

The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Policy Research & Advocacy
Specialized Committee on Social Development (2016/2017)

Minute of the First Meeting

Date:	December 1, 2016 (Thursday)	
Time:	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	
Venue:	Room 1204, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building	
Present:	Mr. CHAN Kin Hung, Charles (Chairperson)	- The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong
	Mr. SIN Leung Kai (Vice Chairperson)	- The Salvation Army - New Territories West Integrated Service
	Ms. CHAN Chung Ho, Karrie	- Hong Kong Christian Service
	Ms. LIU Kam Fung, Iris	- International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
	Mr. Keith Wong (Secretary)	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
	Mr. NG Sze On	- St. James' Settlement
	Mr. LAY Yan Piau, Bill	- Caritas – Hong Kong
	Dr. CHUNG Ting Yiu, Robert	- The University of Hong Kong Public Opinion Programme (Co-opted)
In attendance:	Mr. Charles Ho	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
	Ms. Agnes Yang (Recorder)	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

1. To welcome new members

Mr. Keith Wong represented the social development unit to welcome all 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 with without amendment.

4. Electing new Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, the 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.

Mr. Charles Chan, being first nominated by Ms. Karrie Chan and second nominated by Ms. Iris Liu, Mr. Bill Lay and Mr. Sin Leung Kai, was elected as the chairperson with all votes. He would

also be the ex-official member of the Standing Committee of Policy Research and Advocacy.

For the election of new vice-chairperson, Mr. Sin Leung Kai was nominated by Ms. Iris Liu and was seconded Ms. Karrie Chan. He was elected as the vice-chairperson with all votes. As the usual practice, the vice-chairperson would be the committee's representative in the Editorial Board of Policy Bulletin.

5. Business Update

5.1 Policy Research and Advocacy

Container housing

Recently, the government showed more interests on using container housing to provide transitional housing to the low income groups. Mr. Charles Ho presented the preliminary idea of introducing container housing for the low-income families who are waiting for the public rental house for over 3 years. Members gave the following further inputs to the plan.

- Estimation needed for the operation cost in related to project sustainability
- Identification of the role of social welfare sector
- Adding community development components to the project

The unit will consider the inputs from the members and further liaise with the Government.

SDI Revamp

With the support of the Community Chest, SDI will continue to collect the data and release the finding of SDI in 2018. The unit will engage SD members to have further discussions on the direction for revamping the SDI in the coming year.

Public Health

Mr. Charles Ho will conduct a desktop research on the practice and principles for developing primary health care that advocated and experience by WHO and other developed countries, with a view to provide further insights to the committee and the Council for further researches and advocacy plan on the related areas.

5.2 Social Impact Assessment

Training

The rising number of the participants of the SIA training course shows the greater interest of the sector in the related subject. The Centre for Social Impact will keep providing trainings, and design specific training courses to accommodate the needs of participants with different service backgrounds.

New projects

Two more new SIA projects will be conducted. The team will apply for one more new head count for the Centre for Social Impact.

Conference

The EBP and SIA conference cum workshop will be held on March 23 and 24. The topic is related to creating an agency with demonstration of social impact. Albert Teo of the National University of Singapore is invited by the keynote speaker for the conference and trainer for the

workshop.

5.5 Chief Executive Election 2016

Forum

The Council would like to set up platforms for sector to have opportunities to have direct dialogue with the candidates. The first Chief Executive Election Forum 2017 for Mr. Woo Kwok Hing will be held on Dec 15 at 10:30 a.m.. Members are invited to join the forum.

6. Matters for discussion

6.1 Editorial Board of Policy Bulletin

Given that the existing editorial board is going to complete her term of service on 31 March 2017. Mr. Keith suggested inviting Prof. Wong Yu Cheung, Dr. Ip Chung Yan and Prof. Sammy Chiu to join the new editorial board. Members supported the suggestion.

6.2 Co-opted Member

For the new co-opted member, Mr. Keith Wong suggested inviting Dr. Chung Kim Wah to be the new co-opted member. The Committee members support to the suggestion. (Post-meeting note: Dr. Chung Kim Wah accepted the invitation and be the new co-opted member of the committee)

6.3 Overseas event

Three overseas events will be organized in this year. The first one is the 4th International Conference on Practice Research. This conference will take place in HK on 22-24 May 2017 and our Council co-organizes the conference with The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The second one is the European Conference for Social Work Research 2017. It will take place in Denmark on 19-21 April 2017. And the last one is study visit to Germany on cooperate housing.

7. Any other business

7.1 Hong Kong 2030+

The public engagement exercise for "Hong Kong 2030+: Towards a Planning Vision and Strategy Transcending 2030" was launched by the Planning Department on Oct 27 to collect views from the public. The public engagement will last for six months and our Council will prepare a position paper. Members will be engaged to give further inputs on it.

7.2 70th Anniversary of Council

The year of 2017 marks the 70th Anniversary of Council. A series of activities will be held for celebration. Ageing Society Expo, one of the critical event, will be held on 16-18 June 2017.

7.3 Housing meeting

The Housing Working Group has schedule the next meeting. Mr. Charles Ho will invite an architect to talk about the design of container house. He invited members to join it to have more understanding on the subject.

8. Next date of meeting

The meeting was subsequently scheduled on Jan 25, 2017 at 2:30 p.m..

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Confirmed by :

Charles Chan

Chairperson of Specialized Committee on
Social Development

Date:

Jan 25, 2017