

The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Policy Research & Advocacy
Specialized Committee on Social Development (2017/2018)

Minute of the First Meeting

Date:	November 6, 2017 (Monday)	
Time:	15:00 a.m. – 17:00 p.m.	
Venue:	Room 1410, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building	
Present:	Mr. CHAN Kin Hung, Charles (Chairperson)	- The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong
	Mr. LAY Yan Piau, Bill (Vice Chairperson)	- Caritas – Hong Kong
	Ms. LIU Kam Fung, Iris	- International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
	Mr. NG Sze On	- St. James' Settlement
	Ms. LEUNG Siu Ling, Ivy	- Christian Family Service Centre
	Dr. Margaret Fung-yeet WONG	- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals
	Mr. Keith WONG	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Apologies:	Dr. CHUNG Kim Wah (Co-opted)	- Hong Kong Polytechnic University
In attendance:	Ms. Jacey KAN (Recorder)	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

1. To welcome new members

Mr. Keith Wong represented Social Development unit to welcome newly elected members.

2. To receive the agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

3. To confirm minute of the last meeting

The minute was adopted without amendment.

4. Introduction of businesses under Social Development (SD) Unit

Mr. Keith Wong introduced core businesses of SD unit, including:

- Social Development Indicators
- Policy Research and Advocacy
- Promotion of practice research
- Social impact assessment (SIA)

Given that a new business unit (Community Housing Movement/CHM) was formed to do social

housing, Mr. Charles Chan asked if ‘housing’ issues are still business of SD unit. Mr. Keith Wong responded that SD unit is responsible for policy research part, while CHM unit programme execution. Mr. Keith Wong supplemented, CHM unit targets 500 flats in 3 years within ‘community housing’ project and also module housing. Mr. Charles Chan inquired whether our Specialized Committee can also listen to the sharing of ‘Study Visit to Germany on Cooperative Housing for Low-income Families and Elderly’ that completed in late October, 2017. Mr Keith Wong will follow.

5. Electing new Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Convener of Working Group on Housing Policy and Representative in the Editorial Board of Policy Bulletin

Mr. Keith Wong introduced to members the duties of the chairperson and the vice-chairperson of committee.

For the election of chairperson, Mr. Charles Chan was nominated by Ms. Iris Liu and Dr. Margaret Wong seconded. Mr. Charles Chan was elected as the chairperson with all votes. He would also be the ex officio member of the Standing Committee of Policy Research and Advocacy.

For the election of vice-chairperson, Mr. Bill Lay was nominated by Mr. Charles Chan and was seconded by the other committee members. Mr. Bill Lay was elected as the vice-chairperson. As usual practice, the vice-chairperson would be the committee’s representative in the Editorial Board of Policy Bulletin.

Mr. Keith Wong briefly introduced Working Group on Housing Policy. He invited Mr. Ng Sze On to continue being convener of the Working Group, Mr. Ng Sze On consented to take it up. There were several issues having been raised up among members that could be discussed in the Working Group:

- Stance on Government’s Green Form Subsidized Home Ownership Scheme
 - Design of public areas of estates in Green Form Subsidized Home Ownership Scheme
 - Management of public areas of estates in Green Form Subsidized Home Ownership Scheme
- Scheme
- Submissions to Hong Kong Housing Authority
 - Rent regulation

Mr. Bill Lay reiterated that transitional social housing was one of the measures to alleviate the housing problems only, not the only cure. There were other measures working together.

6. Business Update

6.1 Policy Research and Advocacy

Evidence-based Practice (EPB) Social Work Research Salon

1st Research Salon will be held on 7 December, which topic is Ethnic Minority’s Most Concerned Issues and Voting Behavior

Research Training

Two research trainings will be held in the coming Dec and Jan, one on social research method and one on social impact assessment.

Social Development Index(SDI) Revamp

SDI keeps collecting the data and will release the finding of SDI in May, 2018. The unit will further discuss on the direction for revamping the SDI in the coming year.

6.2 Social Impact Assessment

Projects

Two SIA projects have been completed: Baptist Oi Kwan's 'Kiddy Heart Canteen' and HK and Shanghai Hotel Limited's 'Honing Skills in Hospitality 2017'; while, there are two new SIA projects: one is Fu Hong Society's 'Best Buddies Hong Kong' and the other, Jockey Club Centre for Positive Ageing's 'Best Practice Training in Dementia Care in Hong Kong'.

Dr. Margaret Wong asked the average charge of SIA project, Mr. Keith Wong responded that it depends on the duration of the project and the stakeholders involved in the research. Ms. Iris Liu asked the total number of SIA projects in a year, Mr. Keith Wong responded, there are 10.

Conference

The EBP and SIA conference cum workshop will be organized on March 23 and 24, 2018. Presenters are awardees of Best Practice Awards in Social Welfare.

Mr. Keith Wong reported that there was left-over budget from the conference on 22-24 May 2017, 2016 in Polytechnic University, which could be expended to invite overseas speaker for upcoming conference. Dr. Shirley Kong from the UK will be invited to be keynote speaker for the conference, to share on overseas experience in promoting practice research.

Ms. Ivy Leung suggested that the conference can invite representatives from funding foundations to be speakers. She explained, they can convey the importance of practice research from funder's perspective, so as to let agency heads realize its vitality.

Dr. Margaret Wong suggested the left-over budget can also be expensed on attending overseas social policy conference, such as '[15th East Asian Social Policy \(EASP\) Annual Conference](#)' in the University of Bristol, UK, organized by EASP Research Network

7. Matters for discussion

7.1 Co-opted Member

For the new co-opted member, committee members suggested to invite Prof. Wong Yu Cheung, Prof. Chan Lai Wan or Pro. Lui Tai Lok to be the new co-opted member. (Post-meeting note: Prof. Lui Tai Lok accepted the invitation and be the new co-opted member of the committee)

7.2 2017-18 Year Plan

Social Impact Assessment

Mr. Keith Wong reported, Hong Kong Jockey Club had liaised with SD unit to discuss escalation of the sector's capacity in practice-based service research.

The unit will focus on education for funders. Most recently, the team has liaised with Keswick Foundation on this.

Policy Research and Advocacy

Mr. Keith Wong raised that upcoming policy research will either concentrate on long-term care or primary health care.

Dr. Margaret Wong suggested that ‘big data analysis’ is a topic worth doing. Mr. Charles Chan agreed and it should be developing along with practice research. He suggested that EBP and SIA conference cum workshop in March, 2018 or agency meeting can include a part talking about big data. Ms. Ivy Leung echoed that it is a potential topic, since there are many data accumulated in the field, yet lacks analysis. Mr. Keith Wong suggested that ‘big data analysis’ could be the topic of research salon held next year.

8. Date of next meeting

Next meeting is scheduled on 9 Jan, 2017 at 2:30- 5:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Confirmed by :

Charles Chan

Chairperson of Specialized Committee on
Social Development

Date:

9 Jan, 2018
