

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

Minutes of the 4th Meeting

Date:	20 th July, 2018 (Friday)	
Time:	10:00 – 12:30	
Venue:	Room 1408, 14/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, Wan Chai	
Present:	Mr. Bill LAY (Chairperson)	- Caritas Hong Kong
	Ms. Iris LIU (Vice Chairperson)	- International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
	Mr. Song NG	- St. James' Settlement
	Ms. Ivy LEUNG	- Christian Family Service Centre
	Dr. Kim Wah CHUNG (Co-opted)	- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
	Prof. Tai Lok LUI (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
	Mr. Danny YEUNG (Recorder)	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

1. To receive the agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

2. To confirm minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were adopted without amendment.

3. Update on Committee

Mr. Keith WONG reported that Dr. Margaret WONG has become the department head of Social Work at Hong Kong Shue Yan University. He further suggested that her position in the specialized committee could be elected in the first meeting of specialized committee for the next cohort. The suggestion was passed with a majority of votes.

4. Business Update

4.1 Policy Research and Advocacy

Mr. Keith WONG reported the condition of publishing **Social Development Index 2018**. It was published on 23rd May 2018. The response from the media was satisfactory to an extent that around 30 articles on the index were reported, and figures of the index were utilized by some review articles. Moreover, he was also invited to join a programme held by Now TV to have interactions with other sectors.

He also reported that the upcoming issue of **Policy Bulletin** had chosen children as a topic in light of the figures revealed by the latest Social Development Index in which children had long located in the negative field. The Editorial Board of Policy Bulletin had already recommended some articles to bring new insights and additional research elements to the content. More potential authors had started being reached out.

Then, he reported that there was a change in the **Year Plan**. Several organizations would like to cooperate with Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) to conduct a research with an aim to understand the reasons why some house owners chose to withstand certain regulations joining social housing scheme. Considering its possible insights into rolling out special tenancy control, it was supplemented in the Year Plan. Mr. Bill LAY reminded that it was important to take note of both personal and agencies' house owners in the research.

Lastly, he reported that a working group on Primary Healthcare had been formulated. He also explained some terms of reference of the working group to specialized committee members as well, and encouraged them to get involved in the working group.

4.2 Centre for Social Impact

Mr. Keith WONG reported that four **Social Impact Assessment (SIA) projects** would be proceeding to the final stage. There were four new SIA projects being discussed and coordinated so as to ensure a smooth and efficient operation of the centre. For instance, the centre would be responsible for doing SIA for the project

established by Keswick Foundation on prevention of youth suicide.

Mr. Keith WONG also highlighted that there was a **modification in the content of SIA training**. He expressed that the SIA training had casted too much attention to measurement in the past, more parts would be given to conceptualization and performance of social impact in the training. Positive feedback was shown in the survey of the latest SIA training workshop with the use of revised content. The centre would keep using the revised content so as to test for its effectiveness.

Mr. Bill LAY asked whether there were some principals for operation of the centre. Mr. Keith WONG responded that the centre needed to strike a balance between revenue and cost by itself while receiving funding of \$120,000 from HKCSS each year.

Dr. Kim Wah CHUNG asked whether the centre looked for SIA projects by itself or by the call from other organizations. Mr. Keith WONG responded that most SIA projects handled by the centre relied on the call from other organizations. Moreover, it would also provide our agency members with information and suggestions on SIA projects, and a list of SIA service providers.

5. Matters for Discussion

5.1 Task Force on Land Supply Public Engagement Activities

Mr. Keith WONG highlighted important themes in the consultation of government on land supply including current distribution of land use, options of land supply proposed by the government, an analytical framework adopted by the government in the consultation, and the stance of HKCSS responding to 2030+. Moreover, he also reported that the forum of land supply was targeted to be held in mid or late August, and he encouraged the members to join the forum.

Apart from reporting, he proposed that further discussions on the way responding to the options of land supply and the challenges raised by the government, and the way how the social welfare sector makes use of the consultation to push for policy change were needed.

Ms. Iris LIU said that it was important to notify other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to participate in regional consultation activities through HKCSS. Mr. Keith WONG responded that political parties tended to be more active in joining the regional consultation activities because NGOs usually found a weak connection between their services and the proposed options of land supply. Mr. Bill LAY then suggested that HKCSS and other NGOs could stress on the principle of fairness in the distribution of land use, and showing the demand and supply of certain lands and facilities based on their own observations while participating in the consultation activities.

Dr. Kim Wah CHUNG said that HKCSS should have emphasized the shortage in the supply of lands for social welfare uses in the past 20 years so as to request the government to preserve a reasonable ratio for the land use for social welfare in urban planning guidelines. Mr. Bill LAY further suggested that more information on the ratio of lands for social welfare adopted by other areas and countries would be useful in the discussion.

Ms. Ivy LEUNG, on the other hand, suggested that population could be a way to briefly estimate the required ratio of lands for social welfare in a certain area. Prof. Tai Lok LUI proposed that a map showing the shortage of land use for social welfare such as the shortage of lands for youngsters and elders based on the population could also be made.

5.2 Research and Advocacy on Primary Healthcare

Mr. Keith WONG introduced the framework on primary healthcare adopted by outlining three important aspects including 1) the relationship between primary healthcare, social workers and social welfare organizations, 2) the progress of Steering Committee on Primary Healthcare Development, and 3) lessons learnt from overseas experiences on implementation of Primary Healthcare.

Moreover, he also introduced various advocacy strategies adopted by HKCSS with aims to 1) boost the understanding of Primary Healthcare of HKCSS, 2) to understand the problems and needs of Primary Healthcare in the community, and 3) to promote the findings of research conducted by HKCSS. For instance, a

research on the perception of people like existing service users on their needs for primary healthcare would be conducted to bring new insights into the implementation of primary healthcare in Hong Kong.

He also pointed out some weaknesses of current District Health Centre Pilot Project in Kwai Tsing. For instance, the government casted too much attention to 6 specific diseases in the health centre. HKCSS, in turn, stressed on the importance of providing services according to the need of communities, and the use of social network in Primary Healthcare. The government had already promised to assess the need of community after the setup of District Health Centre in Kwai Tsing District.

He reported that a desktop research on good practices of implementation of Primary Healthcare in foreign countries was being conducted by Ms. Sandy FAN, who was an intern from Hong Kong Shue Yan University. Australia, Cuba, Ireland, and Singapore were selected as subjects of the research.

Moreover, he also reported that the first meeting of working group on Primary Healthcare had already been launched. Ms. Ivy LEUNG was nominated the delegate of the Specialized Committee on Social Development to join the working group on Primary Healthcare. The motion was then passed with a majority of votes.

5.3 Overseas Events

Mr. Keith WONG reported that the next practice research conference would focus on how social workers and researchers communicate with each other so as to bridge the divergence among these groups of people. Prof. Lars Uggerhoj was proposed to be a speaker in the conference. Moreover, around four researchers from other social welfare organizations would also be invited to join an activity of Human Library to share their experiences to participants.

Ms. Ivy LEUNG asked whether social workers would be the major focus of the upcoming practice research conference because other professionals like nurses were also providing services within various social welfare organizations. As they

worked as a team in provision of social welfare services, she further suggested a wider coverage of professions in the conference.

6. Any other business

Mr. Keith WONG reported that the nomination of Specialized Committee in next cohort had started. Several incumbent Specialized Committee members including Mr. Bill LAY and Mr. Song NG had already finished their tenure. He welcomed different social welfare organizations to take part in the nomination and election.

7. The date of next meeting

Next meeting is temporarily scheduled on the morning of 14th or 16th November 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30

Confirmed by :

Mr. Bill LAY

Chairperson of Specialized Committee on
Social Development

Date:

13th Nov, 2018
