

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE  
Standing Committee on Service Development  
 (2018-19)

Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 2:30pm in Room 1410 of the Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

Present:	Ms Yvonne CHAK (Chairperson)	Hong Kong Christian Service
	Ms MA Lai Wah, Anka	The Free Methodist Church of Hong Kong
	Ms CHOW Mee Tim	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited
	Mr. CHU Muk Wah, Daniel	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
	Mr NG Ting Shan	Care for the Elderly Association Limited / Rep of SC(ELD)
	Mrs WONG HO Kit Yuk, Winnie	The Hong Kong Society for the Deaf / Rep of SC(Rehab)
	Ms LAM Yee Wan, Eliza	Caritas-Hong Kong / Rep of SC(FC)
	Mr. LING Kar Kan	Co-opted Member
	Mr Stephen SUI	Co-opted Member
	Mr LAI Kwan Ho, Raymond	HKCSS
In-attendance:	Mr Moses MUI	HKCSS
	Ms. LAI Dik Chee	HKCSS
	Ms Karen YIU	HKCSS
	Ms Teresa SO (Recorder)	HKCSS
Apologies:	Mr LAI Wing Hoi (Vice-Chairperson)	Caritas – Hong Kong
	Ms CHUNG Mei Ling	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service, LC-HK / Rep of SC(CY)
	Ms CHAN Lai Kwan, Queenie	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service-HK
	Ms LAW Mei Chun, Vivian	Evangelical Free Church of China- Evangel Children's Home
	Ms LEUNG Yuen Ching, Cindy	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
	Ms LEUNG Wai Ling, Rachel	Heep Hong Society
	Ms Rachel SZETO	HKCSS

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

Minutes were confirmed without any amendment.

## **2. Matters arising**

### **2.1 Task group on manpower shortage**

It's to report that the result of the Manpower Survey on Personal Care Workers, Ward Attendant and Home Helpers was still not released. Tentatively, a briefing session would be conducted for the participating agencies after receiving the report.

A sharing session for the Construction Industry Council (CIC) would be conducted in October to study more about their valuable experience in tackling the manpower shortage and promoting the image of the Industry.

## **3. Discussion**

### **3.1. LRC's Consultation Paper on Causing or Allowing the Death or Serious Harm of a Child or Vulnerable Adult (簡稱“沒有保護罪”)**

Members pointed out their key concerns to the consultation paper and the draft position paper. In principle, members agreed to strengthen the protection to children and vulnerable adult by installation of new ordinance or strengthening existing ordinance. Further discussion and consultation with social welfare sectors was strongly recommended. The definition of “Duty of Care” and the “Standard of Care” should be defined clearly to avoid violating the law inadvertently. Besides, the proposed Ordinance would inapplicable to the residential care service setting as there were a number of ordinances and regulations to govern the elderly and rehabilitation residential service currently. Members' views would be consolidated for the preparation of position paper.

### **3.2. Welfare Sector's Response to the Proposed Amendment to the Fugitive Offenders Ordinance**

Concerning the negative impact to young people, family and community from the recent socio-political unrest, HKCSS is now implementing a project named “Time to Heal: Emergency Mental Health Support and Capacity Building for Care Professionals”. The Project aims at addressing on public mental health needs and rebuilding family and social cohesion. Case referral for the psychological and psychiatric case consultation is covered by the Project. Besides, staff development programs would be provided for capacity building for care professionals.

Members concerned the roles of social worker and suggested that SWD should provide practical supports to social workers and NGOs. Besides, cross-agency collaboration and bottom-up actions should be strengthened in the district-level.

#### **4. Report**

##### **4.1. End-of-life care legislative proposals regarding advance directives and dying in place (預設醫療指示和病人在居處離世的晚期照顧立法建議)**

The consultation paper of End-of-Life Care was introduced in the meeting. The Food and Health Bureau launched a public consultation to solicit public views on end-of-life care legislative proposals regarding advance directives and dying in place on or before 16 December 2019. The consultation document covers the current legal barriers for advance directives and dying in place with recommendations for new provisions and amendments. Members were encouraged to share their views to the Food and Health Bureau before the consultation deadline. The details would be shared and updated in next meeting.

##### **4.2. Progress of 2019 Best Practice Awards**

18 winners were selected from 91 applications by the selection panel after two-round adjudication. The award presentation ceremony would be held in the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting on 8 November 2019. The details of the awarded projects would be highlighted in the booklet that would be published in the ceremony. Two Gold Awards winners would be invited to share the Project briefly in the ceremony. In addition, several awarded project teams would be invited to conduct interviews or produce video for publicity through mass media.

##### **4.3. Progress report**

The progress report was provided to members for information and reference.

#### **5. Any other business**

Nil.

#### **6. Proposed meeting schedule for 2019-2020**

Post meeting note: The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be held on 28 November 2019(Thu) at 2:30pm

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

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