

Phoenix Clubhouse 2005

The first Clubhouse Model Orientation Program for the Chinese speaking community was held September 13-16, 2005 at Phoenix Clubhouse in Hong Kong. This four-day Orientation program was designed in partnership with the ICCD and Phoenix Clubhouse. The Orientation was graciously sponsored by the University of Hong Kong. The participants were from three separate areas of China and included Beijing, Chengsha and Shanghai.

The Orientation was designed to assist the program participants with knowledge and resources to move towards developing ICCD Clubhouses in mainland China. Participants were provided with an immersion experience into an accredited Clubhouse and specific discussion sessions centered on developing a Clubhouse and components of the International Standards of the Clubhouse Model. Participants were engaged in the daily activities at Phoenix Clubhouse through the work-ordered day. Through this in-vivo experience, participants were able to see how Clubhouse members are engaged in meaningful work in the Clubhouse and the rehabilitative nature of focusing on member's strengths, talents and abilities. Participants were also provided with a visit to an existing Transitional Employment placement and a visit to another local area Clubhouse, Kwun Tong Amity Centre.

Participants were involved in nine discussion sessions. Presentations were co-facilitated by the ICCD and members, staff and/or Board members of Phoenix Clubhouse. All presentations were conducted in Mandarin with a Clubhouse member providing translation for the ICCD participant. Powerpoint presentations, videos and hand-outs were used to assist in the learning process. Each participant was provided with a notebook containing the curriculum which included the schedule, articles relevant for each session, and an evaluation survey for the participants to complete upon conclusion of the Orientation program. All program materials were translated into Chinese.

Each participant was also provided with an individualized consultation pertaining to their unique challenges, barriers and opportunities in their respective communities. Participants were encouraged to identify key people in their communities in order to develop a working group with the goal of establishing a clubhouse. Specific objectives for each group were outlined in these consultations.



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