

Agency Heads Meeting

18 September 2012

Agenda Items 1

Consultation on the Proposed Changes to the
HKCSS Constitution

Background

- Organisation Review 2011 confirmed the vision, positioning and strategies of the HKCSS as follows:
 - Vision of the HKCSS
 - To build a welfare sector that is highly accountable, efficient, effective and responsive to social needs, upholding of the long-term sustainable development of society and the well-being of our citizens.
 - Positioning of the HKCSS
 - Members are the powerbase of HKCSS and multi-stakeholders are the action base. Members will continue to be the core for HKCSS. HKCSS will also work closely with other stakeholders for the Hong Kong society. HKCSS and its multi-stakeholders all share the objectives of advancing the Hong Kong society and the well-being of the citizens.
 - Strategies for next 5 years
 - Agenda Setting
 - Impact Driven Collaboration Platform

Proposed amendments

- To revise the Preamble and Aims
 1. The Council has framed this Constitution in the belief that the provision and development of social services in Hong Kong should strive towards the achievement of a higher quality of life **and well-being** for the individual and **the long term sustainable development of** the local and international community with these priorities: ...
 4. (a) To promote the co-ordination and improvement of social service activities;
 - (b) To develop resources, such as manpower, funds and data, for social service activities;
 - (c) To promote public understanding of social service needs and the role of the **non-governmental organizations** ~~voluntary agencies~~ in meeting these needs;
 - (d) To promote social and sector development agenda and build multi-stakeholders collaboration platform to achieve positive social benefits.**

- Composition of ExCo and Standing Committees
 - ExCo may elect more than 1 Vice-chairperson
 - ExCo will not have more than 1 elected member from any member agency in the same period of office
 - Each Standing Committee will not have more than 1 elected or coopted member from any member agency in the same period of office

Trust Fund

- The ExCo, in its meeting held on August 14, 2012, recommended that setting up a designated fund was suffice and no need to have a trust fund
- Proposed to delete Clause 61 (a)-(t) and replaced it by establishing the HKCSS Development Fund and set up a Management Committee to manage the Fund

Recommendations of the Task Force on Membership Review

1. Incorporate Diversification of Service Nature of NGOs
 - Service nature of NGOs diversified
 - Membership of the Council reflects the trends of Civil Society's development
 - The Council is a platform to incorporate NGOs to promote social development

2. Enhance Public Accountability
 - Meet increasingly high level of public expectation
 - Strengthen public trust towards the NGO sector

(e.g. Eligibility Criteria: year of operation from 1 year to 2 years; notify Council in written when Member has changed its information)

3. Alignment of Wordings & formulation of Operational Guidelines

- Revision of text to align with the English and Chinese versions of the Constitution.
(e.g. original clause 21 (a) English version “fulfill” Chinese version “履行” change to “符合”)
- Use the Operational Guidelines to monitor and execute the operational procedures on membership.
(e.g. Chasing annual report and audited report within 18 months from the end of Agency Members’ financial year; status review of members in every 3 years)

Agenda Items 2

Work focus of the next half-year

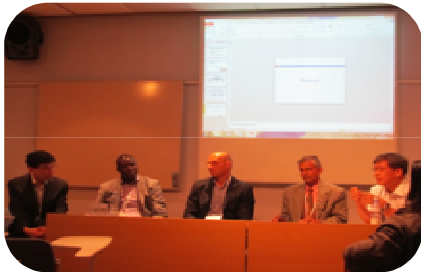
Service Development

- Best Practice Awards in Social Welfare
- Centre for Excellence
- Happy Family Kitchen Project in Kwai Tsing & Tsuen Wan Districts
- Evidence-based research :
 - Development of Pre-school Children
 - Patterns of Drinking Among Teenage Girls
 - Productivity Assessment for Persons with Disabilities under the Statutory Minimum Wage Policy
- Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly
- Promote Social Inclusion via District-based Platform
 - IDDP (International Day of Disabled Persons) events
 - Age-friendly City

Policy Research and Advocacy



- Release of results of 3 poverty research studies
- Response to Commission on Poverty / IDEP



- Evidence-based practice (Oct 11 Conf / Oct 12 WS)
- Social Return on Investment (Nov 28 Seminar)



- Launching of Good Goods Concept Store (Sep 19)
- Social Travel Plan Competition (Nov 12 – Jan 13)

Sector and Capacity Development

- Best Practice Manual and LSG related work
- Social Welfare Development Fund 2nd Batch
- Sector Salary Survey (deadline to join: 21/Sept)
- Free software: Donation Management System
- NGO Sector ICT Strategy Review

HKCSS : Family Agenda

Key Tasks from Oct 2012 – May 2014

KEY TASK	PURPOSE	MEMBERS' INVOLVEMENT
1. Family Impact Assessment	<i>To bring in and localize a framework, protocol and mechanism for FAMILY IMPACT ASSESSMENT in Hong Kong through a trial assessment exercise.</i>	Involving in the data collection process and contributing views on the policy concerned.
2. Journal on Cross Border Families	<i>To set up a platform for academics, social practitioners and policy advocates to better understand the phenomenon of cross border families, and the impacts to their well being.</i>	Taking up 1 of the 24 mini studies and publish an articles in the Journal, advocating policy changes thro the journal and press conferences.

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3. Certificate Course on Family Friendly Practices and Policies	<i>To offer certificate training programmes to HR or CSR practitioners from corporations and NGOs which are interested to develop or adopt family friendly practices and policies.</i>	Contributing content / speakers to the certificate course, and nominating staff to join as programme participants.
4. Family Summit and pre-summit roundtable	<i>To organize a family summit on the 20th anniversary of IFY 2014, and a pre-summit round-tables, for government, corporations and NGOs to deliberate on critical issues affecting our families, and to set direction and polices for family friendly society.</i>	Presenting papers in the summit, joining the task force to organize the summit and pre-summit roundtable.