

 <p><b>foster parents</b> British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p><b>Board of Directors March 25, 2013 Conference Call</b></p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Heather Bayes, President Russell Pohl, Vice President Lee Lachmuth, North Delegate Kevin Daniel, Interior Jayne Wilson, Executive Director</p>	<p><i>Absent</i></p> <p>Marcy Perron, Treasurer Kathrynne Coxon, Coast Fraser Delegate</p> <p><i>Guest</i></p> <p>Faye McClinton, MCFD</p>
<p>A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:34 p.m. <b>*M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)</b></p>		
ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of the February 25, 2013 meeting.	<b>MOTION</b> to accept the Minutes of February 25, 2013 Board of Directors meeting as circulated. <b>*M/S/C</b> Kevin/Tamara
2. Additions and Changes to Agenda	One addition to the agenda.	
3. President's Report	<p>President and ED are participating in weekly meetings regarding the revision of a Provincial Protocol document.</p> <p>Follow-up presentation for Building Communities of Caring takes place on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The President will attend.</p> <p>The President had a discussion with Doug Hughes regarding the ongoing support case involving a Lower Mainland foster parent. He will look into the situation.</p>	
4. Vice President's Report	<p>The Executive meeting was held to approve wages for staff members. Job reviews have been completed.</p> <p>The AGM process is ongoing and the office staff are busy with arrangements.</p>	
5. Treasurer's Report	<p>The Treasurer's Report was delivered by the ED in the Treasurer's absence. The draft budget was briefly discussed. Approval will wait for the Treasurer's return.</p> <p>Monthly accounting is up to date and all is as projected.</p>	
6. Director's Report	<p><i>Website</i></p> <p>The new website was launched last week. So far feedback has been positive. The new format will give us an opportunity to save some money on website maintenance. The website will be managed in-house.</p>	
7. CFFA Update	Russell offered congratulations on behalf of BCFFPA to Sheila Durnford. She was presented with the Child Welfare League of Canada's 2012 Foster Parent Achievement Award.	

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8. Ongoing Business	<p><i>Support and Advocacy</i> The VP and North Delegate both have increases in support numbers. The Interior Delegate reports that children are lodging complaints with the Ministry. The Secretary has no change in supports.</p> <p>The Surrey Local Foster Parent Association has officially started. Their letter of introduction to the local MCFD office received a puzzling e-mail response from the Resources Team Leader. The ED has responded via e-mail.</p> <p>VP requested that BCFFPA write a letter to MCFD regarding the waste of man hours for the Lower Mainland long term support case. The foster parent is being harassed by MCFD team. The case is now transitioning to CLBC so we won't be able to advocate any longer.</p> <p>Future development in Support and Advocacy should include CLBC considering the expected legislation change to provide for continued assistance for youth 19-24.</p> <p><i>AGM</i> The Nomination Committee will consist of the Regional Delegates. The Interior Delegate will Chair the committee.</p> <p>The Treasurer is excused from the AGM. She will be absent from the AGM due to a foster/adoption placement transition taking place in Ontario.</p> <p>ED described AGM workshop plans. Discussed Board training opportunities prior to AGM. Was decided that training at November face-to-face is sufficient.</p> <p><i>Annual Reports</i> Regional Annual Reports are due on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> ED will write a letter to MCFD detailing concerns regarding man hours.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> ED will send the nomination information to the Committee members.</p>
9. MCFD Liaison	<p>The new operation and strategic directional plan (draft) has been issued to MCFD staff members. Next year's plan has 4 priorities.</p> <p>There is no current update on the Foster Family Handbook, but the target was to be completed by the end of the week.</p>	
10. Regional Delegate Reports	<p><i>Interior Region – Kevin Daniel</i> MCFD has been turning down medical expenses. In one circumstance, the cost of a light/vibration machine for a deaf child used to wake her up in the morning was turned down. The foster parent was told to use the per diem to cover an expense of over \$1000.</p> <p>Protocols are still in process in Kelowna and Williams Lake.</p>	

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	<p><i>North Region – Lee Lachmuth</i> Looking forward to the Support and Advocacy training in a few weeks. Recent issues with MCFD suggesting that foster parents contact RCMP to transport teens to hospital, but many are reactive to RCMP. Another solution needs to be found.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region – Delegate Absent (Russell Pohl, Tamara Smith and Jayne Wilson provided information)</i> The Chilliwack Local has been salvaged. The community is very concerned regarding repercussions from Agency workers for any coordinated foster parent support activity.</p> <p>The Surrey Local has started. The participants are all very excited.</p> <p>Powell River foster parents want to start a local. The ED will be following up.</p>	
11. New Business	<p><i>Stand Together Conference</i> The Secretary and North Delegate, as well as office staff, were at the Stand Together Conference in Richmond. Dr. Purvis was unable to attend but the replacement speaker was amazing. Participants were provided with training videos regarding parenting kids from hard places.</p>	
12. Next Meeting	Next meeting via conference call on April 22, 2013.	
	Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm	