

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Service Development (Family & Community)

Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service

Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2017-18) held on September 12, 2018 (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 Wendy WONG (Vice-chairperson)	St James' Settlement
Mr Kenny NG (Vice-chairperson)	Community Development Alliance
Mr NG Ka-kui, Charles	Christian Family Service Centre
Mrs Doris LEE	Harmony House Limited
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
Ms Wendy WONG	St James' Settlement
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 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 Mable KWOK	Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service
Mrs Cross LEUNG	Hong Kong Christian Service

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting - July 11, 2018

The minutes of last meeting was distributed to members by email on August 15, 2018 and confirmed with nil amendment.

2. Matters Arising

2.1 Consultation Paper on Miscellaneous Sexual Offences

Paper 1: 社聯就香港法律改革委員會性罪行檢討小組委員會《雜項性罪行》諮詢文件意見書 has been sent to members for information. Members were noted that the submission has been sent to Law Reform Commission in early September.

Mr W S Chan explained the major concerns and recommendations to members while Mr Moses Mui further clarified the details.

2.2 Lump Sum Grant Review - Notional Staff Establishment

Further to last meeting's introduction to members, 3 relevant documents were sent to them for further discussion and follow up.

Mr Moses Mui explained to members the 8 issues identified in appendix 1. Members shared the current practices in various service settings (e.g. IFSC, women shelter, CCPSA, service for street sleepers, community centre) in echo with the issues identified.

After discussion, members agreed that issue 1, 2, 3, 5 & 7 in appendix 1 were most relevant to family and community services. Respective networks would further follow up to work out the concrete illustrations with supporting figures.

3. Maintenance Issues

Mr Billy Wong reported that the working group meeting was held on August 17, 2018. One of the agenda items was regarding the Study on the Phenomenon of Divorce in Hong Kong (HKU study) while another was the future work plan.

Regarding the HKU study, members were updated that around 300 cases would be collected through NGOs, while 200 cases would be collected through legal firm. Members suggested that more maintenance-related cases could be provided, in order to reflect the hardship of those families with troubles in maintenance collection.

Ms Jessie Yu informed members the work plan of the working group with emphasis of the public lobbying work.

4. Education Commission's Task Group on Home-based Co-operation and Parent Education

Mr Moses Mui briefed members the background of the consultation which is related to the task group formed by Education Commission as announced in the Policy Address 2017.

An expert meeting was held on August 16, 2018 with participation of NGO operators of family life education, in order to collect views on the consultation paper and discuss the service development of parent education. Paper 2: 社聯就「家校合作及家長教育專責小組徵詢意見」意見書 which has been sent to members for comment.

Members' comments regarding parent education were as following:

- i) joint efforts of NGOs should be enhanced
- ii) reform in school syllabus and education system (e.g. admission policy of university) should be reviewed
- iii) family education should be provided in early stage (e.g. adolescence)
- iv) enhancement of current running 13 NGOs FLE operators
- v) alternative practices (eg 優整日) should be promoted to raise public awareness

against competition culture

Relevant comments would be incorporated in the Council's response which will be emailed to members for further feedback before submission. Members were encouraged to submit their agencies' views towards the consultation paper.

(Post-meeting note: The final draft of Council's response was emailed to members on September 13, 2018 (Thursday).)

5. For Information

5.1 Best Practice Awards 2019

It was confirmed that Mr Kerin Cham would represent this Specialized Committee to join the organizing committee of the Best Practice Awards 2019..

5.2 Final Report of Business Plan 2017-2018

A final report of the business plan (2017-2018) had been sent to members for information as paper 3. There was no enquiry in the meeting.

6. Progress Update

Paper 4: The Progress Report (August - September 2018) of the Family and Community Service was sent for members' information. The items included:

- i) Jockey Club FamConnect Project
- ii) Family Well-being Expo
- iii) Seminar on "Understanding Chem Fund and Treatment for MSM Drug Users"
- iv) Central Administrative Fee for Beat Drugs Fund Projects
- v) Male Victims of Intimate Partner Violence

Copies of the storybook 《爸爸媽媽還愛我嗎》 were tabled to members. Members would be welcomed to request more copies for distribution to public.

Network on Substance Abuse Service

Ms Yuen How-sin expressed appreciation of the Council in organizing the Seminar on "Understanding Chem Fun and Treatment for MSM Drug Users".

Ms Lynn Law reminded members that more copies of the parental drug abuse pamphlets could be obtained from her.

Network on Ethnic Minorities Service

Mr Daniel Ma informed members that the concrete allocation plan for the 500 million designated for supporting EM was still awaiting.

Network on Community Development

Mr Charles Ng shared that the Network was still awaiting HAB's reply about the CD Forum meeting which will be supposedly held in the 3rd quarter of 2018.

Mr Chan Ching-wa briefly reported the progress of the issue of transferring CD policy from HAB to LWB.

7. Any Other Business

Mr Moses Mui on behalf of the Council expressed sincere appreciation to members who finished their 2-year term of service for their unfailing support.

Mrs Angela Chiu, Mr Chan Ching-wa, Ms Yuen How-sin & Mr Daniel Ma shared their gratitude to other members in this last meeting of their 2nd term of service.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on November 12 or 14, 2018.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Adopted by

Chairperson

on the _____ day of _____ 2018