

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

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (2024-25) held on Nov 29, 2024 (Friday) at Room 202, 2/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Present

Ms Angela CHIU (Chairperson)	Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council
Ms MA Yeuk-nung, Cecily (Vice-chairperson)	Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
Ms CHEUNG Wai-ling, Monica (Vice-chairperson)	Caritas – Hong Kong
Mr FAN Man Tao, Frankie	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong
Mr. YIP Kin Chung	Hong Kong Evangelical Church Social Service Limited
Ms LEUNG Tsui Wan, Tracy	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited
Mr CHEUNG Muk Yan Mike	Hong Kong Christian Service
Mr. CHAM Kwok Wing Kerin	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Ms LEE Shuk Yee Charrix	The Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
Ms Lincole CHAN	The Salvation Army
Ms LAM Yick Man	St. James' Settlement
Mr Peace WONG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr Jim HOE	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr Alex YEUNG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Qubie TANG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Queenie KWOK	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Alice LAW	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Sandra WONG (recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Apologies

Ms TSE So-hung, Joyce	Christian Family Service Centre
Ms Fiona, FONG So-pik	Heep Hong Society
Ms YIU Yan-ye, Cindy	New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association
Ms LEE Koon Mei May	The Society of Rehabilitation and Crime Prevention, Hong Kong
Ms CHUNG Craier, Carrie	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service

1. Welcoming and Introduction

The meeting began with introductions from each member and staff of the Family and Community Service team. Mr. Peace Wong warmly welcomed all attendees.

2. Structure and Terms of Reference of Specialized Committee

The structure of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service and Terms of Reference of Specialized Committees (paper 1) were sent to members for information. Mr. Peace Wong also briefed members on the composition of the existing networks and working/task groups under the family and community service unit.

3. Election of Chairperson and Vice-chairperson

Ms. Angela Chiu was elected to be the chairperson while Ms. Monica Cheung and Ms. Cecily Ma were elected to be the vice-chairpersons of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service for 2024-2025.

4. Appointment of Representative to Standing Committee on Social Development

Ms. Cecily Ma would represent the Committee to the Standing Committee on social Development in 2024-2025 while Ms. LAM Yick Man was elected to be the representative of Talent Development; Ms. Monica Cheung was elected to be the representative of Tech Enablement and Ms. Tracy Leung was elected to be the representative of Co-creation.

5. Co-opted Members

Mr. Peace Wong briefed members there had been a policy that only one representative from each agency could be Committee member (which is applied for both elected and co-opted members). After deliberation, the members agreed to keep the practice continuing six co-opt representatives from the Networks, academia and the funder.

6. Declaration of Interests by Members of Governing Committees of HKCSS

The Declaration of Interests by Members of Governing Committees of HKCSS (Paper 2) was sent to all members by email. Most completed forms were collected prior to or during the meeting.

7. Report

7.1 Progress Report (September 2024 to November 2024)

The Progress Report (September to November 2024) of the Family and Community Service (paper 3) has been sent to members for information.

I. Caregivers in the Community (November 2024)

Hosted an online sharing session on November 6, 2024, focused on innovative community support services for family caregivers in Hong

Kong.

II. Family Centric Financial Literacy Project Supported by DBS (January 2025)

DBS Foundation and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) are launching the **Family-Based Financial Education Program** in January 2025, aim to enhance financial literacy and strengthen family communication through a family-centered financial management model. Mr. Jim Hoe also reported that recruitment of operators is in process until 13 December 2024.

III. 2025 National Symposium on Drug Abuse Prevention and Control (October 2025)

The 2025 National Symposium on Drug Abuse Prevention and Control will be held from October 22 to 24, 2025, at St. Francis University, Hong Kong. The theme of the conference will be "Borderless Drug Prevention, Sharing New Horizons of Health."

IV. Focus Group for Ethnic Minorities District Ambassador (EMDA) Scheme (September 2024)

A focus group session was organized for supervisors of the Ethnic Minority District Ambassador (EMDA) Scheme on September 23, 2024, aims to enhance service mainstreaming for ethnic minorities.

V. Animations on "A Practical Guide for Cultivating Ethnic Inclusion in Talent Development" (November 2024)

First and second Animation have been produced to promote ethnic inclusion in talent development.

VI. Sector Response to the Eradicating Substandard SDUs Policy (October 2024)

A round table meeting had been organized in Oct and a follow-up meeting is scheduled to take place during the consultation period of the policy.

7.2 Mandatory Reporting Requirement update

Mr. Kerin Cham reported the expert panel had a meeting to discuss its contents. During the meeting, members shared various opinions and expected to suggest to the Social Welfare Department such as the challenges, difficulties and providing resources and support.

7.3 Joint Parental Responsibility

Ms. Qubie Tang reported that the Social Welfare Department collected survey data from September to November 2024. Meanwhile, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) has sent an invitation letter to the chairman of the Family Law Committee to consider scheduling a training session for social workers. Members suggested that the date be postponed to mid-January.

8. Discussion Item

8.1 Policy Address 2024

Mr. Peace Wong reported the key highlight of the 2024 Policy Address related to the Committee, that included: attracting tourists from Middle East, initiatives for eradicating substandard subdivided units and the expansion of care team to support carers across all 18 districts.

8.2 Views on Racial Discrimination Sought

Ms. Qubie Tang reported that the CMAB has launched public consultation for the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD). Members are invited to share any opinions for the submission of Council.

9. Any Other Business

Members promoted various activities to encourage committees' participation and sharing among colleagues.

The Asian Family Summit 2024

The Asian Family Summit 2024 is scheduled to take place from December 27 to December 29, providing a vital platform in discussion about family welfare and support service. Mr. Peace Wong encouraged members to participate in this event.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held on **Jan 22, 2024 (Wednesday) at 2:30 pm in Room 201**, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Adopted by

Chairperson

on the _____ day of _____ 2025