

 <p><b>foster parents</b> British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p><b>Board of Directors November 23, 2015 Conference Call</b></p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Russell Pohl, President Heather Bayes, Secretary Lance Bereck, Treasurer Monica Buchanan, Coast Fraser Delegate Chad Hooker, Vancouver Island Delegate Tanya Tagmann, North Delegate Jayne Wilson, Executive Director Ronda Sweeney, Community Network Manager</p>	<p><i>Absent</i> Tamara Smith, Vice President</p> <p><i>Guest</i> Anne Clayton, MCFD</p>
<p>A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:33 p.m. <b>*M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)</b></p>		
ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
<p>1. Ministry Liaison</p>	<p>New Board members introduced themselves to the Liaison.</p> <p>Provincial Protocol process and Caregiver Service Standards coming to consultation and implementation stage. Change from “standards” to “policy”. Hoping to reduce the paperwork and inspire practice of critical thinking.</p> <p>LEAN process of practice for adoption. This process could possibly extend to fostering in the future. They are using a front facing portal for adoption to do as much paperwork as possible up front. Online portal allows applicants to follow along in their process online. Business mapping to take place for fostering suitability.</p> <p>Centralized screening in place. Implementing one SDA at a time. Hope the whole province will be up and running in early 2016. Purpose is largely for child protection and 1<sup>st</sup> assessment of what call is about – then referral. A few challenges at start-up.</p>	
<p>2. Regional Delegate Reports</p>	<p><i>Interior Region– Kevin Daniel</i> The lack of foster homes in smaller towns are resulting in overages.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region– Monica Buchanan</i> The delegate has one support case from Abbotsford regarding documentation. Was unable to attend the partnership meeting. The president reported an additional 21 support cases in the lower mainland.</p> <p><i>North Region– Tanya Tagmann</i> Please change the PG Local contact information on the website. Family and adult Christmas parties are being planned for the foster community. Met with the foster parent support representative for Axis Family Resources. University provided a tuition fee waiver for a youth.</p>	

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	<p>Foster families are feeling much pressure and people with more experience have less placements than families with new foster parents.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region</i> The Island delegate reported that he hopes to focus on building relationships and is excited to be moving forward. There are some tensions in the fostering community in the Comox Valley.</p>	
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of the October 26, 2015 meeting.	<p><b>MOTION</b> to accept the Minutes of the October 26, 2015 meeting as circulated. *M/S/C Heather/Kevin</p>
4. President's Report	<p>No meetings scheduled until the New Year.</p> <p>President and ED travelled to the Island for former liaison's farewell gathering.</p> <p>North delegate requested that another Support and Advocacy training be hosted in Prince George. We will seek funds to provide a training.</p> <p>Reviewed October report of Vancouver Island Partnership meeting that was held in Nanaimo on October 15, 2015.</p> <p>Currently supporting and assisting in 29 support cases; 22 of the cases originate from the Lower Mainland and Interior.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> <i>contact Resource Team Lead in Prince George regarding training.</i></p>
5. Vice President's Report	<p>The ED reviewed the office operations. We are expecting our receptionist to return at the beginning of December. Sheri has taken on several new tasks.</p> <p>Staff Christmas Dinner scheduled for December 3, 2015.</p>	
6. Provincial Committees	<p><i>Youth Futures – Education Fund</i> Low barrier access for students on fee waivers. This fund is for those additional amounts they'd need other assistance for – groceries, rent etc. There is \$250K in the fund. 53 students will be at UVIC on fee waivers in January. Committee continues to actively pursue additional colleges and universities to offer the Youth in Care tuition waivers to aged out youth.</p> <p><i>Education Project</i> The best ways to accomplish our deliverables is being identified. 2 day meeting in October and ongoing phone calls.</p> <p><i>Protocol Revision</i> Reminded Board that the draft of the Caregiver Support Service Policy has been distributed for review. Protocol</p>	

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	process will be embedded in Caregiver Support Policies. Appeals will go through the complaints process.	
7. Treasurer's Report	<p>Our Networking and Communications budget is well over for the annual expectation. We need to keep an eye on this. Moving forward we should identify where the funds are coming from before we approve the expense.</p> <p>The Treasurer met with the Executive Director regarding financial procedures and practices for BCFPPA.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to accept the Treasurer's report and financial statements as presented.</p> <p>*M/S/C Heather/Chad</p>
8. Executive Director's Report	<p><i>Moving With Dignity/Garbage Bag Challenge</i></p> <p>The Minister and President want to support the efforts of Violet-Rose Pharaoh to ensure that all CICs have luggage rather than being moved with plastic bags.</p> <p>Sheri is working with Violet-Rose on this project.</p> <p>We have been in consultation with our contact regarding developing an online database that would have the potential to expand, should BCFPPA ever host an online education platform. An online database would allow members to sign in for limited access to their profiles to update personal information and potentially access additional members only benefits.</p>	
9. Ongoing Business	<p><i>Reminder</i> that the BCFPPA office is closed for the holidays between December 23 and January 3, 2016. There will not be a Board meeting in December.</p>	
10. New Business	<p>The face-to-face Board meeting travel is being booked during seat sales. Please have your travel preferences into the office soon.</p> <p>There will be a team building event at the face-to-face meeting.</p> <p>The North delegate had questions regarding the agenda for February's meeting and would like to discuss affordability of AGM venues.</p>	
11. Next Meeting	Next meeting via conference call on January 25, 2016.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.	