

 <p>foster parents British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p>Board of Directors January 25, 2016 Conference Call</p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Russell Pohl, President Lance Bereck, Treasurer Monica Buchanan, Coast Fraser Delegate Walter Aguilar, Coast Fraser Delegate Chad Hooker, Vancouver Island Delegate Kevin Daniel, Interior Delegate Tanya Tagmann, North Delegate Jayne Wilson, Executive Director Ronda Sweeney, Community Network Manager</p>	<p><i>Absent</i></p> <p>Tamara Smith, Vice President Heather Bayes, Secretary</p> <p><i>Guest</i></p> <p>Anne Clayton, MCFD</p>
<p>A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:31 p.m. *M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)</p>		
ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. Introduction	ED welcomes the new Coast Fraser Delegate.	
2. Ministry Liaison	<p>MCFD will be providing BCFFPA with \$13, 000 to assist foster parents to attend the 2016 AGM in Nanaimo. With the AGM being moved to October fits in well with Foster Family Month.</p> <p>Building toward Foster Family Month, beginning with Family Day, MCFD requested a foster parent contact to share their story for Family Day, February 8, 2016. The intention is to have media recognize that family is created in many different ways.</p> <p>Planning continues for BC Child and Youth in Care week, June 4 -12, 2016.</p> <p>The Guardianship Form will be held in June. Dates to be announced. Hope to see foster parents attending again this year. Focus continues to be the importance of permanency.</p> <p>Working on the adoption management portal. Planning for the future to clone the system for fostering. This would give access to all potential foster parents to track their progress in the process.</p> <p>Registered Disability Savings Plans: Not just for children with extreme needs. Foster parents should arrange for the children’s doctors to fill out the package. It can provide a bit of a nest egg for the future.</p>	
3. Regional Delegate Reports	<p><i>Interior Region– Kevin Daniel</i></p> <p>Teresa Dobmaier is the new Executive Director of Service for Thompson/Cariboo/Shuswap area.</p> <p>Met with the Interior Regional Board. They meet every 2nd Monday of each month.</p>	

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	<p>Attended the partnership meeting. Foster parents voicing concerns about the cost to attend the 2016 BCFFPA AGM in Nanaimo. It was noted that the 53 hours training was poorly attended.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region East – Monica Buchanan</i> Had been assisting in 2 support cases. One is ongoing and one has been resolved.</p> <p>Attended the Partnership Meeting on January 21, 2016. Majority of the discussion was around youth transitioning out of care. Those in attendance felt the conversation needs to be continued. They felt they were not well informed on the MCFD’s activities regarding Residential Redesign.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region West – Walter Aguilar</i> Mr. Aguilar introduced himself to Board informing them of his background. He has not had the opportunity to be active as of yet. Requested an overview of his role, responsibility and duties. Would like to meet with Ms. Buchanan to be updated of the Coast Fraser region.</p> <p><i>North Region– Tanya Tagmann</i> The BCFFPA Local has held two meetings to date. Attendance is increasing, 65 people were in attendance for the Christmas event.</p> <p>The Partnership meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2016.</p> <p>Assisted in one support case.</p> <p>City of Prince George intends to send a letter on behalf of the town council to MCFD in Prince George encouraging them to increase funding for children in care.</p> <p>Ms. Tagmann expressed the importance of utilizing specialist within the community. Unfortunately, Prince George is losing two specialists and it will be a great loss to the community.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region- Chad Hooker</i> Continue to focus on relationship building between the social workers and foster parents. It is encouraging to see the increased communications and connections on the north side of the Island.</p>	<p>ACTION: Executive Director to forward Mr. Aguilar an email informing him of his responsibilities and duties as a board member.</p>
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of November 23, 2015 meeting.	<p>MOTION to accept the Minutes of the November 23, 2015 meeting as circulated. *M/S/C Kevin/Monica</p>
5. President’s Report	No meetings to attend.	

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	<p>Currently supporting and assisting 49 support cases. Support cases have increase significantly in the Abbotsford and Chilliwack areas.</p> <p>Board members are asked to take a larger part in the Annual General Meeting. Possible roles that each Board member can take on will be discussed further at the Board Face to Face meetings in February.</p> <p>Board members were encouraged to think about what portfolios they would like to take on and bring ideas to the Face to Face meeting. Portfolios will be assigned to each Board member in February.</p> <p>The President would like the Board to consider having an area on the BCFFPA website where monthly a social worker is highlighted. Much of what we hear on a regular basis is negative, but social workers work hard to ensure the children in care are properly cared for therefore we would encourage the positive stories and show our appreciation for all they do.</p>	<p>ACTION: Ronda to create a list of duties board members can be assigned to for 2016 AGM</p> <p>ACTION: Executive Director to bring a list of portfolios to Board Face to Face meeting in February.</p>
6. Vice President's Report	<p>The Community Network Manager reviewed the office operations. Receptionist busy with 2015 year end archiving and membership renewal. Calls for support have increased in the last month.</p> <p>Sheri participating in Stand Together and BC Child and Youth in Care Week committees. Continues to work on the luggage "Moving with Dignity" program. Has been in contact with all Locals, touching base to see how things are and make sure they contact the Provincial office with anything they may need assistance on. Paperwork for 2015/2016 financial reporting has been distributed.</p>	
7. Treasurer's Report	<p>Financial reports for November and December look as expected. A few areas of the budget have been overspent. Provincial office continues to be mindful of the budget and frugal with the office spending.</p>	<p>MOTION to accept the Treasurer's report and financial statements as presented.</p> <p>*M/S/C Chad/Kevin</p>
8. Executive Director's Report	<p>Nominations for Honorary Awards are due by January 31, 2016. Currently have received one nomination.</p> <p>MCFD have confirmed that they will provide BCFFPA with funds to help foster parents attend the 2016 AGM. Process will be the same as last year with 2 bursaries per Service Delivery area.</p> <p>Regional Delegate reports for the next issue of Fosterline to be submitted to by February 12, 2016.</p>	

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	<p>Marcy Perron will be sitting in for Heather Bayes on the committees she participates on while she is away.</p>	
<p>9. Ongoing Business</p>	<p>Board members were asked if they would please assist the office staff in contacting Local presidents in regard to submitting their annual financials. It is also a good opportunity to build those relationships within the community.</p> <p>A brief overview of upcoming Face to Face meetings was given. All Board members will receive details and confirmation of their travel arrangements by February 5, 2016.</p>	
<p>10. Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting Face to Face on February 18 & 19, 2016.</p>	
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.</p>	