

THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE
Standing Committee on Social Development
(2023-24)

Minutes of the 2nd meeting held on 20 February 2024 at 2:30pm in Room 202 of the Duke of Windsor Social Service Building.

Present:	Ms. CHAK Tung Ching, Yvonne (Chairperson)	Hong Kong Christian Service
	Ms. LEE Man Shan, Emily (Vice-Chairperson)	Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association
	Mr. CHEUNG Tat Cheong, Cooke (Vice-Chairperson)	St. James' Settlement
	Mr. CHIANG Chi Hang, Louis	Kwun Tong Methodist Social Service
	Mr. WONG Chi Kit	Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong
	Mr. LAU Chung, Billie	Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong, The
	Mr. LO Chung Biu, Bill	Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China
	Ms. CHAN Fung Man, Angel	Christian Family Service Centre
	Ms. CHAN Ching Yee, Susan	Hong Kong association of Gerontology
	Mr. CHAN Wai Leung, Charlie	Caritas-Hong Kong
	Mr. CHAN Man Ho, Wilson	Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, The
	Ms. CHAU, Kitty	Hong Kong Family Welfare Society
	Dr. CHEUNG Chun Sing, Johnson	University of Hong Kong, Department of Social Work & Social Administration, The
	Mr. MA Ho Kwan, Daniel	Hong Kong Red Cross
	Ms. YAU Yee Man	Salvation Army, The
	Mr. CHUK Wing Hung, Keswick	Representative of Specialized Committee on Children and Youth Service (Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong)
	Mr. SUEN Kwok Tung, Eddie	Representative of Specialized Committee on Rehabilitation Service (SAHK)

	Mr. MA Kam Wah, Timothy	Representative of Specialized Committee on Elderly Service (Ma Kam Wah & Co)
In-attendance:	Mr. Anthony WONG	HKCSS
	Ms. Teresa LI	HKCSS
	Ms. Katie WONG	HKCSS
	Ms. Dora Ngan	HKCSS
	Mr. Charles HO	HKCSS
	Mr. Alex YEUNG (Recorder)	HKCSS
Apology:	Mrs. CHIU CHUI Yuen Fun, Angela	Hong Kong Catholic Marriage Advisory Council, The
	Ms. LEUNG Yuk Kuen, Agnes	Representative of Specialized Committee on Family and Community Service (Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service-Hong Kong)

1. To adopt the agenda of the meeting

- Members confirmed the agenda without any amendment.

2. To confirm the minutes of last meeting

A couple of amendments were made to the minutes circulated:

- Members representing different committees to join this Committee should be identified in their respective capacity as representative rather than in the names of their agencies.
- Pt 1, the agenda, rather than the minutes, was confirmed with any amendment.
- Pt 6, 1+3 structure should be further expanded and explained the exact meaning.
- 2nd bullet point of Pt 7 should be enriched as proposed by the Chairperson.
- 4th bullet point of Pt 7 should be amended to reflect not the immaturity of the agenda but the fact that the agenda had yet been well developed to a point which an Agenda Group should be formed.

All the proposed textual amendments were shown to the members who did not have any further amendment to make. The minutes were confirmed as amended.

3. To update latest change in team structure

Members were updated about the following changes:

- 3.1. Integrating the staff team of Social Agenda into the original Policy Research and Advocacy. The staff team working on research and advocacy would be more or less the same size as before.
- 3.2. Staff team of Social Housing would be also integrated into Policy Research

and Advocacy, and it would be led by a Senior Project Manager to be recruited.

- 3.3. All the aforesaid sub-teams coming under the CO of Policy Research and Advocacy
- 3.4. Change of CO of Policy Research and Advocacy. Hence Charles Chan would take up the work of Policy Research and Advocacy from 15 February 2024
- 3.5. Standing Committee on Social Development would be staffed mainly by PRA in collaboration with COs of 4 service sub-teams.
- 3.6. The portfolio of BD would be changed accordingly based on the aforesaid changes.

4. Matters arising:

- 4.1. Progress of S+: Colleagues responsible for S+ (Jessica, Vienna and Eureka) came to share with the members the programme and objectives of S+. Members were concerned what they were expected to do. They were invited to: (1) mark the diary and join the Summit and Expo; (2) bring friends of different sectors to join; and (3) think how S+ could be leveraged as their own platforms for the advancement of different ideas or agenda.
- 4.2. Retreat of the Committee: Members agreed to schedule the retreat of the Committee for 12noon-6pm, 23 April 2024, using the scheduled day for the next meeting.
- 4.3. Tentatively, a number of objectives of the retreat were sounded out tentatively by Anthony Wong for their consideration:
 - 4.2.1. Orientation for members, especially in the context of new governance structure
 - 4.2.2. Communication between members and staff team
 - 4.2.3. Alignment of expectations of members
 - 4.2.4. Development of common understandings of the challenges and opportunities for advocacy
 - 4.2.5. Identify strategic foci of concern
- 4.4. Members were concerned with the orientation to the new governance structure. Also, members thought that the retreat should be for the assessment of the latest social development trends based on data and observations. Members were especially concerned with the implications for the sector of the irreversible trend of GBA regional integration in all walks of life, and they agreed that these should be thought about during the retreat. In addition to business discussion, members agreed that that should be an informal gathering and team building time for the members and the staff team.
- 4.5. Venue of the retreat would be at Quarryside operated by St James Settlement.

5. Matters for reporting

- 5.1. Members heard the verbal report by Charles Chan concerning the government's latest legislation on Advance Decision on Life-Sustaining Treatment Bill. Members noted the latest development.
- 5.2. Members heard the verbal report by Anthony Wong about the discussions at the Extended Governance Meeting of the Council held on 29 January 2024. Anthony Wong reported that our guests speakers spoke of several important

issues, namely, (1) the latest social and political development of Hong Kong entailed serious considerations on how social welfare sector in Hong Kong should identify rooms and new ways of contributing the development of Hong Kong in line with the national development strategy; (2) how Hong Kong might develop its own capacity in innovation and data intra-structure to better support social service and social development of Hong Kong; (3) in view of the structural deficit of Hong Kong, how NGO sector should respond and how NGOs might work together to find ways to make better use of limited resources.

6. To discuss major initiatives of the Committee for the Business Plan for 2023-24

- 6.1. Members were first given the list of topics/agenda which the team was working on.
- 6.2. Members were also updated about the platforms that the Council had established internally or that were formed and available outside of the Council, both within the government institution or in the civil society.
- 6.3. A couple of directions or initiatives were also listed by Anthony Wong as a starting point for discussion. They included:
 - 6.3.1. Identification of social agenda
 - Service related
 - Employment policy
 - Primary health care
 - GBA social development
 - 6.3.2. Creation of small platforms while maintaining the bigger
 - S+ Programme Design (Co-creation)
 - PRA conference
 - Others
 - 6.3.3. Data analytics (Tech enablement)
 - 6.3.4. Research and advocacy capacity (Talent development)
- 6.4. Individual members representing Specialized Committees were concerned why some agenda were totally missing. For example, mental health, rehabilitation services, carers and so on were all not on the list of issues. Anthony Wong clarified that the list shown was meant to be the topics being followed by colleagues working in policy research and advocacy. Agenda related to the 4 areas of services would be mainly discussed and followed by various Specialized Committees.
- 6.5. The Chairperson and some members were of the view that it would be impossible for this Committee to follow up on all agenda concerning the Council. Identification social agenda that this Committee would be concerned should be a process of exhausting all agenda concerning every bodies within the structure of the Council. That said, members were concerned with the respective roles and duties of various committees and they would like to be fully informed what agenda was being followed up by which committee.
- 6.6. Members suggested a list of issues/agenda being followed by other Specialized Committees be compiled so that they would know important agenda were not being left out.
- 6.7. Members were aware of that there would be a lot of issues deserving efforts, and there must be some kind of division of labour among teams and

committees. Members would like to be further informed about such division of labour.

6.8. The Chairperson concluded, and members agreed, that the respective roles and functions of different committees as well as the strategic foci of this Committee should be clarified and discussed during the retreat.

7. A.O.B

7.1. The Chairperson raised that we should be considering co-option of members. In view of time limitation, she suggested that we should handle this issue during the retreat. Members agreed.

8. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting would be the retreat of the Committee, which was scheduled for 12noon, 23 April 2024

Adopted by:

(Chairperson)

Date:
