

 <p>foster parents British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p>Board of Directors January 27, 2014 Conference Call</p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Russell Pohl, Vice President Marcy Perron, Treasurer Yvonne Langlois, Interior Rocky Hindmarch, North Monica Buchanan, Coast Fraser Jayne Wilson, Executive Director</p>	<p><i>Absent</i></p> <p>Tamara Smith, Secretary</p> <p><i>Regrets</i></p> <p>Heather Bayes, President Les Toth, Vancouver Island Delegate</p> <p><i>Guest</i></p> <p>Faye McClinton Kevin Daniel, former Interior Delegate</p>
<p>A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:35 p.m. *M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)</p>		
ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
<p>1. MCFD Liaison</p>	<p>The Provincial Director of Child Welfare wants to encourage as many as possible to attend the AGM.</p> <p>The Deputy's simplified goals for the Residential Redesign will be reflected in the soon-to-be-released Operational Strategic and Directional Plan. Discussion regarding how foster parents are being informed of the development of the Caregiver Support Network. Pilot communities are now identified. MCFD provided a brief informative article for the FosterlineBC newsletter – has gone to print.</p> <p>Now is a good time to submit proposal for ideas discussed at last meeting in Director's office.</p> <p>MCFD has been moving forward with recommendations as a result of the recent RCY's report.</p> <p>Waiting to hear regarding term of BCFFPA's contract renewal – will work on contract details in the meantime.</p> <p>Still experiencing challenges with Surrey MCFD Resource team who are not supportive of BCFFPA's Surrey Local. Liaison directed us to try to manage the issue again locally before escalating.</p>	<p>ACTION Send an AGM reminder letter to MCFD for distribution.</p> <p>ACTION ED will compile necessary information and submit proposal(s).</p>
<p>2. Regional Delegate Reports</p>	<p><i>Coast Fraser Region – Monica Buchanan</i></p> <p>Not much regional news to report. Ongoing contact with FVFPFA. Will be meeting with the Ridge Meadows foster parent Local representative when she returns from out of town. The contact at the Surrey foster parent support group (not BCFFPA Local) will let the Delegate know if there are any concerns to bring forward.</p> <p>One foster parent contacted the Delegate to forward the letter that was sent from MCFD regarding the formation of the Caregiver Support Network in her community. This is part of the Residential Redesign initiative. The foster parent is going to follow up with her resource worker.</p>	

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	<p>[The office also received a copy of the MCFD letter from the Tricities Local President and will be posting the letter on the website.]</p> <p>Regional support has decreased a great deal allowing supporters to catch up on other things. MCFD offices in Surrey are shuffling. Concerns continue regarding the Surrey Aboriginal MCFD office.</p> <p><i>Interior Region – Kevin Daniel and Yvonne Langlois</i> Kevin introduced Yvonne who has been the president of the Vernon Local for many years. Status quo in the Interior region. Communities in the Cariboo region are asking for financial information from foster parents. This happened a few years ago. Discussion.</p> <p><i>North Region – Rocky Hindmarch</i> Not much activity for protocols or quality of care investigations. There was a partnership meeting. Support workers at Axis are shuffling.</p> <p>Prince George Local is working on the AGM in partnership with Federation provincial office. Carrier Sekani homes are well supported by their resource teams and many will likely attend the AGM.</p> <p>Daycare will not be available through the Local at the AGM.</p> <p><i>Island Region – Delegate unavailable</i> Recent call from Delegate indicated there may be some changes in the Port Alberni foster parent group that used to be a BCFFPA Local.</p>	
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of December 16, 2013 meeting.	<p>MOTION to accept the Minutes of December 16, 2013 meeting as circulated. M/S/C Marcy/Rocky</p>
4. Additions and Changes to the Agenda	Add the BCFFPA AGM Bursaries, fund development wish list and “Fostering Basics” discussion under New Business.	<p>MOTION to accept the Agenda as amended. M/S/C Yvonne/Marcy</p>
5. President’s Report	<p><i>In President’s absence, ED provided summary of activities.</i></p> <p>A conference call with Provincial Director of Child Welfare and ADM Service Delivery is scheduled for the end of February.</p> <p>Meeting request has been sent to B. Walsh of MCFD to discuss BCFFPA’s role in Residential Redesign.</p>	

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	<p>There was a 2 hour conference call with MCFD and regional agencies to discuss the changes to the 5th Edition of the Foster Family Handbook. The Handbook is available to order from the Distribution Center in Victoria.</p> <p>Kelowna babysitting concerns continue. Regional agency suggested that we send escalating letters to the local MCFD leadership team.</p>	
6. Vice President's Report	Nothing new to report. The move is in process.	
7. Treasurer's Report	This year we are in a better position compared to last year this time. The move will bring some unforeseen expenses but ED is hoping to make some adjustments between this fiscal year and next. There will be significant cost savings in our office operating costs as a result of the move.	<p>MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report as delivered.</p> <p>M/S/C Yvonne/Rocky</p>
8. Director's Report	<p>ED stated that the FosterlineBC issue that has just been submitted to the printer includes all the AGM information, nomination forms and special resolution forms. The dates for submission are posted in the newsletter as well.</p> <p>The office staff are sending out donation letters in support of the AGM.</p> <p>BCFFPA's contract renewal season is in process and discussions between Liaison and ED are taking place.</p> <p>The office is being packed up and the painting of some portions of the new office has been completed. All service transfers have been coordinated. There may be some interruption in the toll free line service as the service providers are not able to exchange some necessary information until February 1st when the billing cycle ends.</p>	
9. Ongoing Business	<i>Follow-up with interested parties in second CF Delegate position:</i> Monica will follow up with Heather and continue discussions with interested parties.	
10. New Business	<p><i>2014 AGM Bursaries</i> Returned membership funds were identified for use as 2014 AGM Bursary for BCFFPA members. Options for bursary were discussed.</p> <p><i>Fund Development Wish List</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - advocacy program - "Foster Basics" - extracurricular activity bursary for CICs 	<p>MOTION to approve 2 AGM 2014 bursaries in each of 4 regions.</p> <p>M/S/C Marcy/Russell</p> <p>ACTION ED will outline and post information for Bursaries on the website and through e-mail.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continuing education bursary for foster parents - capital fund <p><i>"Foster Basics"</i> Heather will chair the committee. Committee will discuss topics and provide a sense of how to develop the topics for presentation. Marcy, Yvonne and Jayne will also join the committee.</p> <p><i>Committee to Discuss CFFA AGM Affordability</i> Committee will hold discussions pending direction from CFFA Board after June 2014 AGM in Edmonton.</p>	
10. Next Meeting	Next meeting via conference call on February 24 th , 2014.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm	