheduled to be held on February 12, 2018 and details was sent to members by email on January 17, 2018.)

Regarding the issue of maintenance, members were noted that HAB is now preparing the tendering procedure for commissioning consultancy study on the subject. Members agreed that more efforts should be done in order to channel the sector's views on maintenance board to the consultant team.

2.2 Recent Family Tragedy in Shan King Estate

Mr Moses Mui updated members that a cross-team staffgroup was formed in Council to look into the concern with the aim to formulate related policy and service recommendations. It was highlighted that community-based service approach was proposed as effective strategy for early identification and intervention, in particular for carers. Yet, members opined that it might be too narrow to confine the target group as carers, while community-based approach should be adopted for larger community.

Besides, members also suggested that more efforts should be done for the data analysis for need assessment. The gap of lacking of district-based data was pointed out.

While the issue involved Housing Department, members suggested that the Transport and Housing Bureau could be engaged for further dialogue.

A round table would be organized in March 2018 for facilitate sector's discussion. It is expected some concrete recommendations would be formulated before May 2018.

3. Housing Assistance Mechanism - Ombudsman Case

申訴專員公署 2017/18 報告年度第 3 期之附件 2：有關社會福利署及房屋署處理公屋調遷申請的投訴調查報告摘要 (Paper 1.1) was sent to members for reference.

Mr Moses Mui explained the background of the issue and the existing housing assistance mechanism. Stakeholders' responses including the Council's response: 勿令申請者變人球，改革繁複公屋調遷評估制度 (Paper 1.2) was also briefed to all members.

Mrs Cross Leung supplemented the issues of concern behind the complaint case, including the importance of client's consent in handling referral. Members expressed concern on the existing handling procedure especially the role of NGO social workers. It was suggested that the existing communication mechanism (Liaison Groups in headquarter and local level) should be reviewed.

Members agreed that the Housing Department should follow their tenant's cases as they know better how to handle according to the prevailing housing policy. Members also raised the idea of checklist approach and appeal panel to handle the dispute among social workers and Housing Department personnel.

Members noted that meeting with SWD will be arranged to discuss the issue. And the Network on IFSCs would follow through.

4. For Information

4.1 Public Consultation on Gender Recognition (性別承認)

香港社會服務聯會就《諮詢文件：第一部份性別承認》交性別承認跨部門工作小組之意見 (2017年12月28日) was tabled for members reference. Mr Moses Mui highlighted the major concerns and reported that the submission was submitted to government in end of December.

4.2 Symposium on Intimate Partner & Sexual Violence (March 1, 2018)

While posters of the events were tabled, Mr W S Chan briefed members the content of i) Symposium on Intimate Partner & Sexual Violence from Gender Perspective to be held on March 1, 2018 and ii) Workshop on Intimate Partner Violence Interventions for Women and Men to be held on March 2, 2018. Members and their colleagues were invited to participate actively.

4.1 Sharing Session of 2017 Best Practice Awards in Social Welfare (January 20, 2018)

Mr Moses Mui reported that the award ceremony of the 2017 Best Practice Awards in Social Welfare was held in HKCSS Convention on November 1, 2017. A sharing session would be organized for other award winners to present their projects on January 20, 2018. The memorandum of the event invitation was tabled for members' easy reference.

4.1 Asian Family Summit (August 19 - 22, 2018)

A printout of the memo to members regarding the Asian Family Summit was tabled. Mr Moses Mui added that to celebrate CIFA's 10th anniversary in 2018, the regular

bi-annual Symposium would change its form to a Summit, co-organized by The University of Hong Kong, Family Council, The Hong Kong Council of Social Service and the Social Welfare Department, HKSAR Government. As the prelude of the Summit), the Family Well-being Expo which is open for public would be held on August 19, 2018.

5. Progress Update

The Progress Report (November 2017 - January 2018) of the Family and Community Service was tabled for members' information. The following items are included:

- i) Advocacy on Specialized Support for Divorced Families;
- ii) Housing Assistance Mechanism;
- iii) Agency Visitation on Domestic and Sexual Violence Service;
- iv) Cultural Sensitivity Training for Youth Service;
- v) Report-back on IFNGO World Conference;
- vi) Call for Paper for the Community Development Resource Book; and
- vii) Jockey Club FamConnect Project.

Members supplemented the following items:

- i) Network on Ethnic Minorities Service
Mr Daniel Ma reported that the Network had met a few LegCo members in November 2017. They are supportive in enhancing EM service.
- ii) Network on Community Development
Mr W S Chan added that the CD Resource Book would be released in September 2018.
- iii) Network on Substance Abuse Service
Ms Yuen How-sin announced that the Network would organize a symposium focusing on parental substance abuse in January/February 2018. Members were invited to participate.
- iv) FamConnect
Mr Moses Mui reminded members that the deadline for applying district programme of the Project would be January 5, 2018. Launching event would be held on February 4, 2018. Moreover, Happy Family Month to be commenced in May was under planning process.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Dialogue with Principal Official - Professor Chan Siu Chee, Sophia, JP, Secretary for Food and Health

The event organized by the Council would be held at 2:30 pm on February 1, 2018. Mr Moses Mui would collect members' proposed agenda.

6.2 Community Drug Advisory Council

Ms Yuen How-sin updated members that their office had been relocated to the Centre, Central and welcomed members to spend a visit.

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on March 7, 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 5:20 pm.

Adopted by

Chairperson
on the _____ day of _____ 2018