

## THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

**Standing Committee on Service Development**  
(2016-17)

Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 19 September 2017 at 2:30pm in Room 1410 of the Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

Present:	Mrs Helina YUK (Chairperson)	Hong Kong SKH Lady MacLehose Centre
	Mr LAI Wing Hoi	Caritas – Hong Kong
	Mrs Queenie WONG	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong
	Mr Cooke CHEUNG	St James' Settlement
	Ms LAM Yee Mui	The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
	Ms Vivian LAW	Evangel Children's Home
	Ms Anka MA	The Free Methodist Church of Hong Kong
	Mr CHAN Kwok Bong	The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong / Rep of SC (CY)
	Ms Yvonne CHAK	Hong Kong Christian Service/ Rep of SC (ELD)
	Ms Crystal CHENG	HKCSS
In-attendance:	Mr Moses MUI (CO, FC)	HKCSS
	Ms Emily LEUNG (CO, Elderly)	HKCSS
	Mr KUO Chun Chuen (CO, Rehab)	HKCSS
	Ms Franki WONG (Recorder)	HKCSS
Apologies:	Dr Annissa LUI (Vice-chairperson)	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod
	Ms Susan SO	Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children
	Mr Raymond LAI	The Salvation Army
	Dr WONG Fu Keung, Daniel	The University of Hong Kong (Co-opted Member)
	Mrs Angela CHIU	Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council / Rep of SC (FC)
	Mrs Winnie WONG	The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf / Rep of SC (Rehab)
	Ms Karen YIU (CO, CY)	HKCSS

**1. Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes were confirmed without any amendment.

**2. Matters arising**

**2.1. 2017 Best Practice Awards in Social Welfare**

After the two-round adjudication, 18 winners were selected from 101 submissions. The award presentation ceremony would be held in the HKCSS Convention 2017 cum 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 1 November 2017. Mr Matthew Chung, Chief Secretary for Administration, was invited to be the guest of Honor for that session. Sharing of two Gold Awards winners would be conducted after the award presentation ceremony. For the promotion plan, a booklet would be published to introduce the winners and interviews with some selected projects would be conducted by HKCSS Channel. Other media platforms were being explored as well. Besides the promotion to the public and the sector, the Organizing Committee suggested organizing a forum for the social work students in order to let them know more about the best practice of social service. Details would be provided once confirmed.

**2.2. Working visa for overseas speakers**

Checked with the Immigration Department, all the overseas speakers would be required to apply for the working visa, no matter if they were paid or not paid for the coming the event, while there would be no need to apply the working visa for the guests.

**3. For discussion**

**3.1. Public Consultation on Gender Recognition**

Ms Crystal Cheng shared the background of the captioned consultation and highlighted the key concerns of the consultation paper. In order to facilitate the discussion among the sector, a consultation forum would be held on 21 September 2017. Mr Eric Cheung, the member of the Inter-departmental Working Group of the Government on Gender Recognition and Principal Lecturer of the Department of Law, The University of Hong Kong, and Ms Atty Ching, Director of Sex Therapy & Family Therapy of Touch Counseling Centre, were invited to be the speakers for the forum. After the views consolidation, a submission would be sent to the concerned party.

After the case sharing and deliberation among the members, it was suggested stating the views as follows in the submission:

1. The handling of gender recognition should be consistent among all governmental departments;
2. Different kinds of support to transgender people were also important, for examples, medical support, social service, etc;
3. Public engagement would be needed to further deliberate on the concerned issues so as to seek for the social consensus;
4. The assigned sex should be recognized for those transsexual people who had undergone full sex reassignment surgery.

**3.2. The review of Ordinance and Codes of Practice for Residential Care Homes (Elderly and People with Disabilities)**

The abuse cases happened in the residential services in recent years raised the concerns on the service quality of both elderly and rehabilitation services. In response to this, SWD formed a working group to review the regulations in June 2017. The review was expected to be completed within two years. The manpower requirement, schedule of accommodation, policy of healthcare worker would be reviewed.

**4. For Information**

**4.1. The third Report of Child Fatality Review Panel of child**

The captioned report had been released and members could download the report via this link: <https://goo.gl/U6L9Nw> .

**4.2. Progress report**

The progress of each team was illustrated in the report.

**5. Any other business**

**5.1. The cases of hidden service users or service users at risk**

The tragedies of the hidden families or service users at high risk happened recently reflected the time lag and the service gap. Service providers found hard to identify the families in high risk or start the prevention work due to the forbiddance by some estates management office or owners' corporation. After the discussion, member suggested (1) sending a meeting invitation to Dr CK Law, Secretary for Labour and Welfare, (2) having dialogue with Transport and Housing Bureau and (3) voicing out the concerns in the forums of Principal Official Series (與局長對談系列).

**6. Date of next meeting**

The first meeting would be held between 21 and 24 November. Exact date was to be confirmed after the AGM held on 1 November.

[Post-meeting note: The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting would be held on 22 November 2017 at 2:30pm.

Adopted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chairperson)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_