

 <p>foster parents British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p>Board of Directors September 28, 2015 Conference Call</p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i> Russell Pohl, President Tamara Smith, Vice President Lance Bereck, Treasurer Heather Bayes, Interior Delegate Jayne Wilson, Executive Director Ronda Sweeney, Com/Net Manager</p>	<p><i>Absent</i> Monica Buchanan, Coast Fraser Delegate</p> <p><i>Guest</i> Anne Clayton, MCFD</p>
<p>No quorum present. The meeting commenced at 6:33 p.m. *M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)</p>		
ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. Ministry Liaison Report	<p>Half year check point for adoption placement goals. 149 placed so far. Lots of activity at the Ministry regarding the youth in care who recently passed away in Abbotsford. Just over 7,000 CICs at the moment which amounts to less strain and overages.</p> <p>Liaison has a call out to an EDS regarding an early intervention support idea where BCFFPA would be involved earlier to avoid the prolonged and complex advocacy cases.</p> <p>The President asked whether the '4 in, 4 out' program for immigrants is affecting CIC numbers.</p>	
2. Regional Delegate Reports	<p><i>Interior Region – Heather Bayes</i> The MCFD staffing in Williams Lake is low and the team are splitting their duties. No new protocols to report on. The Shuswap area has been meeting since the summer. The usual foster parents are showing up. There is a new representative in Kelowna.</p> <p><i>North Region – contributed by Lance Bereck</i> The Smithers Local has been created and relationships are developing. There was a recent training and they are hoping for more. It was a good refresher. There have been some recent challenges with one Ministry worker but meetings were held and a resolution has been reached. 2 Community Support Network homes were closed but the decision was reevaluated for one home.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region – no report available</i></p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region – no report available</i></p>	
3. President's Report	<p><i>Rider Insurance Workshops</i> The President and Community Network Manager travelled up Island for the Rider Insurance workshops recently. It was very well received. Port Hardy would like to receive more training from BCFFPA.</p>	

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	<p><i>CFFA Conference</i> The CFFA conference was well worth attending. There is some discussion about starting a new agency to represent the Canadian provincial agencies. The NWT delegate was elected as Secretary. Attendees were excited to hear about BCFFPA hosting the 2017 CFFA conference in Whistler. CFFA requested a donation for fundraising for 2017.</p> <p><i>General</i> Discussed BCFFPA's role in supporting and advocating for foster families rather than just foster parents.</p> <p>Discussion about the recently vacated Secretary position.</p>	
4. Vice President's Report	Our receptionist continues to be away on medical EI. The staff are interviewing for the contract position. The VP addressed the need for the Board to be involved in AGM production next year.	
5. Treasurer's Report	The Treasurer provided a general summary of the financial statements. Unable to approve financial statements due to lack of quorum.	
6. Ongoing Business	<p><i>Early Bird Draw Prize</i> Proposal that the early bird draw prize be a registration and 2 nights accommodation at AGM 2016.</p> <p><i>2017 AGM/CFFA Conference</i> The contract with the Fairmont for 2017 will be completed soon.</p> <p><i>Protocol Committee</i> There will be a summary sheet provided to foster parents for the revised provincial protocol process. The policies will not be in a stand-alone document.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Foundations Funds</i> Funds to assist former YIC while attending school. Small amounts which are not sustaining youth for attendance at school. More geared toward emergency funds. Intent is to grow the funds, not to spend them.</p> <p><i>Portfolios</i> Need to confirm who is holding which project portfolios on the Board.</p> <p>Need to confirm who is holding which project portfolios on the Board.</p>	

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	<i>Bylaws</i> Discussion around how to apply provincial Constitution and Bylaws document to Local Association operations. The Interior Delegate addressed this question.	
4. Next Meeting	Next meeting by conference call on October 26, 2015.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm	