

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE
Service Development (Family & Community)
Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2017-18) held on May 9, 2018 (Wednesday), 2:30 pm 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 Mable KWOK	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service
Mr Kenny NG(Vice-chairperson)	Community Development Alliance
Mr Charles NG	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 Eliza LAM	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
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 CHAN Wing-sun	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr Billy WONG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Apologies

Ms Wendy WONG (Vice-chairperson)	St James' Settlement
Ms Tammy SO	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association
Ms HSU Siu-man	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Dr FAN Ning	Health in Action Limited
Mr Daniel CHU	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Ms Noel CHOW(recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

**1. Briefing on Family-Friendly Employers Award Scheme 2017/18
(organized by Family Council)**

Mr Gilbert Au presented a powerpoint on Family-Friendly Employers Award Scheme 2017/18 organized by Family Council. Scheme background, objectives, programme examples and details of various awards as well as the method of participation were explained. Members were encouraged to participate by May 13, 2018.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on March 7, 2018 was circulated by email on April 26, 2018.

2.1 Item 2.1, Paragraph 2: Mr Billy Wong updated members the progress of Council's advocacy since last meeting, including meeting with SWD on **February 12, 2018**.

2.2 Item 8.5: Mr Charles Ng corrected the title of the booklet of Christian Family Service Centre as 《城市·城事》.

The minutes was confirmed with no further amendment.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Advocacy on Maintenance Board and Specialized Service for Divorced Families

Regarding the advocacy on maintenance board, Mr Billy Wong reported to members that Family Council will commission a 18-month consultancy study to examine the issues related to maintenance. In addition, there would be a review on the Director of Legal Aid's First Charge (法律援助署署長第一押記), which is HK\$4,800 under existing policy. It would be further discussed in the Working Group on Maintenance Issues on May 23, 2018.

As for the advocacy on specialized service for divorced families, Mr Moses Mui updated that the SWD planned there would be 5 new centres for co-parenting support. A meeting with Mrs Chang Lam Sook-ye, SWD was held on April 19, 2018, with representatives from SC-FC and Network on IFSCs and Network on DSV participated. In that meeting, NGO members have expressed their views on the operation of the new support centres as well as collaboration issues with exiting services. Besides, the roles of the additional SWD manpower in district level were also discussed.

3.2 Welfare Agenda & Priority Setting 2018

Papers on the 3 priority agendas proposed by SC-FC (paper 1a) were sent to members for further comment.

Members' further comments are highlighted as following:

- i) 加強支援少數族裔
 - the recommendations could be linked up with the government's budget of \$500 million earmarked for strengthening support for EM
 - EM mainstreaming should be further promoted
- ii) 設立公共屋邨社區支援服務
 - the recommendation on old public housing estates could be raised even though it might be less convincing
 - support of SWD should be enhanced to assist NGOs to liaise with Housing Department in looking for suitable welfare premises in new public housing estates

iii) 強化濫藥家人的支援

- manpower for the CCDS should be enhanced so as to strengthen the cross-service collaboration (e.g. IFSC and CCPSA)
- while existing BDF projects could not cover the service for the kids of the drug abusing parents, it is important to enhance existing regular service in CCPSAs

The programme of WAPS 2018 annual meeting (May 15) was tabled. Members were encouraged to raise their related concerns in the group discussion session.

Mr Moses Mui also reminded members and their colleagues to register as soon as possible. After the WAPS 2018 annual meeting, the finalized paper would be prepared by end of June.

4. Social Development Index (SDI) 2018

Ms Natalie Yau, from the Hong Kong Council of Social Service presented a powerpoint to members to introduce Social Development Index (SDI). It was found that the recent SDI reflected a descending trend for the first time, especially in the sub-index regarding family solidarity and housing problem. Concerned figures like first-marriage rate, divorced-remarriage rate, domestic violence, etc were briefed.

Mr Anthony Wong further explained the background of SDI and encouraged members to share their views on the trend of the index. Members suggested the following areas to be improved in order to tackle the issue:

- i) physical living environment;
- ii) family support service;
- iii) long working hour for parents; and
- iv) education system/policy (i.e. less play time, insufficient rest, etc)

These suggestions would be taken into account in formulating the related recommendations.

5. Annual Submission to HKSAR CE 2018

Paper 2: 2012 Report on the Study of Family Education in Hong Kong, Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and press release from HKSAR Government, 新聞公報『家校合作及家長教育專責小組舉行首次會議』 were tabled for members' information.

Members were noted that the items of EM support and public housing estate support service would be included in the annual submission. Besides, members have discussed the existing provision of parent education (including the idea of common framework, designated fund and data collection). It is agreed that further discussion on this area could be followed up.

6. Literature Review on Remarried Families in Hong Kong

Paper 3: Printed powerpoint slides were tabled for members' reference.

Mr Billy Wong also highlighted the key figures and trend of remarried families in Hong Kong, service provision in Hong Kong, overseas experience, and issues of concern.

Mrs Angela Chiu circulated a pamphlet of 【親子情緣 GPS】 of The Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council. Members shared their views on remarried families service support and research gap. And it was suggested that practice sharing could be organized by the Council so as to facilitate further discussion among the sector.

7. NGO Forum on Community Development

Two recommendations from the Council were tabled. Namely, 香港社會服務聯會對

- i) 「鄰里互助計劃」之建議 and
- ii) 對「鄰里互助計劃」之新增目標組群建議《不適切居所的基層家庭》.

Mr Chan Wing Sun briefed members the recent development of the NGO Forum on Community Development and the recommendations consolidated by the Network on CD Services. Members were noted that recommendations would be finalized and submitted to Home Affairs Bureau.

8. Progress Update

The Progress Report (March - May 2018) of the Family and Community Service was tabled for members' information. The following items were included:

- i) Advocacy on Specialized Support for Divorced Families;
- ii) Review on Neighbourhood Mutual Help Programmes;
- iii) LegCo Subcommittee on Rights of Ethnic Minorities;
- iv) Parental Substance Abuse;and
- v) Jockey Club FamConnect Project.

A poster on Happy Family Month of Jockey Club FamConnect Project was tabled. Members were welcomed to make enquiries at any time.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 HKCSS Policy Bulletin

Mr Anthony Wong circulated the 2018 March (24th issue) of Policy Bulletin, The Hong Kong Council of Social Service to members for reference.

9.2 Scenario

The latest issue of the Scenario magazine (published by the Council)was distributed.

9.3 Consortium of Institutes on Family in the Asian Region (CIFA)

Two publications were circulated:

- i) Leaflet of Asian Family Summit (August 19 - 22, 2018); and
- ii) The 20th issue of the Newsletter "CIFA-Net".

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on July 11,2018 (Wednesday) at 2:30 pm in Room1410, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Adopted by

Chairperson
on the _____ day of _____ 2018