

 <p>foster parents British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p>Board of Directors September 22, 2014 Conference Call</p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Russell Pohl, President Tamara Smith, Vice President Rocky Hindmarch, Secretary Marcy Perron, Treasurer Amanda Lindquist, North Delegate Monica Buchanan, Coast Fraser Delegate Jayne Wilson, Executive Director</p>	<p><i>Absent</i></p> <p>Yvonne Langlois, Interior Delegate</p> <p><i>Committee Member</i></p> <p>Heather Bayes, Video Committee</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
1. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of July 28, 2014 meeting.	<p>MOTION to accept the Minutes of July 28th, 2014 meeting as circulated. M/S/C Marcy/Tamara</p>
2. Additions and Changes to the Agenda	No changes to the agenda.	
3. Regional Delegate Reports	<p><i>Interior Region – Marcy Perron for Yvonne Langlois</i> Most members of Macro Board reporting that there aren't enough homes for the kids coming into care. Some areas are not processing additional expenses. Cranbrook additional mileage is supposed to come out of maintenance amount. Kelowna foster homes numbers reduced from 230 to 107 resulting in overages. There appear to be few new foster homes being opened in the Kelowna area. The Adoption Education Program is not a good match for foster parent recruits as the wait list is long and the class sizes are limited. Heather Bayes has been appointed representative to the Macro for the Salmon Arm/Revelstoke areas.</p> <p><i>North Region – Amanda Lindquist</i> Retention of foster parents may be a concern soon as foster parents are reporting a bullying atmosphere. Placement transitions are too short. Recent reports that one After Hours workers did not have enough training to manage the issues. MCFD homes are being utilized more. A few moves recently have seemed not to be in the best interests of the children.</p> <p>Discussion about partnership meetings in the North and how BCFFPA can be more present.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Coastal Region – Monica Buchanan</i> Self-care workshop was cancelled. The Surrey Local is experiencing challenges. The Tricities Local is taking a break for the time being.</p>	<p>ACTION Identify a Prince George partnership meeting that BCFFPA provincial Board member or ED can attend.</p>

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	<p><i>Vancouver Island Region – no delegate (Russell Pohl comments)</i> BCFFPA has been contacted by upper Island foster parents whose home was being closed. Caregiver was concerned about the confidentiality of contacting the regional agency coordinator. Board member attended advocacy meeting and has connected with the CSM in the area. Island participants attended our Support and Advocacy training earlier in the month.</p> <p><i>BC Foster Basics Video Project – Heather Bayes</i> 9 videos are loaded to YouTube. The filming of MCFD provincial office Foster Family Month messages took place last week and will be loaded in time for October 1st. The film crew will attend the Open House event on October 1st for additional footage.</p>	
4. President's Report	<p>No new meetings over the summer. President, Vice and ED will be meeting with MCFD's Executive Director of Service and Director of Practice team this week. We have an hour on the agenda.</p> <p>The office has sent out 80 invitations to the Open House event on October 1st. The invitations were sent to Lower Mainland contacts – foster parents, agency staff, MCFD and partners. Press releases were sent out to BC radio, TV and newspaper contacts.</p> <p>There was a Support and Advocacy training mid-September at the office in order to have some additional support resources for Vancouver Coastal and the Island.</p>	
5. Vice President's Report	<p>The office staff, President and Vice met together to discuss streamlining processes, corporate-minded professionalism, policy and procedure. We need to shore up our policies to include what is expected regarding professionalism.</p>	
6. Treasurer's Report	<p>The Treasurer reviewed the financial statements. There were no noteworthy changes this month.</p>	<p>MOTION to accept the financial statements as presented. M/S/C Marcy/Monica</p>
7. Director's Report	<p>The ED attended the Caregiver Support Network Support Home evening event. This was part of the orientation for the new support homes.</p> <p>Filming of Foster Family Month messages at MCFD provincial office took place last week. Filmed a variety of staff from many departments with some great messages.</p>	

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	<p>Regional partnership conference call was last week. The regional agencies have requested a facilitated group meeting in November.</p> <p>The Foster Family Month and Open House event at the office is well into the planning stages. The conference area downstairs has been rented for the day, catering services have been donated (we are purchasing the groceries for the event) and invitations have been sent.</p> <p>The regional partners have all been invited to contribute to the FosterlineBC newsletter in our Foster Family Month issue. As we are now distributing the newsletter online, we can expand the number of pages.</p>	
8. Ongoing Business	<p><i>AGM 2014</i> Preliminary costing has been done based on projected expenses. The early bird rate will be \$300 and the full cost will be \$350.</p> <p>MCFD has indicated that they will provide funds from each service delivery area (SDA) to support foster parents who want to attend the AGM. The funds will be distributed as bursaries – 2 for each SDA. This opportunity is open to all regardless of BCFFPA membership.</p> <p><i>Support and Advocacy Workshop – Funding</i> As we don't have a budget for S & A workshops and at present we've been asked to halt Rider Insurance workshop delivery pending wording changes by Risk Management, we could reallocate some funding from Rider Insurance training to the Support and Advocacy training.</p>	<p>MOTION to approve the reallocation of \$5000 from the Rider Insurance training budget to Support and Advocacy training. M/S/C Marcy/Monica</p>
9. Next Meeting	Next meeting will be in New Westminster on November 7-8, 2014.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.	