

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy
(2017-2018)

Minutes of the 1st meeting held on November 20, 2017 (Monday) at 3:00 pm in Room 1410 of the Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

Present

Mr. Wong Chi Hung, Edmond (Chairperson)	- Caritas – Hong Kong
Ms. Hung Tak Fung, Anchor (Vice-Chairperson)	- Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation
Dr. Annissa Lui	- Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service
Mr. Chow Sung Ming	- Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Professor Yep Kin Man, Ray	- City University of Hong Kong
Dr. Fan Ling	- Health in Action Limited
Mr. Charles Ng	- Christian Family Service Centre
Mr. Shum Wai Chuen	- AKA
Ms. Cindy Pun	- The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service
Mr. Chan Kin Hung, Charles	- Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong (Representative of Specialized Committee on Social Development)

In-attendance

Mr. Anthony Wong	- HKCSS
Mr. Keith Wong	- HKCSS
Mr. Moses Mui	- HKCSS
Mr. Charles Ho	- HKCSS
Ms. Olivia Ip (Recorder)	- HKCSS

Apologies

Mr. Fung Kai Man, David	- St. James' Settlement
Ms. Liu Kam Fung, Iris	- International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Ms. Ngai Mei Mui, Angela	- Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Ms. Wong Shek Hung	- Oxfam – Hong Kong (Representative of Specialized Committee on Social Security and Employment Policy)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Mr. Anthony Wong, on behalf of the Committee, welcomed the new members Dr. Fan Ling, Mr. Shum Wai Chuen and Ms. Cindy Pun joining the Committee.
- 1.2 He introduced the Terms of Reference to new members, letting members for more understanding of PRA work.

2. Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

- 2.1 Nominated by Mr. Shum Wai Chuen, and seconded by Mr. Charles Chan, Mr. Edmond Wong was re-elected as Chairperson unanimously.
- 2.2 Nominated by Mr. Charles Chan, and seconded by Dr. Fan Ling., Ms. Anchor Hung was elected as Vice-Chairperson unanimously.
- 2.3 The Chairperson, Mr. Edmond Wong would be the representative to the Council's Executive Committee.

3. To adopt the minutes of last meeting

The minutes of last meeting dated October 6, 2017 were confirmed with no amendment.

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1 Follow-up Policy Issues from Dialogue with the Secretary for Labour and Welfare

- a) The session of Dialogue with the Secretary for Labour and Welfare held on November 13, 2017. More than 200 participants registered and shown up.
- b) A series of issues were raised and discussed with the Secretary, i.e.:
 - Comprehensive review on CSSA
 - Working hours for casual workers
 - Over rent allowance
 - Set up IFSC dedicated team to follow up divorced families cases
 - Follow up employment for SEN and disability persons
 - Follow up the Rehabilitation Programme Plan
 - Set up new housing estates support team

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Community Housing Movement Project (“ CHM ”)

- a) Mr. Anthony Wong briefed the project background and update the followings:
 - Community Housing Movement Project launched at September 19, 2017.
 - The Steering Committee of Community Housing Movement was formed and the first meeting held on November 30, 2017.
 - The Council received 400 units for site visit, but some of them were not meet the basic requirement.
 - More than 88 units would ready for operation by February 2018. They were 14 units at Soy Street, 24 units at Kowloon City and 54 unites at Tokwawan.
 - St. James' Settlement was appointed to be a service operator for the Soy Street Project. Construction was on progress.
 - Henderson Land Development Company Limited (恆基兆業地產有限公司) would provide housing units for this project after construction.
 - Chinachem Group (華懋集團) and Urban Renewal Authority (市區重建區) would also provide housing units for CHM project at later stage.
 - Committee on Poverty (扶貧委員會) confirmed to release moving subsidy (one time allowance) to all successful applicants of this transitional housing project.

- b) According to the CHM Terms of Reference, one representative from PRA Standing Committee would be the member of CHM Steering Committee. Dr. Chow Sung Ming would represent PRA Standing Committee to the CHM Steering Committee.
- c) 5 out of 6 proposed staff in the CHM team had been recruited, including one who would be reporting duty in February 2018.
- d) CHM was under consideration of following up the issue of combination house. Colleagues of CHM were now studying on the rental law. Updated progress of combination house project would report to the PRA.

5.2 Half Year report

Half year report tabled to members at this meeting.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Co-opt members

- a) Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy would have 3 vacancy posts for co-option.
- b) After recommendation, members agreed to invite:
 - Ms. Sky Siu of Kely Support Group for 2017-2019 year term
 - Ms. Cindy Pun of The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service for 2017-2018 year term

(Post-meeting note: Ms. Sky Siu and Ms. Cindy Pun accepted the invitation.)

- c) It would have one more vacancy post for co-option, Mr. Anthony Wong encouraged members to recommend names to him through email after the meeting.

7. Date of next meeting

Next meeting proposed to be held at:

- January 11, 2018 (Thursday) at 10:00 am; or
- January 12, 2018 (Friday) at 10:00 am

(Post-meeting note: Next meeting would be held at January 12, 2018 (Friday) at 10:00 am in Room 1410 of the Council.)

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

Adopted by : _____
 Mr. Edmond Wong Chi Hung
 Chairperson

Date : _____