

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. Annessa Lui	- Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service
Dr. 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
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 Dr Annessa Lui joining the Committee.
- 1.2 He introduced the Terms of Reference to new members, and gave members a briefing on the work of the Committee.

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 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 was 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
 - Special rent allowance for CSSA recipients
 - Set up Co-parenting Support Services Team for divorced families
 - Employment for SEN and disability persons
 - Rehabilitation Programme Plan
 - New housing estates community 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 was launched at September 19, 2017.
 - The Steering Committee of Community Housing Movement was formed and the first meeting was held on November 30, 2017.
 - The Council received 400 units for site visit, but some of them did not meet the basic requirement.
 - 87 units would be ready for operation by February 2018. They were 14 units at Soy Street, 20 units at Kowloon City and 53 units at Tokwawan.
 - St. James' Settlement was appointed to be the service operator for the Soy Street Project. Preparation 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.
 - Chinachem Group (華懋集團) and Urban Renewal Authority (市區重建局) would also provide housing units for CHM project at later stage.
 - Committee on Poverty (扶貧委員會) would be setting up a relocation allowance one time allowance) to all successful applicants of this transitional housing project. (Post-meeting note: It was launched on 28 December 2017.)

- 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 was nominated, and unanimously supported by other members, to 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 January 2018. Mr Charles Ho was appointed as the Project Director.
- d) The Council was considering to embark on a new project on modular housing. A building plan was drafted but was examining relevant rules and regulations for building a modular housing in Hong Kong.

5.2 Half Year report

Half year report was tabled for members' reference at this meeting. Members received the report.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Co-opted members

- a) Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy would have 3 vacancy posts for co-option, 1 for 1 year and 2 for 2 years. The former vacancy was left by a Benny Chan of HK Family Welfare Society due to his resignation resulting from his change of service agency.
- b) After discussion, members agreed to invite:
 - Ms. Sky Siu of Kely Support Group to serve for 2017-2019 year term
 - Ms. Cindy Pun of The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service for the remaining 2017-2018 year term.

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

- c) Members considered that health care policy and social-medical collaboration would be an important area to follow up in the coming years. Members suggested to invite someone with relevant background. Mr. Anthony Wong encouraged members to recommend names through email after the meeting. (Post meeting note: Dr Fan nominated Dr YH Tam from University of Hong Kong. Members agreed to invite him. An invitation was subsequently sent to Dr Tam and he kindly accepted the invitation)

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 on 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 : _____