

The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Policy Research & Advocacy
Specialized Committee on Social Development (2018/2019)

Minutes of the 1st Meeting

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| Date: | 13 th Nov, 2018 (Tuesday) | |
| Time: | 15:00 – 17:30 | |
| 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. Po Shan TANG | - Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service |
| | Ms. Ivy LEUNG | - Christian Family Service Centre |
| | Mr. Anthony WONG | - The Hong Kong Council of Social Service |
| | Mr. Keith WONG | - The Hong Kong Council of Social Service |
| In attendance: | Ms. Natalie YAU | - The Hong Kong Council of Social Service |
| | Mr. Daisy LAM (Recorder) | - The Hong Kong Council of Social Service |
| Apologies: | Mr. Raymond LAI | - The Salvation Army |
| | Prof. Tai Lok LUI (Co-opted) | - The Education University of Hong Kong |

1. To receive the agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

2. To confirm minutes of last meeting

The minutes were confirmed with the correction of the name of one of the members.

3. Elections of new chairperson, vice chairperson, representatives of Policy Bulletin Editorial Board, and Working Group on Housing

For the election of chairperson, Mr. Bill LAY was nominated by Ms. Iris LIU and Ms. Ivy LEUNG seconded. Mr. Bill LAY was elected as the chairperson with majority votes. He would also be the ex officio member of the Standing Committee of Policy Research and Advocacy.

For the election of vice chairperson, Ms. Iris LIU was nominated by Ms. Ivy LEUNG and Mr. Bill LAY seconded. Ms. Iris LIU was elected as the vice chairperson with majority votes. As discussed and agreed by the Specialized Committee, the vice chairperson would be the Committee's representative in the Policy Bulletin Editorial Board.

For the election of representative of Working Group on Housing, Mr. Po Shan TANG was nominated by Ms. Iris LIU and Mr. Bill LAY seconded. Mr. Po Shan TANG was elected as the representative of Working Group on Housing with majority votes.

4. Business Update

4.1 Policy Research and Advocacy

4.1.1 Consultation on Land for Hong Kong: Our Home, Our Say!

Mr. Keith WONG reported that a position paper was submitted to the Task Force on Land Supply with inputs collected from different committees and units of the Council, as well as views collected from the sector forum.

4.1.2 Proposal of the District Healthcare Centre

Mr. Keith WONG reported that the team had submitted a proposal to the Steering Committee on Primary Healthcare Development under the Food and Health Bureau, with focuses on medical-social collaboration and interventions that social workers could contribute to self-health management, groups for engagement and mobilization, as well as case work for patients and their caregivers. In addition, Mr. Keith WONG reported to the Specialized Committee that a proposal of an overseas visit to Singapore was submitted, as one of the possible overseas events organized by the unit to understand the development and operation of overseas model with a network formed by general practitioners and community-based health centres.

4.1.3 Evaluation Research of Youth Community Engagement Project (YCEP)

Mr. Keith WONG reported that the outcome study of the Youth Community Engagement Project was completed. Key findings were released at a sector forum held on 3rd Nov, 2018 and the full evaluation report will be submitted by Mar, 2019. (PowerPoint of the findings was shared with the members after the meeting.)

4.2 Centre for Social Impact

4.2.1 Social Impact Assessment (SIA) Projects

Mr. Keith WONG reported that the data collection of four SIA projects had almost completed. The drafting of final reports of the projects had already been in progress, and would be submitted by the end of the financial year.

4.2.2 Training

Mr. Keith WONG reported that the Centre started a SIA training and mentorship programme for Hong Kong Caritas in Nov, 2018. Two project teams would be selected by the agency to try conducting their own SIA with mentorship provided by the Centre.

4.2.3 Conference and Workshop

Mr. Keith WONG reported, the 8th Conference cum Workshop on Practice and Research for Social Service Excellence would be respectively held on 5th and 6th Mar, 2019. The theme of the conference would be focused on the dialogue between researchers and social workers.

5. Matters for Discussion

5.1 Co-opted member of Specialized Committee on Social Development

Committee members suggested inviting Dr. Kim Wah CHUNG to serve an additional term of 2 years as a co-opted member in the Specialized Committee. (After meeting note: Dr. CHUNG accepted the invitation and would serve another term of two years.)

In response to the vacancy occurring in the Specialized Committee, members discussed the replacement arrangement and agreed to invite the candidate with the 2nd highest vote in the same election of the resigned elected member to serve as a co-opted member subject to retirement at the same time as originally set for the member in whose place she or he was appointed. Under the decision, members suggested inviting Ms. Mei Lin WU to serve as a co-opted member and complete the term of Dr. Margaret WONG. (After meeting note: Ms. WU accepted the invitation and would serve a term of one year.)

5.2 Year Plan of Social Development 2019-2020

Members discussed and gave initial feedback to the year plan for the unit in the coming year. They agreed the research focuses should go to housing policy and the development of primary

healthcare, especially the model with the District Health Centres. The unit would try to explore the feasibility for researches on the impacts of policy on increasing the provision of subsidized housing for sell, and need assessment study on primary healthcare in selected district with the inputs from the service providers.

The chairperson suggested the unit also exploring the possibility to have research and advocacy on land supply related topics, and Ms. Iris LIU proposed to look into female-related issues and see if there were any topics the unit should work on.

6. The date of next meeting

Date: 19th Dec, 2019

Time: 15:00

The meeting was adjourned at 17:30

Confirmed by :

Mr. Bill LAY

Chairperson of Specialized Committee on
Social Development

Date:
