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Panel on Health Services

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 11 October 2007, at 8:30 am in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building

Members: Hon LI Kwok-ying, MH, JP (Chairman)

present Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, JP (Deputy Chairman)

Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-yee, GBS, JP

Hon Andrew CHENG Kar-foo Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP Hon Vincent FANG Kang, JP

Members: Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP

absent Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP

Dr Hon YEUNG Sum, JP Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

Clerk in : Miss Mary SO

attendance Chief Council Secretary (2) 5

Staff in : Mrs Vivian KAM

attendance Assistant Secretary General 2

Ms Amy YU

Senior Council Secretary (2) 3

Ms Sandy HAU Legislative Assistant (2) 5

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Election of Chairman

<u>Dr Joseph LEE</u> invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2007-2008 session in accordance with the election procedures set out in Appendix IV to the House Rules.

- 2. <u>Mr Vincent FANG</u> nominated Mr LI Kwok-ying and <u>Ms Audrey EU</u> seconded the nomination. <u>Mr LI Kwok-ying</u> accepted the nomination.
- 3. There being no other nomination, <u>Dr Joseph LEE</u> declared Mr LI Kwok-ying elected as the Chairman of the Panel.

Election of Deputy Chairman

- 4. <u>Mr LI Kwok-ying</u> took the chair and invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel.
- 5. <u>Mr Vincent FANG</u> nominated Dr Joseph LEE and <u>Ms Audrey EU</u> seconded the nomination. <u>Dr Joseph LEE</u> accepted the nomination.
- 6. There being no other nomination, the Chairman declared Dr Joseph LEE elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2007-2008 session

7. <u>Members</u> agreed to hold regular meetings on the second Monday of each month at 8:30 am. As the second Monday in May and June 2008 were public holidays, <u>members</u> further agreed to hold the May and June meetings on 19 May 2008 and 16 June 2008 respectively.

III. Discussion items for next meeting

- 8. <u>Members</u> noted that the Administration was in a position to discuss the following items at the next regular meeting to be held on 12 November 2007 -
 - (a) Report of the Internal Taskforce's Review of Hospital Authority's

Private Patient Revenue Management System; and

- (b) Matters relating to the registration of Chinese Medicine practitioners and regulation of Chinese medicines traders.
- 9. Mr Andrew CHENG proposed to discuss the new initative of providing health care vouchers for the elderly, which was announced by the Chief Executive in his 2007-2008 Policy Address on 10 October 2007, at the November 2007 meeting. Mrs Selina CHOW suggested that the issue be expanded to address health care services for the elderly. Members expressed support for Mrs CHOW's suggestion. The Clerk undertook to liaise with the Administration on discussing the issue of health care services for the elderly in November 2007 and postponing the discussion of item (b) in paragraph 8 above to the regular meeting in December 2007.

(<u>Post-meeting note</u>: At the request of the Administration, and with the concurrence of the Chairman, item (b) in paragraph 8 above would be discussed in November 2007 and item (a) in the same paragraph would be postponed for discussion in December 2007.)

10. <u>Mrs Selina CHOW</u> further suggested to discuss the issue of the low passing rate of licensing examination of doctors sat by overseas medical graduates. <u>The Chairman</u> suggested and <u>members</u> agreed to include this item into the list of outstanding items for discussion by the Panel.

IV. Any other business

11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8:40 am.

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