

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

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2017-18) held on July 11, 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
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 Tammy SO	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association
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 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
Ms Noel CHOW (recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

**Apologies**

Ms Wendy WONG (Vice-chairperson)	St James' Settlement
Ms Mable KWOK	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service
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
Mr Daniel MA	Yan Oi Tong

**In-attendance**

Ms Sisi LIU	Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres
Ms Stephanie SO	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association

**1. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on May 9, 2018 was circulated by email on July 6, 2018 and confirmed with nil amendment.

## 2. **Matters Arising**

### 2.1 **Welfare Agenda & Priority Setting 2018**

Mr Moses Mui reported that the WAPS 2018 annual meeting was held on May 15, 2018, and the submission has been sent to SWD accordingly.

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

Ms Sisi Liu and Ms Stephanie So attended the meeting to share the views of advocacy on behalf of the Working Group on Maintenance Issues (贍養費政策事宜工作小組). The progress report (paper 1) was sent to members for information, including membership list, objectives and year term, 3-year work plan as well as their concern on the 18-month consultancy study to examine the issues related to maintenance commissioned by Family Council.

## 3. **Further Study on the Phenomenon of Divorce in Hong Kong**

Dr Frances Law, from the research team of the University of Hong Kong presented a powerpoint to introduce their study. Information including consultant team members, key objectives, deliverables, work schedule, cases proposed to be contributed by NGO and legal team were explained.

Mr Moses Mui presented a powerpoint on the advocacy and recommendation of the Council since 1997, facts and figures were fully illustrated.

In response to members' concern on areas of study would not reflect social cost in monetary terms, Ms Jacqueline Mak said that social cost would be included and believed that all findings from the existing background and mechanisms could be summarized in the final report from the 600 cases.

Members also suggested to review the existing policy in Hong Kong for further improvement, to explore cases outside the system as well as continue to collect more database regarding this issue in quantifiable figures.

It was noted that key partners for the study are judges, legal and NGO professionals. Professionals from education field as well as SWD IFSCs would also be considered. Members were invited to offer support to the study in particular for the part of data collection.

## 4. **Lump Sum Grant Review - Notional Staff Establishment**

Paper 2a: 優化整筆撥款津助制度檢討 and Paper 2b: 家庭及兒童福利服務 were sent for members' information.

Ms Cheung Lai-wah, Chief Officer, Membership Liaison and Service, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service briefed members the background, objectives, strategies, area collected and work plan of the LSG Review, particularly in relation to notional staff establishment.

Members were briefed on how to fill up the excel file. It was agreed that further discussion should be held in respective service Networks.

## 5. **Consultation Paper on Miscellaneous Sexual Offences**

Paper 3: memorandum of 《雜項性罪行》法律改革分享會 and 有關香港法律改革委員會性罪行檢討小組委員會《雜項性罪行》諮詢文件撮要 were tabled or members' information and reference.

Mr Chan Wing Sun highlighted the key changes proposed in the consultation paper and recommendations of the working group related to each change. A sharing session (《雜項性罪行》法律改革分享會) will be held on July 17, 2018. All members are cordially invited. All views should be sent to Legal Reform Commission before August 15, 2018.

## 6. **For Information**

### 6.1 Asian Family Summit

Invitation poster was tabled to each member. Mr Moses Mui reminded that there would be group discount offered to agencies.

### 6.2 Nomination for Election of Specialized Committee

A concerned memorandum was tabled for members' information. Members were reminded to check with their agency heads for nominations (if needed) for the new term (2018 to 2020).

## 7. **Progress Update**

The Progress Report (May - July 2018) of the Family and Community Service was tabled as Paper 4 for members' information. The following items were included:

- i) Advocacy on Specialized Support for Divorced Families;
- ii) World Community Development Conference;
- iii) Law Reform on Miscellaneous Sexual Offences;
- iv) Meeting with Chief Secretary on EM Steering Committee;
- v) Seminar on Supporting NCS students to Learn Chinese Beyond Classroom Context;
- vi) Parental Substance Abuse; and
- vii) Health Community Pilot & SME Ambassadors Pilot Project.

Members were welcomed to make enquiries at any time.

## 8. **Any Other Business**

### 8.1 支援受毒品影響家庭服務便覽

This pamphlet issued in June 2018 was distributed at the meeting. More copies could be obtained from Ms Lynn Law.

### 8.2 SME Ambassadors Pilot Project

3-booklet set of manual was distributed to each member.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be held on September 12, 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 6:00 pm.

Adopted by

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Chairperson  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018