

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

Minutes of the 4th Meeting

- Date:** 4th Jun, 2019 (Tuesday)
- Time:** 15:00 – 17:00
- Venue:** Conference Room of HKCSS Community Housing Unit (Room 505, 5/F, Harcourt House, 39 Gloucester Rd, Wan Chai, Hong Kong)
- Present:**
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| Mr. Bill LAY
(Chairperson) | - Caritas Hong Kong |
| Ms. Iris LIU
(Vice Chairperson) | - International Social Service Hong Kong Branch |
| Ms. Ivy LEUNG | - Christian Family Service Centre |
| Mr. Po Shan TANG | - Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service |
| Ms. Mei Lin WU (Co-opted) | - Hong Kong Women Workers' Association |
| Dr. Kim Wah CHUNG (Co-opted) | - The Hong Kong Polytechnic University |
| Mr. Keith WONG | - The Hong Kong Council of Social Service |
- In attendance:** Ms. Natalie YAU (Recorder) - The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
- Apologies:**
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| Mr. Raymond LAI | - The Salvation Army |
| Prof. Tai Lok LUI (Co-opted) | - The Education University of Hong Kong |
| Mr. Anthony WONG | - The Hong Kong Council of Social Service |

1. To receive the agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

2. To confirm minutes of last meeting

The minutes were adopted without amendment.

3. Business Update

3.1 Policy Research and Advocacy

3.1.1 Policy Seminar on Planning and Provision of Social Welfare Premises (Policy Bulletin Issue 26)

Mr. Keith WONG reported that the Policy Seminar on the topic “Planning and Provision of

Social Welfare Premises” was confirmed to be held on 18th Jun 2019. Representatives from the Development Bureau and Mr KK Ling will be the speaker of the seminar. Policy Recommendation from the Policy Bulletin Issue 26, together with other related recommendations will be brought up for speakers and floor discussions.

3.1.2 Policy Bulletin Issue 27

The Policy Bulletin Editorial Board had decided to choose “CSSA review 2019” as the topic of Policy Bulletin Issue 27 (PB27). Groundwork has to be done to identify specific topics and suitable writers before the production of the issue, in order to strategically response to the official review and consultation of the CSSA scheme by the Labour and Welfare Bureau at the end of 2019. PB27 will be released in early October 2019.

3.2 Centre for Social Impact

3.2.1 SIA Project on Youth Dreamer (青年夢想家)

Mr. Keith WONG reported that the initial findings of the SIA Project Youth Dreamer has been completed and submitted to the service agency. The assessment revealed that the service has successfully solved the 3 difficulties of youth career planning, out of the 4 difficulties identified. The unsolved difficulty is the financial difficulty. Service for young adults is not very common in existing services and it is hopefully more services to be developed and applied at the ICYFCs.

3.2.2 SIA Project on Person-centered Care of the Jockey Club Centre for Positive Aging (以耆為本)

Mr. Keith WONG reported that the report of the SIA Project Person-centered Care has been completed and submitted to the service agency. The project serves to provide a better understanding of Dementia cases in various aspects (legal, human rights, communication, privacy and autonomy). There shows positive changes in different levels of staff.

Mr Bill LAY and Miss WU asked if there would be more channels to assess to the final reports, for example putting up on websites and through press release. Mr. Keith WONG replied that the agencies are encouraged to share their report to the public, like press release and conference. However, some of the agencies may show hesitation to share the whole report on websites.

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1 Ordinance on Regulating Subdivided Units (SDUs)

Mr. Keith WONG reported that from the Housing Working Group, members are discussing to figure out how an enactment of an ordinance on regulating subdivided units (SDUs) is possible. Members suggested having an assessment of government's attitude towards this issue first. Given with such high cost of policy implementation, the task is to identify if the government is inclined to specific areas of the issue. For instance, is the government more inclined to tackle the "security of tenure" for it is easier to be implemented? It is also worth to study the different viewpoints of different stakeholders/ political parties.

Members also suggested to study the feasibility of the introduction of tax on vacant first-hand and second-hand private residential properties, to ensure housing supply after the Tenancy Regulations.

Members expressed that in the long-run, inadequate housing should all be replaced. However, many NGOs of grassroots tenants identified the fact that it would be not easy to ban all SDUs in short-run, given with limited provision of grass-root housing. Regulations on ensuring safety, and hygiene should be prioritized.

5. Any other business

5.1 Discussion on Women Profile 2018

Ms Natalie YAU gave a brief presentation on the outline of the Women Profile 2018, and illustrated the first two chapters out of the four chapters. The four chapters are as: Woman and Aging, Women and Employment, Women and Family Status, Women and Personal Safety.

The remaining two chapters will be shared to the members when it will be ready in August 2019.

6. The date of next meeting

Date: 28th Aug, 2019

Time: 10:00 – 13:00

The meeting was adjourned at 17:30.

Confirmed by :

Mr. Bill LAY

Chairperson of Specialized Committee on
Social Development

Date:
