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Panel on Health Services

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 9 October 2003 at 2:45 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung (Chairman)
Dr Hon LO Wing-lok, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan
Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo
Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong, JP
Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, JP
- Members absent** : Dr Hon David CHU Yu-lin, JP
Hon CHAN Kwok-keung, JP
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
Hon Jasper TSANG Yok-sing, GBS, JP
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
- Clerk in attendance** : Ms Doris CHAN
Chief Assistant Secretary (2) 4
- Staff in attendance** : Miss Mary SO
Senior Assistant Secretary (2) 8
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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Dr LO Wing-lok invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2003-2004 session in accordance with the election procedures set out in Appendix IV of the House Rules.

Election of Chairman

2. Ms Cyd HO nominated Mr Michael MAK and Ms LI Fung-ying seconded the nomination. Mr MAK accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Dr LO declared Mr MAK elected as Chairman of the Panel.

3. The Chairman took the chair and called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel.

Election of Deputy Chairman

4. Dr LAW Chi-kwong nominated Dr LO Wing-lok and Mr Fred LI seconded the nomination. Dr LO accepted the nomination. As there were no other nominations, the Chairman declared Dr LO elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2003-2004 session

5. Members agreed to hold regular meetings on the second Monday of each month at 8:30 am. As the second Monday in April 2004 was a public holiday, members agreed to hold the meeting in April on 19 April 2004 at 8:30 am.

III. Discussion items for next meeting

Date of next meeting

6. Dr LO Wing-lok said that he had requested the Clerk to write to the Administration to obtain a copy of the Report of the Hospital Authority Review Panel on the SARS Outbreak (HA Review Panel) on 8 October 2003. He suggested that the Review Panel should be invited to brief members on its Report.

7. The Clerk circulated the Administration's written reply of 8 October 2003 to the Panel's request for the Report at the meeting. The reply stated that the Hospital Authority Board had not yet published the Report nor submitted the Report to Government. The Administration was therefore not in a position to

provide the Panel with the Report.

8. The Chairman said that a letter should be written to the Hospital Authority Board to obtain the Report. A meeting should also be convened as soon as possible for representatives of the HA Review Panel and the Hospital Authority Board to brief members on the Report. Members agreed to hold a meeting on 23 October 2003 at 8:30 am to discuss the matter.

Discussion items for the regular meeting in November

9. Members agreed to discuss the following issues at the November 2003 meeting -

- (a) Progress of the registration of Chinese medicine practitioners; and
- (b) Proposed amendments to the Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance.

IV. Any other business

Setting up of a subcommittee under the Panel to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the SARS Expert Committee by the Government and the Hospital Authority

10. Mr Andrew CHENG proposed to set up a subcommittee under the Panel to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the SARS Expert Committee by the Government and the Hospital Authority.

11. The Chairman, Dr LAW Chi-kwong, Ms Cyd HO and Ms LI Fung-ying expressed support for Mr CHENG's proposal. Ms LI however considered that the proposal should be decided at the next regular meeting when more members were present.

12. Mr Andrew CHENG disagreed with Ms LI's view. He considered that given the possible resurgence of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome in winter, the subcommittee should commence work as soon as possible. A majority of members present at the meeting supported the setting up of the proposed subcommittee with immediate effect. The Chairman, Dr LAW Chi-kwong, Ms Cyd HO and Mr Andrew CHENG indicated their intention to join the subcommittee.

13. Members agreed to hold the first meeting of the subcommittee on 17 October 2003 at 4:00 pm to decide on the terms of reference and the work plan of

the Subcommittee. The Clerk would issue a circular to invite members of the Panel to join the subcommittee.

Overseas duty visit

14. The Chairman proposed to make a duty visit to study the set up and functions of a Centre for Disease Control-type organisation in one or two overseas countries. Members expressed support, and were of the view that such a visit should preferably be made during the coming Lunar New Year holidays. The Clerk undertook to gather relevant information for consideration by the Panel.

15. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:06 pm.

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