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Panel on Welfare Services

Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence

Minutes of the 2nd meeting
held on Tuesday, 18 January 2005 at 10:45 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Members present : Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP (Chairman)
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Member absent : Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, SBS, JP

Public Officers Attending : Ms Linda LAI, JP
Deputy Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food
(Family and Women)

Miss Dora FU
Principal Assistant Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food
(Women)

Mr Paul TANG, JP
Director of Social Welfare

Mr FUNG Pak-yan
Assistant Director of Social Welfare
(Family and Child Welfare), Social Welfare Department

Mrs SO WONG Wei-yee
Chief Social Work Officer (Domestic Violence)
Social Welfare Department

Ms PANG Kit-ling
Assistant District Social Welfare Officer(Yuen Long)
Social Welfare Department

Mr Victor LO
Assistant Commissioner of Police (Crime)

Ms Cecilia NG
Superintendent of Police (Crime Support)
Hong Kong Police Force

Mrs Jennifer YIU
Chief Manager/Management (Tuen Mun and Yuen Long)
Housing Department

Mr YU Wai-man
Senior Housing Manager (Yuen Long)
Housing Department

**Deputations
by invitation** : Caritas Family Crisis Support Centre

Ms Paulina KWOK
Centre Supervisor

The Law Society of Hong Kong

Mr Dennis HO
Chairman of the Family Law Sub-Committee on Domestic
Violence

Ms Sharon Ser
Member of the Family Law Sub-Committee on Domestic
Violence

Society for Community Organization and the Concern Group
on the Rights of New Immigrant Women

Ms SZE Lai-shan
Community Organizer

Ms YAU Yik-yung
Member

Harmony House

Ms Margaret WONG
Executive Director

Hong Kong Family Welfare Society

Mrs Shirley TANG
Senior Social Work Practitioner

Ms Grace MA
Principal Social Worker

Hong Kong Single Parents Association

Ms YU Sau-chu
Chief Executive

Mr YEUNG Wai-kwan
Executive Manager

Association Concerning Sexual Violence Against Women

Ms NG Wai-ching
Service Co-ordinator

Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres

Ms TSE Wai-king
Education Officer

Ms WONG Lai-yin
Volunteer

Hong Kong Association for the Survivors of Women Abuse
(Kwan Fook)

Ms LEI Hiu-wan
Vice Chairperson

Women's Hotline

Ms LIU Ngan-fung

Association for the Advancement of Feminism

Ms HON Siu-wan
Chairperson

Ms Polly TSANG
Member

Hong Kong Women Coalition on Equal Opportunity

Ms CHOI Wing-sze
Representative

Against Child Abuse

Mrs Priscilla LUI
Director

Dr Patricia IP
Chairperson

The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions Women Affairs
Committee

Ms LAI Chui-hung
Vice-Chairman

Ms CHAN Yun-hi
Member

The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Mr James LEUNG
Assistant Director

Ms Elsa CHIU
Officer

Ms Jane TSUEI
Business Director

Hong Kong Women Christian Council

Ms WONG Wai-yin, Christina
Executive Secretary

Ms CHAN Man-yee, Katherine
Project Officer

Against Domestic Violence-Professional Family Counsellors'
& Family Therapists' Concern Group

Ms Esther LAU
Chairperson

Clerk in attendance : Miss Mary SO
Senior Council Secretary (2) 8

Staff in attendance : Miss Maggie CHIU
Legislative Assistant (2) 4

I. Meeting with deputations and the Administration
(LC Paper Nos. CB(2)631/04-05(01) to (15))

Before inviting deputations to give their views on the strategy and measures implemented by the Administration to tackle family violence as well as the recommendations of the Review Panel on Family Services in Tin Shui Wai (the

Review Panel), the Chairman informed members that she had received a letter from Mr Fred LI expressing his wish to withdraw from the Subcommittee.

Views of deputations

2. The deputations gave their views on the strategy and measures implemented by the Administration to tackle family violence as well as the recommendations of the Review Panel, details of which were set out in their respective written submissions (LC Paper Nos. CB(2)631/04-05(02) to (15), CB(2)797/04-05(01) and (02) issued on 14 February 2005 and CB(2)965/04-05(01) issued on 25 February 2005.

Item for discussion at the next meeting

Admin 3. Due to time constraint, Mr Albert CHAN suggested and members agreed to request the Administration to provide a written response to the views expressed by deputations prior to the next meeting. Director of Social Welfare (DSW) agreed. The Secretariat would prepare a summary of views expressed by deputations to facilitate the Administration to give its response to these views.

4. As the next meeting previously scheduled for 27 January 2005 coincided with the Council meeting, the Chairman suggested and members agreed to postpone the next meeting to a later date to be fixed by the Secretariat after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note : The next meeting was scheduled for 3 March 2005 at 4:30 pm.)

5. Dr Fernando CHEUNG welcomed the Administration's paper which outlined the current Government policy to tackle family violence (LC Paper No. CB(2)631/04-05(01)), but considered the content lacked concrete plans and/or measures to tackle the problem. In the light of this and having regard to the fact that some of the suggestions raised by deputations were beyond the scope of work of the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau and the Social Welfare Department, Dr CHEUNG asked whether consideration could be given to re-formulating the Government policy to tackle family violence with input from the public.

6. DSW responded that the Administration's paper had already fully set out the Government policy to tackle family violence. The Administration would be happy to go over with members the views and concerns raised by deputations in future meetings to see how best these views and concerns could be put into practice and addressed.

Action

7. Responding to the Chairman's enquiry on when the Administration could provide part one of the report on the study on child abuse and spouse battering conducted by the University of Hong Kong, DSW said that the report was expected to be available in the first quarter of 2005.
8. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:50 pm.

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