

SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD

Notes of the 9th Meeting of the Taskforce on Review of Code of Practice

Date: 20 September 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
Apology: 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. Preamble

- (a) Dr. Lam tabled the revised “Preamble” for members’ consideration. Members had discussed on the interpretation of “political value” (政治價值). It was a terminology different from daily usage as interpreted by the general public. As readers of COP were mainly RSWs and the general public, members discussed whether further elaborations were required in other section. Members had no conclusion on the issue which might require further deliberation. Members’ further proposed changes were marked in Appendix 1.

3. Section 3: Basic Value and Belief

- (a) Members had no further comment on values 2, 6 and 8.
- (b) For value 1, on social workers having financial gain when acting in professional capacity, To avoid contradiction, members agreed to remove “pro bono service” and revise the last sentence as “Social workers draw on their knowledge, values, and skills to help people in need and to address social problems for the betterment of society”.
- (c) For value 3, Dr. Cheng replaced “critical dialogue” by “reflective deliberative” (慎思明辯).
- (d) Dr. Lam walked through the changes made in value 4 and value 7. Members’ comments were incorporated in Appendix 1.

(Dr. Leung retired from the meeting at this juncture.)

4. Section 5: Principles and Practices - Related to Colleagues

- (a) As agreed at previous meeting, this section would include three parts:
- values and beliefs;
 - principles; and
 - standards & rules.
- (b) Members agreed to remove “values and beliefs” as the contents would be duplicating with Section 3: Basic Value and Belief. Members would further discuss the presentation format at subsequent meeting.
- (c) Simple present tense would be used in “principles” whilst “should” would be used in “standards & rules”.
- (d) Members agreed to remove clauses relating to “volunteers”. They would further discuss how to handle “fieldwork students” and “volunteers” and whether it should be included in “Related to colleagues” or other parts.
- (e) Other comments were incorporated in Appendix 1.

Next action

5. Members who would be responsible to prepare the following sections:

- (a) Related to Agency: to be prepared by Mr. Lun
- (b) Related to Society: to be prepared by Dr. Lam
- (c) Related to Profession: to be prepared by Dr. Cheng
- (d) Related to Client: this part would be split among the members

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

Date of next meeting

7. The next meeting would be held on 11 October 2017 at 9:00 am at Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

8. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

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