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Panel on Welfare Services

Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 14 October 2010, at 11:30 am
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building

- Members present** : Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Chairman)
Hon WONG Sing-chi (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, SBS, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou
Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
- Members absent** : Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS
- Clerk in attendance** : Miss Betty MA
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

Staff in attendance : Ms Yvonne YU
Senior Council Secretary (2) 5

Miss Karen LAI
Council Secretary (2) 4

Miss Maggie CHIU
Legislative Assistant (2) 4

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I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2010-2011 session
[Appendices III and IV to LC Paper No. CB(2)9/10-11]

Election of Chairman

Mr WONG Sing-chi, Chairman of the Panel in office, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session. Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che was nominated by Dr PAN Pey-chyou and the nomination was seconded by Mr Ronny TONG, Mr Paul CHAN and Ms LI Fung-ying. Mr CHEUNG accepted the nomination.

2. As there was no other nomination, Mr WONG Sing-chi declared Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che elected as Chairman of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session. Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

3. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session. Mr WONG Sing-chi was nominated by Ms LI Fung-ying and the nomination was seconded by Mr Paul CHAN and Dr PAN Pey-chyou. Mr WONG accepted the nomination.

4. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman declared Mr WONG Sing-chi elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2010-2011 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2010-2011 session

5. Members agreed that regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the second Monday of each month at 10:45 am. A schedule of meetings for the 2010-2011 session would be issued to members after the meeting.

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(Post-meeting note: The meeting schedule was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)22/10-11 on 14 October 2010).

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

[Appendices V and VI to LC Paper No. CB(2)9/10-11]

Regular meeting on 8 November 2010

6. Members agreed to discuss the following two items proposed by the Administration at the next regular meeting on 8 November 2010 -

- (a) Annual adjustment of payment rates under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme; and
- (b) Permissible limit of absence from Hong Kong for Old Age Allowance.

7. Dr PAN Pey-chyou suggested that the Panel should discuss the support services for demented elders at the next regular meeting. The Chairman advised that the Subcommittee on Residential and Community Care services for Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly would discuss the subject matter on 12 November 2010 at 10:45 am and deputations would be invited to make oral representations at the meeting. Members agreed that the matter would be followed up by the Subcommittee.

8. The Chairman said that as stated in the 2010-2011 Policy Address, only one district-based Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness ("ICCMW") had secured permanent accommodation while the others were currently providing services at temporary accommodation. The Chairman suggested that the Administration should be invited to brief members on the progress of setting up of ICCMWs in all 18 districts at the next meeting. Members agreed.

(Post meeting note: At the request of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, the discussion item "progress of setting up ICCMWs in all 18 districts" originally scheduled for discussion at the next regular meeting on 8 November 2010 would be deferred to a future meeting).

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IV. Any other business

Subcommittee on Residential and Community Care Services for Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly

9. The Chairman said that the Subcommittee on Residential and Community Care Services for Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly had been formed under the Panel since March 2010 and the work of the Subcommittee would continue as its work had not yet been completed.

10. The Chairman added that the membership of the Subcommittee would be re-opened to Panel members and it would be for the Subcommittee to decide whether re-election of its Chairman was necessary at its first meeting.

11. The Chairman reminded members that the Panel would hold a special meeting on 20 October 2010 at 9:30 am to receive briefings from the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Secretary for Home Affairs on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2010-2011.

12. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 11:39 am.

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