

# THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Service Development (Family & Community)

## **Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service**

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2018-19) held on March 13, 2019 (Wednesday) at Room 1401, 14/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

### **Present**

Ms Eliza LAM (Chairperson)	Caritas – Hong Kong
Mr Charles NG (Vice-chairperson)	Christian Family Service Centre
Ms HSU Siu-man	The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Ms Jessie YU	Hong Kong Single Parents Association
Ms Ramy CHAK	The Salvation Army
Ms Angela CHENG	Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers
Ms Florence KONG	Hong Kong Christian Service
Ms Charrix LEE	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
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
Mr Kenny NG	Community Development Alliance
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
Mr Billy WONG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Noel CHOW (recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

### **Apologies**

Dr FAN Ning	Health in Action Limited
Mr Kerin CHAM	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Mr Daniel CHU	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Ms Lea YIP	Breakthrough Limited
Mrs Doris LEE	Harmony House Limited
Ms Carol NG	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod
Ms Sky SIU	Kely Support Group

#### **1. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on January 9, 2019 was circulated by email on January 31, 2019 and was confirmed with nil amendment.

## 2. Matters Arising

### 2.1 Maintenance Related Issues

Mr Billy Wong reported that Ms Jesse Yu and Mr Moses Mui were interviewed by Vincent Wong in his programme (人民大道中) of the Commercial Radio on maintenance issues.

Members shared their views on the name of the maintenance board in the meeting. Further discussion will be followed in the Working Group under this Committee. Advocacy strategies will also be worked out before the subject matter being brought up in LegCo in June 2019.

### 2.2 Welfare Agenda & Priorities Setting 2019

Paper 1a: 2019 年地區福利規劃研討會扼要報告 was sent to members and Mr Moses Mui briefed members the related agendas.

After consulting the concerned network members, paper 1b: 2019 福利議題及優次會議家庭及社區服務專責小組之建議 (草擬) was drafted and tabled for members' comment. Mr W S Chan and Ms Lynn Law explained the details of analysis and recommendations under the three agenda(s).

Members shared their comments as following:

#### i) Supporting grassroots families living in inadequate housing

##### 支援居於不適切住房的基層家庭

- Experience of existing time-limited projects could be highlighted to demonstrate the service need and possible work model
- Differentiation from mainstreamed services could be emphasized while collaboration amongst services should be articulated
- Welfare premises should be provided as essential element on top of outreaching service mode
- More concrete figures on service need could be added

#### ii) Supporting families with drug abusing parents

##### 加強對濫藥家人的支援

- Agree the proposed one-stop support for drug abusing parents and their children which is service gap even in existing BDF projects
- Role and function of the requested additional manpower at CCPSA could be elaborated
- Some innovative ideas were shared, e.g. setting up designated unit in hospital for drug abusing parents and children, or setting up residential service nearby hospital.

#### iii) Strengthening support for ethnic minorities

##### 加強支援少數族裔人士

- no specific amendment needed

The papers will be further refined with input of respective networks. The refined papers will be sent to SWD by mid-April after email circulation to SC-FC members for comment. Moreover, Mr Moses Mui encouraged all members and their colleagues to participate the annual meeting with SWD on May 15, 2019.

*(Post-meeting note: eDM of WAPS meeting was sent to members by email on March 21, 2019.)*

### 2.3 Work Focus of Specialized Committee (2018-2020)

Mr Moses Mui recapped that as decided in the last SC-FC meeting, it was agreed that sector discussion on the vision and blueprint of fostering family-friendly community in Hong Kong should be initiated. This could be done by engaging sector through the formulation of “Action Plan on Strengthening Families” (which might be but not limited to echo the proposed Family Service Program Plan).

"Hong Kong Plan of Action On Ageing (Discussion Paper) was tabled for members' reference.

After discussion, a new Task Group will be formed to follow through the idea of “Action Plan on Strengthening Families”. It was expected the Task Group to take the lead to work out the details of work plan needed.

7 SC-FC members committed to join the Task Group in the meeting, namely Ms Eliza Lam, Mr Charles Ng, Ms Jessie Yu, Ms Ramy Chak, Ms Polly Pang, Dr Margaret Wong and Mr Kenny Ng.

*(Post meeting note: The first meeting has been scheduled to be held on April 8, 2019 (Monday) at 1:30 pm in room 101, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building. Ms Maggie Mak from Hong Kong Christian Service will join the Task Group.)*

### 2.4 Cooption of Members

Mr Kenny NG, Community Development Alliance confirmed as co-opted members, on behalf of the Network on Community Development Service.

## 3. Business Plan 2019-2020

Paper 2: Business Plan 2019-2020 of Family and Community Service was sent to members before the meeting. Mr Moses Mui added there would be 3 subsidized overseas events to be organized in the coming year as followings:

- i) Women Deliver 2019 Conference (Vancouver)
- ii) 4th World Conference of Women's Shelters (Taiwan)
- iii) 11th Mainland China, Hong Kong & Macau Conference on Prevention of Substance Abuse (Macau)

Regarding the service development on parent education, members opined that stock-take of existing services might not be a feasible strategy. Instead, it was suggested

to keep in view on the policy development and further deliberate the sector response, if any.

#### **4. Budget Speech 2019-2020**

With reference to Paper 3: Specialized Co-parenting Support Centre, Mr Moses Mui explained to members the background and service specifications.

Members opined that joint effort amongst the operators should be coordinated for public education, collaboration with other services/discipline and capacity building. It was suggested a network of the relevant operators may be formed after the service commencement by end of 2019. Members were also noted that further discussion on the law reform would be brought up again after a period of time.

#### **5. For Information**

##### **5.1 2019 Best Practice Awards in Social Welfare**

Mr W S Chan updated that there were about 90 nominations received by February 2019. The adjudication process was undergone and members would be kept updated.

#### **6. Progress Update**

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

The following items were included:

- i) Advocacy on Specialized Support for Divorced Families
- ii) Advocacy on Women Agenda through Radio Interviews
- iii) Seminar on "Prevention and Intervention on Cannabis Misuse"
- iv) Response to Ombudsman Report on "Government's Support for Non-Chinese Speaking Students"
- v) Jockey Club FamConnect Project
- vi) Community Work Practice Sharing Series

Ms Lynn Law highlighted the contents of items iii) & iv) while Mr W S Chan encouraged members and their colleagues to participate the coming sharing 社區工作實踐系列：「家在社區」圓桌會議 to be held on March 22, 2019 which is the first event in the series to follow up members' recommendation to promote practice sharing on adopting community work approach in different service settings (e.g. IFSC).

#### **7. Any Other Business**

##### **7.1 FSA-related Activities**

Mr Moses Mui reported that the Council is now collecting sector's views on FSA-related activities in various service settings. Tentatively, it was suggested that representatives of respective Specialized Committees will be invited to join focus group discussion. Further information will be updated.

7.3 CIFA Charity Concert

Flyer for the captioned event was tabled for members' reference.

8. **Date of Next Meeting - Proposed Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting would be held on May 8, 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

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Chairperson

on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019