

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy
(2018-2019)

Minutes of the Third meeting held on March 22, 2019 (Friday) at 10:00 am in Room 1410, 14/F., Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15, Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

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
Ms. Karrie Chan	- Hong Kong Christian Service
Mr. Charles Ng	- Christian Family Service Centre
Ms. Cindy Pun	- The Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong Social Service
Mr. Francis Chau	- The Association of Evangelical Free Churches of Hong Kong
Dr. Wong Yu Cheung	- The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Ms. Sky Siu	- Kely Support Groups
Ms. Ngai Mei Mui, Angela	- Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Mr. Bill Lay	- Caritas – Hong Kong (Representative of Specialized Committee on Social Development)
Mr. James Tsim	- Hong Kong Christian Service (Representative of Specialized Committee on Social Security and Employment Policy)

In-attendance

Mr. Anthony Wong	- HKCSS
Mr. Keith Wong	- HKCSS
Mr. Peace Wong	- HKCSS
Ms. Olivia Ip (Recorder)	- HKCSS

Apologies

Professor Ray Yep	- City University of Hong Kong
Dr. Wong Kwai Yau	- BGCA
Dr. Tam Yat Hung	- University of Hong Kong
Dr. Fan Ning	- Health in Action Limited

1. To adopt the agenda of the meeting

The agenda was adopted.

2. To adopt the minutes of last meeting

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed with no amendment.

3. Matters for Arising

3.1 Business Plan for 2019-2020

- 3.1.1 Mr. Anthony Wong reported that Business Plan 2019-2020 Major Initiatives had already presented at last meeting. Part of initiatives had also presented at other Council's Committees.
- 3.1.2 It was agreed that the full version of Business Plan would be circulated to members for endorsement by end of March. (Post-meeting note: The Business Plan was sent to all members on 2 April 2019. No further comment was received. The Business Plan was endorsed.)

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1 Annual Submission: Suggested Topics

- 4.1.1 Mr. Anthony Wong informed that Annual Submission was supposed to be submitted to the Council's EXCO by end of May 2019 for endorsement, and subsequently to the Government in June 2019.
- 4.1.2 He also told members that Welfare Agenda Setting Meeting would be held on May 15, 2019 (Wednesday). Each team of the HKCSS was now preparing major initiatives of welfare agenda setting. Existing document was the paper with preliminary ideas collected from various units.
- 4.1.3 Mr. Anthony Wong highlighted the achievements of the Annual Submission 2018 recommendations to members:
 - 4.1.3.1 Social Housing: 2 billion to support NGOs initiating social housing projects.
 - 4.1.3.2 Two School Social Workers for each secondary school
 - 4.1.3.3 Community Investment and Inclusion Fund (CIIF) would regularize their financial support to community building projects for new public housing estate.
 - 4.1.3.4 Increased 2000 residential care service quota.
 - 4.1.3.5 Outreaching team to assist ethnic minorities accessing mainstream welfare service.
 - 4.1.3.6 Increasing resource to about 1 billion to set up centres in supporting divorced families and promoting co-parenting.
- 4.1.4 Mr Anthony Wong introduced the new initiatives to be proposed in the Annual Submission:
 - 4.1.4.1 A programme to support subdivided flats families
 - 4.1.4.2 Service for drug abusing parents
 - 4.1.4.3 Employment support to ethnic minorities
 - 4.1.4.4 Support employment for people with disabilities
 - 4.1.4.5 Repositioning of shelter workshop service.

- 4.1.4.6 Carer Support Policy, including suggestion for enhancing the current scheme of carer allowance
 - 4.1.4.7 Enhancement of manpower in residential service for children and youth
 - 4.1.4.8 Youth employment support, especially for those who may not be able to go to the university.
 - 4.1.4.9 Initial ideas on medical-social collaboration were sounded out but requiring more deliberation on the concrete proposals. Members were concerned that the ideas suggested were worded too vague.
 - 4.1.4.10 Review and enhancement of CSSA and service:
 - special grants and supplements for the able body applicants of CSSA.
 - The Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS)
 - 4.1.4.11 Manpower Planning and Welfare Planning: Mr. Anthony Wong would collect recommendations from Council's Service Team.
- 4.1.5 Members generally agreed that these could be the topics for the Annual Submission. Individual members had expressed the following views:
- 4.1.5.1 Ms. Anissa Lui reflected that ageing population trend was very serious in some old communities especially the ones with only self-financed NEC service. She suggested adding recommendations in the Annual Submission for requesting resource. Mr Anthony Wong responded that he would consult colleague of Elderly team regarding the topic.
 - 4.1.5.2 Ms. Sky Siu inquired about whether the Council had anything to say about youth policy. Mr. Anthony Wong told her that HKCSS's Children and Youth Service had discussed this issue in the past few years. Yet no concrete measures came up, but some policy principles only. He welcomed if Ms. Siu could propose follow up actions.
- 4.1.6 Mr. Anthony Wong would collect and compile all contents of these topics and draft the Annual Submission for discussion and endorsement in the coming meeting.

4.2 劏房戶家居生活改善計劃初步構思 (Draft plan for living environment enhancement programme for the households living in Sub-divided Units)

- 4.2.1 Mr. Anthony Wong introduced the draft plan at the meeting, with the highlight on the services proposed by the Council in supporting the low-income households living in sub-divided units to accommodate their tangible needs, as well as building their social networks.
- 4.2.2 Members in general agreed with the direction and content of the services proposed. They also suggested organizing forum and inviting NGOs to share their working experience on how to follow up sub-divided units families.

5. Matters for Reporting

The progress of each team was reported in the relevant paper tabled (Appendix 4).

6. Any Other Business

Nil.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Proposed next meeting would be held at:

- (1) May 7, 2019 (Tuesday) / 3:00pm; or
- (2) May 9, 2019 (Thursday) / 10:00am

Post-meeting note:

The meeting was fixed to be held at May 7, 2019 from 3:00pm in Room 1410, 14/F., Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15, Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Adopted by : _____
Mr. Edmond Wong Chi Hung
Chairperson

Date : _____