



**Board of Directors
November 18, 2013
Conference Call**

In Attendance

Heather Bayes, President
Russell Pohl, Vice President
Marcy Perron, Treasurer
Tamara Smith, Secretary
Kevin Daniel, Interior
Rocky Hindmarch, North
Monica Buchanan, Coast Fraser

Regrets

Les Toth, Vancouver Island

Guests

Faye McClinton, MCFD Liaison

A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:33 p.m.

***M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)**

ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. Ministry Liaison	MCFD will take some time prior to releasing a response to the Representative for Children and Youth's report.	
2. Regional Delegate Reports	<p><i>Interior Region – Kevin Daniel</i> Protocol documents from 1999 and 2004 are both being employed. The West Kootenays is discussing the creation of a new Local between communities. Enquiry regarding the benefit of joining BCFFPA. Overages are still taking place in the interior.</p> <p><i>North Region – Rocky Hindmarch</i> Four foster parents have completed the Support and Advocacy Exam. The Secretary for the Prince George Local has stepped down and a new member is in place. Monthly AGM 2014 planning meetings are taking place. Friday childminding will be available but there is no space available for Saturday. After the AGM a potluck will be held on Sunday in the park.</p> <p>The Ministry is supportive of a Support and Advocacy workshop prior to the AGM but the Prince George Local isn't sure attendance would be sufficient.</p> <p>MCFD Liaison requested more information about the AGM for distribution to MCFD Executive Directors of Service. [Letter was sent to EDSs and ADM for Service Delivery in June 2013.]</p> <p>North delegate requested a copy of the social worker evaluation forms used in Penticton area.</p> <p>There is an upcoming trip to Vanderhoof by Prince George Local members in order to build BCFFPA membership and discuss the formation of a Local.</p> <p><i>Island Region – Les Toth</i> Delegate absent – no report available.</p>	<p>ACTION ED will forward an additional letter to Provincial office with AGM 2013 information.</p> <p>ACTION BCFFPA will obtain a copy of the evaluation form.</p>

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	<p><i>Coast Fraser Region – Monica Buchanan</i></p> <p>The Delegate and Secretary had a meeting with the President of Fraser Valley Foster Parent Association regarding connection and opportunities for partnership. The Delegate has enquired at Hollyburn Family Services about attending the foster parent trainings to discuss BCFFPA. No response yet.</p> <p>Requests for support in the region are increasing. Notable increase in foster parents not understanding their contracts. MCFD is becoming more streamlined and foster parents are being held to the service portion. We advise them to read the contract thoroughly prior to signing. Those who are asking for support are often signing without reviewing the contract.</p> <p>Level 3 homes are very expensive for the Ministry and there is a trend toward closing long term homes. It appears as though Abbotsford and Prince George interpretation of the Hub Model set-up as outlined in the Residential Review plan differs.</p>	
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of the October 24-25, 2013 meetings.	<p>MOTION to accept the Minutes of the June 24, 2013 meeting as circulated. M/S/C Russell/Tamara</p>
4. Additions and Changes to the Agenda	Addition of Coast Fraser 2 nd Delegate position discussion.	
5. President's Report	<p>Discussed with MCFD Liaison the review of the provincial protocol documents. About 90% done – just fine tuning for consultation and feedback.</p> <p><i>Meetings</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protocol review takes place on Tuesdays. - Next week meetings with the Opposition Critic (Carole James), the Provincial Director of Child Welfare, MCFD Liaison, the Minister and Deputy Minister - Dinner with our Rider Insurance Broker who is retiring at the end of December <p>Reviewed discussion list for MCFD meetings.</p>	
6. Vice President's Report	Would like to hear more information from the Island.	

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	<p>Surrey social worker stated that some social workers are working overtime on weekends to catch up on paperwork. They access ICM funding to pay for the overtime. Concerned about use of the financial resource that is earmarked for a specific purpose.</p>	
7. Treasurer's Report	<p>There are no financial statements available due to the early date of the meeting. The ED stated that day to day finances are in order.</p>	
8. CFFA Update	<p>The committee will meet soon to discuss and provide estimates regarding hosting a CFFA Conference in 2015. Fundraising would be necessary.</p> <p>ED will be attending the NED Committee meeting in Montreal on November 20-21, 2013.</p>	
9. Ongoing Business	<p>None to discuss.</p>	
10. New Business	<p><i>Establish an Aboriginal Services Subcommittee</i> BCFFPA needs to have an active representation to address cultural diversity within the province. All future RFPs will likely include an Aboriginal component and CFFA National ED group have a priority around cultural diversity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - clarity around parameters of the committee - ad hoc or standing committee - working with FAFP to enhance partnership - committee members: Treasurer, North Delegate, CF Delegate, Secretary and ED <p><i>Discussion about changing membership procedures</i> Infrequently BCFFPA is called to deal with challenging circumstances where a foster home has been closed though the former foster parent has not disclosed this information to the provincial office to change membership status. Solution to add on all membership forms "we reserve the right to request copies of signature page of current contract".</p> <p><i>Second Coast Fraser Delegate Position</i> Meetings held with both nominees. One may withdraw nomination due to a perceived conflict of interest.</p>	<p>MOTION to form a committee that focuses on cultural diversity. The committee would be established as ad hoc for the time being.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">M/S/C Tamara/Kevin</p>
10. Next Meeting	<p>Next meeting via conference call on December 18th, 2013.</p>	
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm</p>	