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Panel on Welfare Services

**Minutes of meeting
held on Tuesday, 12 October 2004 at 2:40 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP (Chairman)
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Deputy Chairman)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon Bernard CHAN, JP
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP
Dr Hon YEUNG Sum
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG
- Member absent** : Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP
- Clerk in attendance** : Ms Doris CHAN
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4
- Staff in attendance** : Mrs Justina LAM
Assistant Secretary General 2

Miss Mary SO
Senior Council Secretary (2) 8

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Mr James TIEN invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2004-2005 session in accordance with the election procedures set out in Appendix IV of the House Rules.

Election of Chairman

2. Mr TAM Yiu-chung nominated Miss CHAN Yuen-han and Mrs Sophie LEUNG, Dr YEUNG Sum and Mr Albert Jinghan CHENG seconded the nomination. Miss CHAN accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr TIEN declared Miss CHAN 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 YEUNG Sum nominated Dr Fernando CHEUNG and Mr Albert CHENG seconded the nomination. Dr CHEUNG accepted the nomination. As there were no other nominations, the Chairman declared Dr CHEUNG elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2004-2005 session

5. Members agreed to hold regular meetings on the second Monday of each month at 10:45 am. As the meeting on 11 April 2005 coincided with the special Finance Committee meeting, members agreed to tentatively hold the April meeting on 20 April 2005 at 8:30 am.

III. Discussion items for next meeting

6. Members agreed to hold the next regular meeting on 8 November 2004 to discuss the following items -

- (a) briefing by the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food;
 - (b) Review of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme, including arrangement of other payments under CSSA such as rent allowance and grant for school-related expenses; and
 - (c) update on strategy and measures to tackle family violence.
7. In respect of the item in paragraph 6(c) above, members agreed to invite deputations to express views on the subject at a later meeting.
8. Members agreed to include the following issues on the list of items for discussion by the Panel in future meetings -
- (a) latest situation on the implementation of review of family services (proposed by Mr Albert CHAN);
 - (b) residence requirements for Old Age Allowance (proposed by Mr TAM Yiu-chung);
 - (c) workload of social workers (proposed by Mrs Sophie LEUNG);
 - (d) operation of the SARS Trust Fund (proposed by Ms LI Fung-ying);
 - (e) transforming home for the elderly into care and attention home (proposed by Dr Fernando CHEUNG);
 - (f) measures to address poverty (proposed by Mr Frederick FUNG); and
 - (g) funding for social service in the next financial year (proposed by Mr LEE Cheuk-yan).
9. The Chairman said that the Administration would be invited to indicate the timing for discussion of the items set out in paragraph 8 above and the other items set out in the list of issues for discussion by the Panel tabled at the meeting.

IV. Any other business

10. Members agreed to decide at the November meeting on the setting up of two subcommittees under the Panel to review the CSSA Scheme and to follow-up on the strategy and measures to tackle family violence respectively.

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11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 2:55 pm.

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