

 <p>foster parents British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p>Board of Directors June 22, 2015 Conference Call</p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Russell Pohl, President Tamara Smith, Vice President Monica Buchanan, Coast Fraser Heather Bayes, Interior Amanda Lindquist, North Jayne Wilson, Executive Director Ronda Sweeney, BCFFPA Staff</p>	<p><i>Absent</i></p> <p>Rocky Hindmarch, Secretary</p> <p><i>Guest</i></p> <p>Anne Clayton, MCFD</p>
<p>A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:33 p.m. <p style="text-align: right;">*M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)</p> </p>		
ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
<p>1. Ministry Liaison Report</p>	<p>Discussion regarding permanency priority. 20% increase in adoption placements this past year. This year's goal is 327 placements. LEAN process is underway with adoption practices and all policies are being overhauled with an eye to economies of scale. The licenced adoption agencies are being encouraged to use the SAFE homestudy model.</p> <p>The online Adoption Education Program is looking at continuous enrollment. Noted that sending all adoptive foster parents through the AEP is a waste of resources considering skills they already have.</p> <p>90 foster homes have been referred for adoption. Funding is available for foster homestudies.</p> <p>Kudos to BCFFPA on video project and information posted on website for members (minutes of meetings and governance documents).</p>	
<p>2. Regional Delegate Reports</p>	<p><i>Coast Fraser Region – Monica Buchanan</i> Hasn't met with anyone post-AGM though spoke with Abbotsford and Surrey at the AGM. Will be focusing on building more Local Associations.</p> <p><i>North Region – Amanda Lindquist</i> There is a lack of practice consistency in the North. At last month's mapping meeting this was discussed with Tami Currie and Annette Harding. Interesting information was given. The Local is hoping for follow up from that meeting.</p> <p>Summer socials and events are being planned. Attendance is lower than hoped for.</p> <p><i>Interior Region – Heather Bayes</i> Foster parents are busy with end of school wrap up activities. Positive feedback from the caregivers who attended the AGM in Whistler and those who attended the Kelowna mapping project meeting.</p>	

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	<p>Macro Regional Board had their annual meeting at our AGM event.</p> <p>No difficult supports came in this month.</p>	
3. Additions and Changes to the Agenda	At this point in the meeting, we do not have quorum. There are no noted changes to the agenda.	
4. Ongoing Business	<p>Discussion about Camps for Kids bursary distribution and adapting policy to accommodate foster children before birth or adopted children in a foster home.</p> <p>Update by Interior Delegate about project work: Vancouver Foundation calls regarding funds available for a number of years to assist young people with living costs as they attend university through the tuition waiver program.</p> <p>Permanency Forum was completed the week following our AGM. Some interesting and thought provoking discussions.</p> <p>Provincial Protocol committee calls are ongoing. Keeping the policy in-house is going to cause concerns. Will note any questions on the draft when distributed.</p>	
5. Vice President Report	<p>New administrative assistant is now working full time on a one year contract. VP will be in the office in early July to meet with the staff.</p> <p>Vice President has volunteered to assist with research tasks.</p>	
6. Director's Report	<p>All submissions for annual reporting to the government have been sent. Currently completing reporting to MCFD.</p> <p>Next issue of FosterlineBC due to come out in July as we are currently late.</p> <p>BCFFPA staff (Ronda) reports that preliminary costs for Whistler AGM are \$56,000 and still expecting some expenses to be reallocated.</p> <p>Site visit to Sun Peaks confirmed that the resort is not an appropriate location to host BCFFPA's AGM. The town is very quiet with not enough for caregivers to do and, though the venue is sufficient, the rooms were in some state of disrepair.</p>	
7. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of the May 21, 2015 meeting.	<p>MOTION to accept the Minutes of the May 21, 2015 meeting as circulated.</p> <p>*M/S/C Heather/Monica</p>
8. President's Report & CFFA Update	Attended Federation of Community Social Services of BC Annual Summer Meeting in Penticton, June 18–19, 2015.	

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	<p>Discussed BCFFPA's role and connection with FCSS.</p> <p>Will be in Smithers with Vice President to attend a meeting and deliver the Support & Advocacy training to foster parents June 23 – 26, 2015.</p> <p>Put in the request to CFFA to hold the 2017 conference in BC in conjunction with BCFFPA's 50th Anniversary.</p>	
9. Ongoing Business (continued)	<p>Quorum present.</p> <p><i>Camps for Kids:</i> Old policy states one bursary per family. In practice this is awkward for families who can then only afford to send one child and only foster children. Discussion regarding how to adapt the policy.</p> <p>Board pictures and biographies aren't yet loaded on the website. The ED is looking at how to incorporate this with the current website design.</p>	<p>MOTION to change the Camps for Kids policy to allow for one bursary per foster child per family, then if funds allow, a second bursary to each family etc. Foster children are to receive the bursaries before a foster family's birth and adopted children.</p> <p>M/S/C Heather/Amanda</p>
10. New Business	No new business.	
11. Next Meeting	Next meeting via conference call on July 27, 2015.	
	Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm	