

Specialized Committees

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Specialized Committees on Family and Community Service / Children and Youth Service / Elderly Service / Rehabilitation Service *

Terms of Reference

Functions

1. To participate in the policy formulation and planning of Family and Community Service / Children and Youth Service / Elderly Service / Rehabilitation Service*;
2. To co-ordinate Family and Community Service / Children and Youth Service / Elderly Service / Rehabilitation Service* and reflect the views and needs of service agencies and users;
3. To assess the needs for Family and Community Service / Children and Youth Service/ Elderly Service / Rehabilitation Service*, and inform the Government, member agencies and the public of the needs;
4. To compile and analyze data on Family and Community Service / Children and Youth Service / Elderly Service / Rehabilitation Service*;
5. To conduct review on Family and Community Service / Children and Youth Service/ Elderly Service / Rehabilitation Service*, promote evidence-based researches and assess the effectiveness of services;
6. To provide forum for agencies providing Family and Community Service / Children and Youth Service / Elderly Service / Rehabilitation Service* to share experience and to recommend good practices;
7. To promote pioneering and innovative services in Family and Community Service / Children and Youth Service / Elderly Service / Rehabilitation Service* together with service agencies;
8. To form partnership with concerned groups and organizations;
9. To foster networks and exchanges with international and regional counterparts for the advancement of Family and Community Service / Children and Youth Service / Elderly Service / Rehabilitation Service*, and monitor the application of related international conventions.

Composition, Chairperson and Term of Office

1. Sixteen members shall be nominated and elected by Agency Members which provide or participate in Family and Community Service / Children and Youth Service / Elderly Service / Rehabilitation Service*;
2. Not more than six co-opted members shall be appointed by each specialized committee;
3. A Chairperson and one or two Vice-chairpersons shall be elected from among the members of the respective service specialized committees;
4. The Business Director for Service Development shall be in attendance;
5. Elected members and co-opted members shall hold office for two-year term;
6. No person representing the same agency shall be eligible for election (or cooption) to the Committee for more than 2 consecutive terms;
7. The Committee may fill vacancies occurring in the Committee for the remaining term of the posts left vacant;

8. Only one representative from the same Agency Member shall be nominated or co-opted to become member of the same Specialized Committee for any same period of office.

Accountability, Report, Meetings and Spokesperson

1. The Specialized Committee shall, through the co-ordination of the Standing Committee on Service Development, be accountable, and submit annual work plan to the Executive Committee;
2. The specialized committees shall submit annual report to the Executive Committee through the Standing Committee on Service Development;
3. Chairpersons of specialized committees shall be ex-officio members of the Standing Committee on Service Development, so as to enhance the integration of different services, promote the development and coordination of various services, and assist the Standing Committee in implementing overall development strategies and policies of the Council;
4. The specialized committees shall hold no less than 4 meetings each year, 1/3 members present will form a quorum;
5. Chairpersons of the specialized committees and the concerned Business Director and their delegates shall be the spokespersons of the respective specialized committees. In case of major and controversial issues, they shall consult the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the power to confirm or override the concerned standpoints.

* *The election of the Specialized Committee on Rehabilitation Service will be jointly held with the Management Committee of The Hong Kong Joint Council for People with Disabilities. The above terms of reference and composition of committee will only be served as part of the reference for the election.*

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Specialized Committee on Social Security and Employment Policy

Terms of Reference

Functions

1. To promote researches related to social security, employment and poverty, collect data and analyze the trends;
2. To advocate for the formulation and implementation of policies and measures related to social security and employment;
3. To formulate directions and strategies to enhance policy makers' understanding of and acceptance to Council's recommendations and viewpoints on social security and employment;
4. To monitor the implementation and evaluate the impact of related policies and measures;
5. To foster networking and exchanges with international and regional counterparts and to promote and monitor the observance of major international conventions related to social security and employment.

Scope

Major issues related to social security and employment policy, include:

- Retirement, unemployment, disability protection;
- Measures to enhance employment of CSSA and disadvantaged groups;
- Employment, vocational training and manpower development;
- Poverty.

Composition, Chairperson and Term of Office

1. Six members of the Specialized Committee shall be nominated and elected by Agency Members and Life Members;
2. Not more than two co-opted members shall be appointed by the Specialized Committee;
3. A Chairperson and one or two Vice-chairpersons shall be elected from among the members of the Specialized Committee;
4. The Business Director for Policy Research and Advocacy shall be in attendance;
5. Elected and co-opted members shall hold office for two-year term;
6. No person representing the same agency shall be eligible for election or co-option to the Committee for more than 2 consecutive terms;
7. The Committee may fill vacancies occurring in the committee for the remaining term of the posts left vacant;
8. Only one representative from the same Agency Member shall be nominated or co-opted to become member of the same Specialized Committee for any same period of office.

Accountability, Report, Meetings and Spokesperson

1. The Specialized Committee shall be directly accountable to, and submit annual work plan to the Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy;
2. The Specialized Committee shall submit annual report to the Executive Committee through the Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy;
3. The Specialized Committee shall hold no less than 4 meetings each year, 1/3 members present will form a quorum;
4. The Chairperson of the Specialized Committee and the concerned Business Director shall be the spokespersons of the Specialized Committee. In case of major and controversial issues, they shall consult the Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy or the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the power to confirm or override the concerned standpoints.

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Specialized Committee on Social Development

Terms of Reference

Functions

1. To formulate directions and strategies for the collection of data and analysis of trends related to local social development;
2. To update the Social Development Index and the Social Development Indicator System regularly;
3. To formulate recommendations for the improvement of policies and measures for enhancing social development and people's quality of life, with reference to the Social Development Index;
4. To formulate directions and strategies for the establishment of data bank on community and various population groups;
5. To monitor and evaluate the implementation and the impact of policies and measures related to social development;
6. To recommend directions and strategies to enhance policy makers' understanding of and acceptance to Council's recommendations and viewpoints on social development;
7. To foster networking and exchanges with international and regional counterparts and to promote and monitor the observance of major international conventions related to social development.

Scope

Social development and the development of individual population groups, include:

- Development of the third sector and community building;
- Sustainable development;
- Social capital;
- Family policy;
- Gender equality.

Composition, Chairperson and Term of Office

1. Six members of the Specialized Committee shall be nominated and elected by Agency Members and Life Members;
2. Not more than two co-opted members shall be appointed by the Specialized Committee;
3. A Chairperson and one or two Vice-chairpersons shall be elected from among the members of the Specialized Committee;
4. The Business Director for Policy Research and Advocacy shall be in attendance;
5. Elected and co-opted members shall hold office for two-year term;
6. No person representing the same agency shall be eligible for election or co-option to the Committee for more than 2 consecutive terms;
7. The Committee may fill vacancies occurring in the committee for the remaining term of the posts left vacant;
8. Only one representative from the same Agency Member shall be nominated or co-opted to become member of the same Specialized Committee for any same period of office.

Accountability, Report, Meetings and Spokesperson

1. The Specialized Committee shall be directly accountable to, and submit annual work plan to the Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy;
2. The Specialized Committee shall submit annual report to the Executive Committee through the Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy;
3. The Specialized Committee shall hold no less than 4 meetings each year, 1/3 members present will form a quorum;
4. The Chairperson of the Specialized Committee and the concerned Business Director shall be the spokespersons of the Specialized Committee. In case of major and controversial issues, they shall consult the Standing Committee on Policy Research and Advocacy or the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the power to confirm or override the concerned standpoints.

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Specialized Committee on Sector Finance

Terms of Reference

Functions

1. To formulate and recommend directions and strategies for the improvement of funding policies and measures of the government;
2. To communicate with government, concerned funders and foundations for advocating enhancement of funding policies for sustainable development of the sector;
3. To monitor and evaluate the implementation and impact of funding policies and measures of government, concerned funders and foundations related to the sector;
4. To review and advocate other issues that related to sector finance.

Composition, Chairperson and Term of Office

1. Twelve members shall be nominated and elected amongst Agency Members;
2. Not more than four co-opted members shall be appointed by the Specialized Committee;
3. A Chairperson and one or two Vice-chairpersons shall be elected from among the members of the Specialized Committee;
4. The Business Director for Sector and Capacity Development shall be in attendance;
5. Elected and co-opted members shall hold office for two-year term*;
6. No person representing the same agency shall be eligible for election or co-option to the Specialized Committee for more than two consecutive terms;
7. The Specialized Committee may fill vacancies occurring in the Committee for the remaining term of the posts left vacant;
8. Only one representative from the same Agency Member shall be nominated or co-opted to become member of the same Specialized Committee for any same period of office.

Accountability, Report, Meetings and Spokesperson

1. The Specialized Committee should be directly accountable to, and submit annual work plan to the Standing Committee on Sector and Capacity Development;
2. The Specialized Committee should submit annual report to the Executive Committee through the Standing Committee on Sector and Capacity Development;
3. The Chairperson of the Specialized Committee or his nominee shall be ex-officio member of the Standing Committee on Sector and Capacity Development;
4. The Specialized Committee shall hold no less than 4 meetings each year, 1/3 members present will form a quorum;
5. The Chairperson of the Specialized Committee and the concerned Business Director shall be the spokespersons of the Specialized Committee. In case of major and controversial issues, they shall consult the Standing Committee on Sector and Capacity Development or the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the power to confirm or override the concerns and standpoints.