

## 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 (2019-20) held on November 26, 2019 (Tuesday) at Room 202, 2/F, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

#### **Present**

Ms Eliza LAM (Chairperson)	Caritas – Hong Kong
Mr Charles NG (Vice-chairperson)	Christian Family Service Centre
Mrs Angela CHIU (Vice-chairperson)	Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council
Ms Lea YIP	Breakthrough Limited
Mrs Doris LEE	Harmony House Limited
Ms Charrix LEE	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
Ms Polly PANG	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Lady MacLehose Centre
Ms KEUNG Choi-yin	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited
Dr Margaret WONG	Hong Kong Shue Yan University
Ms LAM Yee-mui	Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong
Ms Iris LIU	International Social Service Hong Kong Branch
Mr Tom MA	The Salvation Army
Ms CHENG Miu-nar	Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers
Mr Raymond WONG	St James' Settlement
Ms Wendy WONG	Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service
Mr Kenny NG	Community Development Alliance
Ms Carol NG	Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service
Ms Sky SIU	KELY Support Group Limited
Ms Lynn LAW	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr Anthony WONG	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr Moses MUI	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Mr W S CHAN	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service
Ms Noel CHOW (recorder)	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

#### **Apologies**

Ms Florence KONG	Hong Kong Christian Service
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#### **1. Welcoming and Introduction**

Membership list of the Committee 2019-2021 (paper 1) had been sent to members for reference before the meeting. Members confirmed there was no amendment needed. Attending members and staff of Family and Community Service team introduced themselves to each other. Mr Moses Mui extended warm welcome to all members.

#### **2. Structure and Terms of Reference of Specialized Committee**

Structure of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (paper 2) and Terms of Reference of Specialized Committees (paper 3) had been sent to members for information. Mr Moses Mui also briefed members on the composition of the existing

networks and working/task groups under family and community services. He further took members through the Terms of Reference, especially their term of office.

*(Post-meeting note: Declaration of Interests by Members of Governing Committees of HKCSS has been distributed to members by email on November 28, 2019 for completion.)*

**3. Election of Chairperson and Vice-chairperson;  
Appointment of Representative to Standing Committee on Service Development and Liaison**

Ms Eliza Lam was elected to be the chairperson while Mr Charles Ng and Mrs Angela Chiu were elected to be the vice-chairpersons of the Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service for 2019-2020. Hence, Ms Lam would represent the Committee to join the Standing Committee on Service Development and Liaison as ex-officio member in 2019-2020.

**4. Cooption of Members**

Mr Moses Mui 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, it was agreed to keep the practice continuing co-opt representatives from the Network on Community Development Service, the Network on Ethnic Minorities Service and the Network on Substance Abuse Service. Members agreed that any further recommendation of cooption could be made throughout the year if necessary.

**5. Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on September 11, 2019 was circulated by email on September 24, 2019 and was confirmed with nil amendment.

**6. Matters Arising**

**6.1 Review Report of the Task Force on Home-school Co-operation and Parent Education**

Mr Moses Mui reported that the Council had received 151 completed entries of 收集與家長教育相關的服務資料 from 29 agencies by September 27, 2019. Consolidated information would be uploaded in Council's website for dissemination.

**6.2 Working Group on Maintenance Issue**

Ms Eliza Lam updated the latest progress of "Further Study on the Phenomenon of Divorce in Hong Kong" conducted by the HKU research team led by Prof Paul Yip.

While the final report would be completed by end of 2019, members were encouraged to give comment on the recommendation. As such, Mr Moses Mui would send again the Council's recommendation to HKU research team for reference, in which the proposal on setting up maintenance board would be highlighted.

Mr Kenny Ng updated members that engagement forum would be conducted by the Commission on Children (COC) on November 30, 2019. Members were encouraged to raise the concern of the adverse impact of maintenance issues on children in that occasion.

6.3 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")

The Council has submitted recommendation on the Consultation Paper in November 2019. Mr Moses Mui thanked all members for their input during previous discussion.

7. Half-year Progress Report (April to September 2019)

7.1 The Half-year Progress Report (April to September, 2019) of the Family and Community Service (paper 4) has been sent to members for information.

Mr Moses Mui presented a powerpoint document (April to November, 2019) to highlight/supplement the following items:

- i) Service and Policy Advocacy – Divorced Families
  - recommendations were made on both maintenance issues and co-parenting support
  - meetings with LegCo members and AD(SS) of SWD held in May and June 2019 respectively
  - 5 Specialized Co-parenting Support Centres commenced service in October, 2019
- ii) Service and Policy Advocacy - Ethnic Minorities
  - meetings with LegCo members and Chairman of EOC held
  - expressed concern on child abuse guideline review
  - 3 EM outreaching teams would commence service in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020
  - SWD promotes domestic and sexual violence services for EM through NGOs' public education and events, especially to religious leaders
  - 3-year pilot project "EM Community Ambassador" would commence in 2020 with 46 ambassadors in 9 districts
- iii) Community Development
  - Roundtable Series: Subdivided Unit Community
  - CD Resource Book 2019 (社區發展資料彙編2019) was published
  - Book launch cum symposium on community development was organized on October 21, 2019
- iv) Prevention of Substance Abuse
  - work foci: drug abusing parent and harm reduction
  - meeting with SWD officials to express concern on child abuse guideline review

- would invite overseas professionals to promote harm reduction with funding from BDF in 2020

v) Domestic and Sexual Violence

- public statement on police brutality released
- 4<sup>th</sup> World Conference of Women's Shelter, some of the delegates shared their insights in the meeting

vi) Special Project

- FamConnect: 「賽馬會家在一起」計劃 (September 2017 - August 2020) theme of 2019 and 2020 would be "Explore Together" & "Serve Together"
- agencies members would be invited to organize district events in May 2020 (Happy Family Month)

**8. Policy Address 2019**

Paper 5: 施政報告 2019 新措施節錄 had been sent to members for reference,

Mr Moses Mui further explained the extracted content related to family and community service. Our Council and related service networks will follow up respective measures with the concerned government departments.

**9. Update on Council's Efforts in Response to Current Social/Political Crisis**

Paper 6: a list of 社聯聲明 (October 13 to November 6, 2019) had been sent to members for information.

"Time to Heal" project was also briefed to members.

Members shared their observations amidst the recent social unrest and possible response of the sector as listed below:

- Trust issue is still one of the largest challenges for formal services
- Service collaboration amongst different service setting could be strengthened so as to address the broad service needs
- Parent work would be one of the work foci that more efforts to be put
- It is worthy to initiate dialogue between District Council and NGO sector for exploring collaboration in community level

**10. Any Other Business**

Nil

**11. Date of Next Meeting - Proposed Meeting Schedule**

A proposed meeting schedule (paper 7) was sent to members for discussion. There were nil amendment and the next meeting would be held on January 9 or 22, 2020 (Wednesday) at 2:30 pm.

*(Post-meeting note: The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting would be held on January 22, 2020 (Wednesday) at 2:30 pm in Room 103, Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.)*

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Adopted by

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Chairperson  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020