



**Board of Directors
February 23, 2015
Conference Call**

In Attendance

Russell Pohl, President
 Tamara Smith, Vice President
 Rocky Hindmarch, Secretary
 Marcy Perron, Treasurer
 Heather Bayes, Interior Delegate
 Amanda Lindquist, North Delegate
 Monica Buchanan, Coast Fraser Delegate
 Jayne Wilson, Executive Director

Guest

Anne Clayton, MCFD

A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:40 p.m.

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

ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. MCFD Liaison Report	<p>Not a large update this month. BCFFPA has agreed to participate in the guardianship forum. RCY is hosting a similar forum in April. Permanency initiative continues to be MCFD's priority. Learning from last year's experiences.</p> <p>Estimates start in March. Hopes to have news on one-time-only proposals in a few weeks.</p>	
2. Regional Delegate Reports	<p><i>Interior Region – Heather Bayes</i> Highlights of the Macro call: 4 SDAs are experiencing shortages in resource workers. Williams Lake is flying in 9 social workers to fill the gaps. MCFD Liaison responded that the service delivery redesign is intended to address some of this. Mobile response teams will be employed until offices are able to arrange for full time staff.</p> <p>Few new homes are being opened – some questions about the availability of pre-service training. Social activities still taking place. Many foster parents still hesitate to reach out for support.</p> <p>Is there a policy regarding allowances for foster parents who have lost a family member (ie. bereavement)? [Handbook, pg 52 and CSSS]</p> <p>Blue Cross isn't covering enough for the CICs with the dental treatment cost increases. The \$700 limit isn't going as far as it had before. First dental checks with new CICs often result in recommendations for much additional dental work. MCFD Liaison requested details to take to her team.</p> <p>Interior region is fundraising for AGM.</p> <p><i>North Region – Amanda Lindquist/Rocky Hindmarch</i> Axis contacted Amanda for access to more BCFFPA info in the Vanderhoof area. 2 PG Local representatives will supply what they can.</p>	<p>ACTION provide Anne with examples and details of dental coverage issues.</p>

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	<p>A request for changing the partnership meeting frequency was dismissed. Amanda has received the list of Locals and will start networking soon. Carrier Sekani discussing Mockingbird style homes. Lots of excitement regarding the AGM though there is concern regarding the more expensive registration fee.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region – Monica Buchanan/Russell Pohl</i> Delegate was unable to attend meetings. President and ED attended Fraser region meeting with EDS and lead team. Discussed regional issues and partnership. Clarified service and mandate differences between BCFFPA and FVFPA. May be invited back for future partnership meetings.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region</i> There are two possible Island Delegates. Just waiting for confirmation of interest before moving forward.</p>	
3. BC Foster Basics Report	The video series is almost complete. The Ministry is discussing a launch event in conjunction with C/YIC Week in June.	
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of the January 26, 2015 meeting.	MOTION to accept the Minutes of January 26, 2015 meeting as circulated. M/S/C Heather/Marcy
5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda	No changes to the meeting agenda.	
6. President's Report	<p>4 days in Victoria for the FCSS meeting and meetings with MCFD Liaison and Minister. The Provincial Director of Child Welfare attended the Minister meeting. Discussed videos, partnership, foster parent retention and recruitment, foster parent education, and graduation and birthday cards for CICs.</p> <p>FCSS meeting – informative presentations.</p>	
7. Vice President's Report	New admin person has been focusing on membership renewals. Asking lots of clarification questions and will be taking on some additional tasks as of this month. The office is in AGM planning and paperwork season.	
8. Treasurer's Report	Review of the financial statement for fiscal year to end of January 2015 . There were no questions.	MOTION to accept the financial statements as presented. M/S/C Heather/Rocky

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9. Director's Report	Submitted 3 proposals for one-time-only funds from MCFD. Finishing up smaller tasks on to-do list in order to make time for AGM paperwork and planning.	
10. Ongoing Business	<p>A Kelowna foster parent has been told they have to provide household supplies for CIC aging out of care.</p> <p>Some receipts for medical expenses are being denied. Remember to have these expenses preapproved. There is an appeal process in place.</p> <p>Invoices that are not submitted within 2 years are void.</p>	
11. New Business	<p><i>Special Resolutions</i></p> <p>SR 2015-B1 – Resolution to change date of AGM from May to October in order to coincide with Foster Family Month and to provide more time for annual audit completion. (No Discussion)</p> <p>SR 2015-B2 – Resolution to ensure suitability and experience of the candidate for Regional Delegate and to align with practice for those regions without a Regional Board of Directors.</p> <p>(Discussion. Vote whether or not to put SR 2015-B2 forward for membership vote resulted in 5 votes to go forward and 2 votes against.)</p> <p>SR 2015-B3 – Resolution to align Bylaws with common practice.</p> <p>SR 2015-B4 – Resolution to address the provision for removal of a Board member when in conflict with the Code of Ethics or Harassment Policy without the additional expense of legal consultation.</p>	<p>MOTION to approve Special Resolution 2015-B1 for membership vote at AGM 2015. M/S/C Heather/Rocky</p> <p>MOTION to approve Special Resolution 2015-B2 for membership vote at AGM 2015. M/S/C Tamara/Rocky</p> <p>MOTION to approve Special Resolution 2015-B3 for membership vote at AGM 2015. M/S/C Heather/Monica</p> <p>MOTION to approve Special Resolution 2015-B4 for membership vote at AGM 2015. M/S/C Marcy/Heather</p>
9. Next Meeting	Conference call on March 23, 2015.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.	