

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Service Development (Family & Community)

Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2018-19) held on January 9, 2019 (Wednesday) at Room 1401, 14/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Present

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| Ms Eliza LAM (Chairperson) | Caritas – Hong Kong |
| Mr Charles NG (Vice-chairperson) | Christian Family Service Centre |
| Dr FAN Ning | Health in Action Limited |
| Ms HSU Siu-man | The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups |
| Ms Jessie YU | Hong Kong Single Parents Association |
| Mr Kerin CHAM | International Social Service Hong Kong Branch |
| Ms Ramy CHAK | The Salvation Army |
| Ms KEUNG Choi-yin | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited |
| Ms Lea YIP | Breakthrough Limited |
| Mrs Doris LEE | Harmony House Limited |
| Ms Florence KONG | Hong Kong Christian Service |
| Ms Polly PANG | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lady MacLehose Centre |
| Ms KEUNG Choi-yin | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council limited |
| Dr Margaret WONG | Hong Kong Shue Yan University |
| Ms Carol NG | Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod |
| Ms Sky SIU | Kely Support Group |
| Mr Anthony WONG | The Hong Kong Council of Social Service |
| Mr Moses MUI | The Hong Kong Council of Social Service |
| Ms Lynn LAW | The Hong Kong Council of Social Service |
| Mr W S CHAN | The Hong Kong Council of Social Service |
| Ms Blanche KI | The Hong Kong Council of Social Service |
| Mr Billy WONG | The Hong Kong Council of Social Service |
| Ms Noel CHOW (recorder) | The Hong Kong Council of Social Service |

Apologies

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| Ms Angela CHENG | Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers |
| Mr Daniel CHU | Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service |
| Ms Charrix LEE | Hong Kong Family Welfare Society |

1. Presentation on "Field Learning for DSE Students of Health Management and Social Care Programme"

Ms Josephine Wu from Education Bureau was invited to present their "Health Management and Social Care", one of the 20 elective subjects of new senior secondary curriculum for Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination. Members and their organizations were invited to participate in their Field Learning Expo 2019; to offer field learning opportunities to students from S4 to S6; and to offer learning

opportunities to the winner(s) to Students Awards. Interested members would further liaise with Ms Wu.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on November 14, 2018 was circulated by email on December 19, 2018 and was confirmed with nil amendment.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Vacancy of Membership

Ms Angela Cheng, Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers was the next candidate with highest votes on the elected list of 2017-2019. Mr Moses Mui reported that she had accepted the Committee's invitation to be our member for the remaining term of 2017-2019.

3.2 Cooption of Members

Ms Sky Siu, Kely Support Group Limited and Ms Carol Ng, Hog Kong Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod were confirmed as co-opted members, on behalf of the Network on Ethnic Minorities Service and the Network on Substance Abuse Service respectively. Co-opted member on behalf of the Network of Community Development would be confirmed in their next network meeting.

4. Maintenance Related Issues

Paper 1: 設立贍養費中介機構：為離婚單親家庭提供生活保障 was sent to members before the meeting. Mr Billy Wong explained in details this draft paper to members, including the background, main concerns and recommendations. Recommendations 2 & 3 were highlighted as those were new compared with the last paper in 2016.

Members suggested to emphasize the followings:

- i) public education should be strengthened;
- ii) operation details of proposed intermediary body (based on overseas experience) should be elaborated;
- iii) streamlining of CSSA as short-term improvement measure should be emphasized; and
- iv) collecting maintenance related data through regular household survey of Census and Statistics Department was recommended.

The paper would be further revised and for use in the coming lobbying work (e.g. HKU consultant and LegCo). The working group will follow up.

5. Work Focus of Specialized Committee (2018-2020)

With reference to Paper 2: Proposed Work Focus (2018-2020), Mr Moses Mui briefed members the initial thought as worked out by the chairperson and vice-chairperson after the last meeting. It was envisioned that a family-friendly community should be fostered with corresponding policy intervention and service responses.

Members shared their views in various aspects and come up with the following consensus:

- i) It was agreed to follow up with the existing agenda/issues in relation to different subjects with the support of respective service networks.
- ii) Regarding Family Service Program Plan (FSPP), members suggested to organize a series of engagement activities to arouse sector's concern as a start or warm-up. In particular, practice sharing with policy perspective could be conducted for mindset change.
- iii) HKCSS could provide the hub for engaging various stakeholders to formulate consensus on the vision of family and community.
- iv) The "Action Plan on Strengthening Families" might be the deliverable for idea consolidation and consensus building.

Members agreed to further discuss the subject matter in the next meeting. When appropriate, a designated task force could be set up to follow through the work plan.

6. Welfare Agenda & Priorities Setting 2019

Paper 3a: 2019福利議題及優次會議工作流程(草擬) & paper 3b: Summary of the Council's proposed initiatives (family & community services related) were sent to members for reference.

Mr Moses Mui highlighted the workflow of WAPS 2019 and the 3 agendas submitted by the Specialized Committee last year. The consolidated table with all agendas submitted and responses from the government in the past 5 years was also prepared for members' reference.

After discussion, the following 3 agenda would be put up for further deliberation:

- i) Supporting grassroots families living in inadequate housing (e.g. subdivided flat)
- ii) Supporting families with drug abusing parents
- iii) Strengthening support for ethnic minorities

Further discussion on recommendations will be followed through by respective service networks. Members were reminded that the WAPS annual meeting will be held on May 15, 2019.

7. For Information

7.1 2019 Best Practice Awards in Social Welfare

Members were updated that the invitation for nomination would be distributed in February 2019.

8. Progress Update

The Progress Report (January 2019) of the Family and Community Service (paper 4) had been sent to members for information.

The following items were included:

- i) Jockey Club Child-focused Co-parenting Project
- ii) Support Service for Drug Abusing Pregnant Women and Parents
- iii) Multi-cultural Youth and Family Service forum
- iv) Review on Processing of Compassionate Rehousing Cases

9. Any Other Business

9.1 FamConnect Project

Poster with this year's theme "Explore Together" was distributed in the meeting.

10. Date of Next Meeting - Proposed Meeting Schedule

The next meeting would be held on March 13, 2019 (Wednesday) at 2:30 pm in Room 1410, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Adopted by

Chairperson

on the _____ day of _____ 2019