

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

Minutes of the 5th Meeting

Date:	28 th August, 2019 (Wednesday)	
Time:	10:00 – 13:00	
Venue:	Conference Room of HKCSS Community Housing Unit (Room 505, 5/F, Harcourt House, 39 Gloucester Rd, Wan Chai, Hong Kong)	
Present:	Mr. Bill LAY (Chairperson)	- Caritas Hong Kong
	Ms. Iris LIU (Vice Chairperson)	- International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
	Dr. Kim Wah CHUNG (Co-opted)	- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
	Mr. Anthony WONG	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
	Mr. Keith WONG	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
In attendance:	Ms. Natalie YAU	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
	Ms. Connie CHEN (Recorder)	- The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Apologies:	Ms. Ivy LEUNG	- Christian Family Service Centre
	Mr. Po Shan TANG	- Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service
	Prof. Tai Lok LUI (Co-opted)	- The Education University of Hong Kong
	Ms. Mei Lin WU (Co-opted)	- Hong Kong Women Workers' Association

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 Bulletin on Review of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme (Policy Bulletin Issue 27)

Mr. Keith WONG briefly introduced and reported the content of specific topics. PB 27 will be release in the beginning of November 2019.

3.1.2 Research on Quality of Life and Service Needs of Disabled Adults Caregivers

Mr. Keith WONG reported that the research project was an initiative collaborating with the Rehabilitation Unit. The objective of research project was to explore the relationship between the quality of life of main family caregivers of adult person with disability by categorization of their socioeconomic status and supports gained. A meeting was arranged on 18th September 2019 with the operators of District Support Centre for Persons with Disabilities (DSC) to discuss on the sampling design and data collection arrangement.

3.2 Centre for Social Impact

3.2.1 SIA Projects

Mr. Keith WONG reported that two SIA projects were completed, with initial findings to be reported to the two project organizers, the Christian Family Service Centre and the Nonsensemakers.

3.2.3 SIA Training Course

One upcoming training course will be offered to Tung Wah Group of Hospitals.

3.3 Change of Committee Member

Raymond LAI resigned from the Specialized Committee Member on Social Development due to termination of employment at The Salvation Army. As the committee passed a mechanism to handle the vacancy, that nominee with second numbers of votes at the same election will be invited to succeed Mr. LAI's position. Upon this decision, an invitation letter will soon be sent to Dr. Margaret WONG for her reply. (after meeting note: Dr. Margaret WONG accepted the invitation)

4. Matters for Discussion

4.1 Overseas event: Study trip of Singapore Primary Healthcare

Keith WONG presented the itinerary and rationale of overseas trip of Singapore. Dr. Kim Wah CHUNG suggested the explore on how co-ordinations have been made among different ministers to promote health in all policies, such as the

implementation of health promotion programme (i.e. trim & fit) in schools, under the Minister of Education.

Iris LIU suggested exploring the possibility to build up long-term engagement and partnerships with the organizations visited, to see if certain studying of healthcare policies could be followed-up from their experiences.

4.2 Women Profile

Natalie YAU presented the Women Profile 2018. Iris LIU highlighted the findings on the gender disparity among monthly employment income of single parents. She suggested exploring on the strategies and policies to facilitate men's role after divorce.

Bill LAY suggested exploring on the Women profile of ethnic minorities, for the group was observed with more deprived conditions than the local Chinese. The team replied the next topic on population profile next year was opened for the committed to suggest and discuss.

4.3 Landlord Study

Qualitative research has started conducting interviews with different landlords. Targeted on the landlords who were willing to rent out the apartment at a level lower than the market rate and with constraints on rental increment, the research focuses on exploring the reasons why these landlords were willing to forgo part of their rent return, and in their way what benefits (excluding charity satisfactions) had been gained as an exchange. Five interviews were conducted and the preliminary findings were shared. More interviews shall be done in this year. Members expressed that they can help to recruit landlord cases for the research.

5. Any other business

5.1 Matters on recent social conflicts in Hong Kong

Members expressed their concern the social conflicts in recent months. Keith WONG summarized some actions that Council has taken, including publishing press releases, opening temporary rest centre, and initiating a counseling service to the people in needed. Members further suggest exploring research topics in the future as a follow up of the conflicts. Potential topics include youth's civic engagement, family solidarity under social conflict, as well as personal safety and law enforcement.

6. The date of next meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 13:00. (After meeting note: the next meeting is scheduled on 29th November at 10:30.)

Confirmed by:

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Chairperson of Specialized Committee on
Social Development

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