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Panel on Welfare Services and Panel on Health Services

Minutes of joint meeting
held on Monday, 14 November 2016, at 10:45 am
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Members of the Panel on Welfare Services

- * Hon SHIU Ka-chun (Chairman)
- * Hon KWONG Chun-yu (Deputy Chairman)
- * Hon James TO Kun-sun
- * Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon CHAN Hak-kan, BBS, JP
- * Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
- * Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP
- * Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Hon KWOK Wai-keung
- * Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
- * Hon IP Kin-yuen
- * Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH
- * Hon Alvin YEUNG
- * Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP
- * Dr Hon LAU Siu-lai

Members of the Panel on Health Services

- # Dr Hon Pierre CHAN (Deputy Chairman)
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, SBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, BBS, JP
Hon SHIU Ka-fai

Members absent : Members of the Panel on Welfare Services

- * Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
- * Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang
- * Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
- * Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin
- * Hon CHU Hoi-dick
- * Hon YUNG Hoi-yan
- * Hon Tanya CHAN
- * Hon HUI Chi-fung
- * Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho
- * Hon Nathan LAW Kwun-chung
- * Dr Hon YIU Chung-yim

Members of the Panel on Health Services

Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP
Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, JP
Hon LAM Cheuk-ting
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH

Members attending : Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai

- * Also members of the Panel on Health Services
- # Also a member of the Panel on Welfare Services

Clerk in attendance : Mr Colin CHUI
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

Staff in attendance : Ms Catherina YU
Senior Council Secretary (2) 4

Miss Kay CHU
Council Secretary (2) 4

Miss Alison HUI
Legislative Assistant (2) 4

Miss LEE Wai-yan
Clerical Assistant (2) 4

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I. Election of Chairman

Mr SHIU Ka-chun, Chairman of the Panel on Welfare Services ("the WS Panel"), said that Prof Joseph LEE, Chairman of the Panel on Health Services, suggested that the Chairman of the WS Panel should chair the joint Panel meeting. Members agreed that Mr SHIU would chair that meeting in accordance with rule 22(k) of the House Rules.

II. Proposal for appointment of a Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy
[LC Paper No. CB(2)90/16-17(01)]

2. At the invitation of the Chairman, Dr Fernando CHEUNG briefed members on the proposal to appoint a joint subcommittee under the two Panels to study the long-term care policy and services ("the Proposal").

3. Dr KWOK Ka-ki expressed concern that inadequate provision of rehabilitation services and residential care services had rendered some people (who could not take care of themselves, discharged from hospital or recovered from mental illness) unable to receive the aforesaid services they required. Expressing support for the Proposal, he urged the Administration to formulate a long-term plan for the provision of rehabilitation services and residential care services given that the planned increase in the aforesaid provision was far from adequate.

4. Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung was concerned that elderly persons and persons with disabilities might have a genuine need for residential care services. However, the problems of substandard service and inadequate supply had not been proactively addressed by the Administration. He therefore supported the Proposal with a view to conducting a comprehensive review of issues relating to residential care services, and impressing upon the Administration to address the aforesaid problems.

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5. Dr Pierre CHAN said that due to inadequate supply of subvented residential care places, discharged elderly patients who required residential care services could only be accommodated in private residential care homes for the elderly, which provided services of poor quality without effective monitoring by the Administration. To address the aforesaid concern, he expressed support for the Proposal.

6. Mr KWONG Chun-yu said that arising from a recent incident, in which the former head of a private residential care home for persons with disabilities was accused of sexually assaulting some female residents with mental disabilities, an online petition had collected 100 000 signatures from members of the public. Expressing support for the Proposal, he considered that the problems of the monitoring of private residential care homes and long waiting time for subvented residential care places should be examined in the current legislative session.

7. Members endorsed the Proposal with the terms of reference, work plan and time frame as set out in the paper. The following members agreed to join the joint subcommittee: the Chairman, Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung, Dr KWOK Ka-ki, Dr Fernando CHEUNG, Dr Pierre CHAN, Mr KWONG Chun-yu and Dr LAU Siu-lai. The Chairman said that the Secretariat would invite members of the two Panels to join the joint subcommittee.

III. Any other business

8. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:59 am.