

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE
Service Development (Family & Community)
Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2023-24) held on July 10, 2024 (Wednesday) at Room 202, 2/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Present

Ms Agnes LEUNG (Chairperson)	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong
Ms Cecily MA (Vice-chairperson)	Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
Ms Judy CHAN	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
Mr Jonathan CHAN	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lady MacLehose Centre
Ms Joyce TSE	Christian Family Service Centre
Mr Kerin CHAM	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Ms Cindy YIU	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Ms May LAU	Chow Tai Fook
Ms May Lee	Sidebyside
Dr Janet LEUNG	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Ms Phoebe WAN	Wofoo Social Enterprises Limited
Mr Mike CHEUNG	Hong Kong Christian Service
Ms Angela CHENG	Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers
Ms Carmen LIAU	Breakthrough Limited
Ms Carrie CHUNG	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Mr Peace WONG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Jobe HSU	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr Jim HOE	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Qubie TANG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Kylie WONG (recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Apologies

Ms Monica CHEUNG (Vice-chairperson)	Caritas – Hong Kong
Ms Doris LEE	Harmony House Limited
Ms Terry TSUI	Hong Kong Children & Youth Services
Dr Anna CHOI	The University of Hong Kong
Mr Yip Kin Chung	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited
Ms Irene SO	ZeShan Foundation
Ms Lincole CHAN	Salvation Army, The

1. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

The draft minutes of the meeting held on July 10, 2024, was circulated by email on August 30, 2024, and was confirmed.

2. For Discussion

2.1 Replacement of SC-FC members

Members agreed there is no need to replace the vacant position left by Jonathan Chan, because there is only one meeting left this year.

2.2 Collaboration with District Health Centre (DHC) / DHC Express

Mr. Peace WONG and Ms. Qubie TANG announced a service exchange meeting between DHC/DHC Express and EM network colleagues on July 19, 2024. There will be a discussion on collaboration between EM Network and DHC / DHC Express, which aims to facilitate EM's use of DHC / DHC Express services and provide resources to DHC / DHC Express to serve more EM users.

Members shared their collaboration experience with DHC / DHC Express and discussed some limitation on the current DHC / DHC Express system. One key issue of concern is the lacking of a unified CRM system. This topic could be an item on future agenda.

2.3 Follow up on the Policy on Eradicating Substandard Subdivided Units

Mr. Peace WONG reported the government's progress on the Policy on Eradicating Substandard Subdivided Units, which raised concerns about the potential emergence of service need in resettling residents from substandard subdivided units.

Members shared their observations of substandard subdivided units' and pointed out many social elements that hinder the resettlement of these residents, for example, distance from schools and jobs, accessibility to medical facilities, community relationships, and family problems.

Members agreed there is a need for case management to many of the

resettlement of substandard subdivided units' residents.

Mr. Peace WONG suggested gathering opinions from the Social Welfare sector on the service need related to resettlement following the Eradicating Substandard Subdivided Units. Further discussions with stakeholders such as government officials and members of the Legislative Council can be planned on the next stage.

3. **For Information**

3.1 Progress update (May to Jul 2024) (Paper1)

Mr. Jim Hoe reported that Prof. To Siu Ming was invited as the mentor of 「整理成長包袱、發掘成長契機：支援有吸毒行為的家長培力工作坊」 which starts in August. All the quota of the course has been full.

Mr. Jim Hoe reported that a meeting about natural disaster prevention was held on May 17, 2024. Colleagues from Red Cross shared information of natural disaster preventative measures and governmental assistance to other colleagues who work in rural areas.

3.2 Project “Budget of Bonding” supported by DBS

Mr. Peace WONG introduced a new project “Budget of Bonding” supported by DBS. The proposal has passed on July 9, 2024. This project focuses on financial planning in family units. There will be mass program, public lectures, 4-section workshops targeting different types of family, and individual consultation sessions. The aims of this project is to enhance family communication in different financial issue faced in different family setting.

The project will be operated by NGOs in the community and there will be service invitation in latter stage.

4. **Matters Arising**

4.1 The Children Proceedings (Parental Responsibility) Bill update (Paper2)

Ms. Qubie TANG reported that Mr. Lam San-keung organized two

meetings on May 30 and June 12, 2024, with The Law Society of Hong Kong and 5 Co-parenting Support Centre on the advocacy of the Children Proceeding (Parental Responsibility) bill. The 5 Co-parenting Centre agreed to further engaged the sector to discuss the issue.

Members reported that the Social Welfare Department planned to conduct a survey on service users in the Co-parenting Support Centre and IFSCs, investigating their acceptance of the bill.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Bill

The Bill would be debated in LEGCO on July 11. Following the passage of the Bill, the government would further work on the Mandated Reporter Guide.

Members suggested that the Guide may need to design with deliberation for accommodating the difference nature of difference type of cases, such as cases of domestic violence, or sexual abuse.

5.2 Promotion

Members promoted various activities, encouraging participation, and sharing among colleagues.

5.3 Farewell to Johnathan Chan

This meeting is the last meeting before the retirement of Johnathan Chan. The Chairperson expresses gratitude for Johnathan's enduring contributions and wishes him continued success in all his future endeavors.

6. Date of next meeting – Sep 16, 2024 (Tuesday)

The next meeting would be held on Sep 16, 2024 (Monday) at 2:30 pm in Council Chamber, 4/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building at Wanchai.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Adopted by

Chairperson

on the _____ day of _____ 2024