

## **SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD**

### **Notes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Taskforce on Review of Code of Practice**

Date: 11 October 2017  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Venue: Room GH317, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
Present: Dr. CHENG Yuk-tin, Carl (co-opted member)  
Dr. LAM Chiu-wan (co-opted member)  
Dr. LEUNG Chuen-suen  
Mr. LUN Chi-wai  
Mr. WONG Ka-ming (Acting Convenor)  
Secretary: Mr. LEE Wing-po, Eric, Registrar  
Ms. FAN Lai-yee, Veronica, Assistant Registrar

#### Confirmation of notes of last meeting

1. Members had no comment on the notes of last meeting

#### Discussion on revising the Code of Practice

2. Related to colleagues

(a) Respect

- (i) Discussed point 20.1-20.2 in Appendix B1
- (ii) Suggested not to use “should avoid” in point 20.1
- (iii) Suggested to revise point 20.1 as “social workers should not criticize unwarrantably”
- (iv) Moved the points 20.1 and 20.2 to “Related to clients” for further discussion

(b) Interdisciplinary collaboration

- (i) Discussed point 21 and 22 in Appendix B1
- (ii) Suggested to revise point 21 as “social workers collaborate with other professionals to enhance quality of service”.
- (iii) Suggested to revise point 22 as “...affect the well-being of clients by drawing on the expertise, perspectives and values of social work profession (專業知識經驗、角度和價值)”.
- (iv) Point 23 in the current COP stated that “Social workers on whom a team decision raises ethical concerns should attempt to resolve the disagreement through appropriate channels. If the disagreement cannot be resolved, social workers should pursue other appropriate avenues to address their concerns consistent with clients’ well-beings”. It was suggested to be shifted to “Standard and rules”.

(c) Supervision and Training

- (i) Discussed points 16-18 in Appendix B2
- (ii) Suggested to shift points 16-18 to “Standard and rules”.

- (iii) Suggested to add “Principles” in relation to point 16-18.
  - (iv) Moved points 16 & 17 to “Related to profession” while point 18 to “Related to agency”.
  - (v) It should cover new development in the profession such as private practice, supervision work in the Mainland.
  - (vi) As the relevant section in current COP was limited to matters related to employment within agency, it was suggested to extend the coverage to tertiary institutes, agency and private practice.
  - (vii) It should cover supervisor and supervisee.
- (d) Consultation
- (i) Discussed points 19-21 in Appendix B2
  - (ii) Suggested to delete point 21
  - (iii) Suggested to move this section to “Related to profession”
  - (iv) The relevant principles should be added.
- (e) Clients’ right of choice
- (i) Discussed points 22-23 in Appendix B2
  - (ii) Suggested to change point 22 to become a “Principle” and to revise it as “在尊重同工和機構前提下促進/讓服務對象擁有選擇權”
  - (iii) Suggested to shift point 23 to “standard and rules” and to revise the wordings in a more positive tone and manner such as”如發現服務對象正接受其他社工重複的服務，社工應尋求協商”
- (f) Sexual relationship
- (i) Discussed points 24-26 in Appendix B2
  - (ii) Suggested to move to “Related to profession”
  - (iii) Apart from supervisor and supervisee, the relationship should also cover client versus social worker and student versus fieldwork supervisor
  - (iv) Point 24 would be further revised
  - (v) Points 25 and 26 would not be adopted
- (g) Management
- (i) Suggested to add a new section about “management”
- (h) The above sections would be further revised by Dr. Leung for the Taskforce’s consideration.

Next action

3. The following members would be responsible to prepare different sections for further discussion at subsequent meetings:
- (a) Dr. Zeno Leung
    - (i) Related to colleagues
    - (ii) Related to agency

- (iii) Related to clients: Continuation of service
- (b) Dr. Lam Chiu Wan
  - (i) Related to society
  - (ii) Related to clients: Informed decision and self-determination
- (c) Dr. Carl Cheng
  - (i) Related to profession
  - (ii) Related to clients: Cultural awareness
  - (iii) Related to clients: Use of information and principles of confidentiality
  - (iv) Related to clients: Billing practice
- (d) Mr. Lun Chi Wai
  - (i) Related to agency
  - (ii) Related to clients: Responsibilities
- (e) Mr. Wong Ka Ming
  - (i) Related to clients: Conflicts of interest
  - (ii) Related to clients: Sexual relationship

4. At the next meeting, the Taskforce would start the discussion on “Related to agency”.

Date of next meeting

- 5. The next meeting would be held on 18 November 2017 at 9:00 am at Room GH317, Hong Kong Polytechnic University.
- 6. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

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