

SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD

Notes of the 6th Meeting of the Taskforce on Review of Code of Practice

Date: 19 July 2017
Time: 9:20 a.m.
Venue: Room HJ417, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Present: Mr. WONG Ka-ming (Acting Convenor)
Dr. CHENG Yuk-tin, Carl (co-opted member)
Dr. LAM Chiu-wan (co-opted member)
Dr. LEUNG Chuen-suen
Mr. LUN Chi-wai
Secretary: Mr. POON Yuet-ho, Administrative Executive

Confirmation of notes of last meetings

1. Members endorsed the notes of last meeting without further amendment.

Comparison of Code of Practice from different countries

2. The Board office updated the comparison for the parts of “related to clients” and “related to colleagues”, and compiled the parts of “related to agency”, “related to profession” and “related to society” for members’ reference.

Structure of the Code of Practice

3. Members agreed that a part of “Definition of Terms” should be included in the revised Code of Practice to be proposed.

Discussion on revising the Code of Practice

4. Preamble

- (a) A draft Preamble prepared by Dr. Lam was tabled at the meeting as attached in Appendix 1. Dr. Lam briefed members on the contents thereof.

(Dr. Cheng arrived.)

- (b) After discussion, Dr. Lam would revise the Preamble in accordance with members’ feedback and suggestions.

5. Basic Value and Belief

- (a) A draft Basic Value and Belief prepared by Dr. Cheng and Mr. Wong was tabled at the meeting as attached in Appendix 2. Dr. Cheng and Mr. Wong briefed members on the

contents thereof.

(b) Title

Since a person's "Values" came from his "Beliefs", members agreed that the title should be revised to "Beliefs and Basic Value".

(c) Presentation format

It was suggested to present in the following format:

- (i) Belief
- (ii) Value
- (iii) Explanation

(d) Sequence of beliefs

The sequence would be discussed after the discussion on the contents

(e) Contents

- (i) Members agreed to add "Integrity" to be one of the beliefs.
- (ii) Members agreed to delete Value 5 (i.e. social workers believe that each society, regardless of its form, should provide maximum benefits to its members) because there was no relevant or similar value in the latest Code of Ethics from other countries.
- (iii) Members had initially discussed the details of Belief 1 and 2.
- (iv) Dr. Cheng and Mr. Wong would further revise their draft in accordance with members' feedback and suggestions.

Date of next meeting

- 6. The next meetings would be held on 31 July 2017 and 31 August 2017 at 3:00 pm at Room GH205, Hong Kong Polytechnic University.
- 7. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

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