

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

Minute of the Second Meeting

Date:	January 9, 2018 (Tuesday)	
Time:	2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	
Venue:	Room 1204, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, Wan Chai	
Present:	Mr. CHAN Kin Hung, Charles	- The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong (Chairperson)
	Mr. LAY Yan Piau, Bill	- Caritas – Hong Kong (Vice Chairperson)
	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-ye WONG	- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals
	Dr. CHUNG Kim Wah (Co-opted)	- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
	Prof. LUI Tai Lok (Co-opted)	- The Education University of Hong Kong
	Mr. Keith WONG	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
In attendance:	Ms. Natalie YAU	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
	Ms. Jacey KAN (Recorder)	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

1. To receive the agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

2. To confirm minute of the last meeting

The minute was adopted without amendment.

3. Business Update

3.1 Policy Research and Advocacy

Mr. Keith WONG reported that **Policy Seminar** would take place in March, 2018 which theme was 'primary healthcare'. Two representatives from Sai Kung District Centre and Health in Actions were invited as guest speakers. The upcoming **Policy Bulletin** would do the topic of 'caregiver policy'. It would discuss why carers were excluded from social services, demography of carers in Hong Kong and so forth. As for **Social Development Index (SDI)**, its results would be released in May,

2018. To take care of grassroots' housing needs would be one of follow-up actions in 2018-19 year plan.

Mr. Charles CHAN asked how SDI was operationalized now. Mr. Keith WONG explained that a staff of Social Development Unit was now collecting data of aspects that formulate SDI. He further supplemented that some changes had taken place within data collection and, there was need to revamp SDI, such as inclusion of data concerning technology development and environment. Mr. Charles CHAN advised that the unit could do the revamp after this year's release.

3.2 Social Impact Assessment(SIA)

Mr. Keith WONG reported, there were 10 SIA projects up till then. The charge to NGOs was 70% of costs. Dr. Margaret WONG said the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (the Council) had no responsibility to subsidize the projects. Instead, it was because the government had not offered sufficient resources to the Council and the Council should reflect the situations.

Mr. Keith WONG reported the unit would provide training to the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund (SIE Fund) in that month (i.e. January, 2018). Mr. Charles CHAN asked if there were any new partners this year. Mr. Keith WONG responded there were 2, the Keswick Foundation and Jockey Club Centre for Positive Ageing, respectively.

Mr. Charles CHAN raised cases of child abuse that had happened by then. He expressed that the root cause lied in the lack of frontline training and loss of experienced primary school social workers. While there were no school social workers in kindergartens. This was an issue of policy advocacy, not service improvement or professional intervention. He asked if the Council would clearly illustrate the above.

3.3 Overseas Event

Mr. Keith WONG reported the 7th Conference cum Workshop on Practice and Research for Social Service Excellence would take place on 23 March, 2018. Dr. KONG Sui Ting was keynote speaker to share practice research in Europe.

As for 'Study Visit to Germany on Cooperative Housing for Low-income Families and Elderly (23-29 October 2017)', there would be report back session on 26 January, 2018. Mr. Keith WONG supplemented that the Committee could schedule a report back session with Mr. Charles HO (post-meeting note: the meeting was canceled and would be rescheduled).

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1 Initial thoughts on the Year Plan of 2018-19

Primary Healthcare

Mr. Keith WONG proposed to establish a 'Healthcare Policy Working Group'. He suggested to select a topic to conduct a phenomenal study on primary healthcare in Hong Kong.

Riding on Mr. Keith WONG's proposal, Dr. Margaret WONG commented it was important to clearly define what kinds of 'healthcare' we would be talking about, arranging from physical to psychological/mental. Prof. LUI Tai Lok suggested referring to some indicators that measure healthcare, which had been initiated or adopted by universities. Mr. Charles CHAN expressed that social segregation deteriorated grassroots' access to health service, such as new arrivals, ethnic minorities.

Population Profile

Mr. Keith WONG introduced, the upcoming population profile would focus on elderly population in Hong Kong.

Riding on Mr. Keith WONG's proposal, Dr. Margaret WONG commented the population profile could explore how to enforce linkage between the youths and the elderly. By raising this advice, Dr. Margaret WONG meant to suggest that the significance and objective of doing elderly population proposal should be clear. Mr. Charles CHAN suggested the profile could explore solutions that attract youths to enter elderly care service industry.

Prof. LUI Tai Lok commented that there were a lot of researches on elderly population. As such, Prof. LUI asked how this profile could initiate new discussions.

Policy Bulletin

Dr. Margaret WONG recommended Policy Bulletin could do a topic of children.

5. Any other business

6. Next date of meeting

Next meeting is scheduled on 11 April, 2018(Wed) at 2:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Confirmed by :

Mr. LAY Yan Piau, Bill

Chairperson of Specialized Committee on
Social Development

Date:

11 April, 2018
