



**Board of Directors
April 25, 2016
Conference Call**

In Attendance

Russell Pohl, President
Lance Bereck, Treasurer
Victor Elkins, 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

Absent

Tamara Smith, Vice President
Monica Buchanan, Secretary
Walter Aguilar, Coast Fraser Delegate
Anne Clayton, MCFD

The meeting commenced at 6:35 p.m.

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

ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. Ministry Liaison	Liaison not present.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	The Northern Delegated noted that under her report in March the BBQ and paddle boat rental event was a summer event not for Youth In Care Week.	MOTION to accept the Minutes of the March 21, 2016 meeting as amended. *M/S/C Kevin/Chad
3. President's Report	<p>The President met unofficially with Cory Heavener and Anne Clayton from the MCFD. Changes in foster parent Care Home Agreement and Rider Insurance funds were reviewed. A conference call with MCFD leads and BCFFPA Executive Director has been scheduled for April 29, 2016 to further discuss the changes to the Agreement that are problematic.</p> <p>Attended the Adoption Announcement in Vancouver on April 21, 2016. There were 644 adoptions finalized in the last two years. This is 44 above the targeted number of 600, 42% of those who adopted were foster parents.</p> <p>Island Partnership Meeting was held on April 14, 2016 in Nanaimo. BCFFPA was mentioned several times during the meeting. Feedback of committee members after the meeting was positive and encouraging. BCFFPA is starting to gain a larger presence on the island.</p> <p>Currently supporting and assisting in 66 support cases.</p> <p>President would like to see increasing communications with Ministry workers regarding Support & Advocacy.</p> <p>President and Vice President will be attending the Washington Foster Parent conference May 13 – 15, 2016.</p>	ACTION: Executive Director to email requesting BCFFPA is invited to the Resource Practice call.
4. Vice President's Report	Executive Director reported on behalf of Vice President.	

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	All staff have submitted self evaluation forms. Annual performance reviews are scheduled for May 4, 2016.	
5. Treasurer's Report	Treasurer has reviewed the financial reports for March. The 2015-2016 fiscal year end has been completed. Reports reflect a potential deficit of \$1300. Treasurer requested a meeting to review approval process.	<p>MOTION to accept the Treasurer's report. *M/S/C Lance/Tanya</p>
6. Executive Director's Report	<p>Caregiver Training Program The committee has reviewed all training programs. The recommendation is to contract with the PRIDE foster parent training program. The PRIDE program been successful in other provinces with both comprehensive training and addressing some of the systemic issues. It is a pre-packaged program that can be delivered online and in-person. PRIDE will be adapted with BC content.</p> <p>Resource Social Worker Training The Resource Social Worker training that was developed and not implemented requires revision. The committee is recommending that the Justice Institute of BC is engaged to revise the training.</p> <p>Executive Director attended the National Executive Director's meeting in Ottawa April 13 – 15, 2016.</p>	<p>MOTION to purchase and proceed with the PRIDE foster parent training program. *M/S/C Chad/Kevin</p> <p>MOTION to engage the Justice Institute of BC to update the Resource Social Worker Training. *M/S/C Kevin/Chad</p>
7. Ongoing Business	<p>Community Network Manager requested that regional delegates encourage their active Local Associations to support their executive members with existing Local funds to attend the AGM. This will allow the AGM bursaries to be assessable by a broader range of foster parents.</p> <p>The office has received the news that some of the Interior region foster parents are upset about the choice of region for the AGM in 2016 and 2017.</p> <p>Northern delegate mentioned that MCFD Liaison noted on our last conference call if board members had any ideas to submit them to her. The Northern Delegate proposed that a survey be emailed to all foster parents in BC. This would give the MCFD some feedback on what the foster parents are experiencing and feeling about the job they are doing. Executive Director said she would contact the Delegate to discuss further. Coast Fraser Delegate, Victor Elkins mentioned that he could assist in the process.</p> <p>Treasurer noted that he is quite busy and would like assistance with the grant processes. With more input from others it would help get the grant applications processed in a timely manner. Community Network Manger stated she would help the Treasurer in completing grants.</p>	<p>ACTION: Executive Director to contact Northern Delegate to discuss a survey for foster caregivers.</p>

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	<p>Starting preparations for the AGM in Nanaimo. We have secured "The Village" as a one day workshop for September 30, 2016.</p>	
<p>8. Regional Delegate Reports</p>	<p><i>Interior Region– Kevin Daniel</i> Foster parents have concerns in regarding the changes in the Family Care Home Agreements. Discussions are being held on what to do about changes.</p> <p>Kamloops Local held their Annual General Meeting on April 26, 2016. BCFFPA's President attended.</p> <p>Kelowna has a new Community Service Manager.</p> <p>Fundraising continues within different regions of the Interior to help foster parents attend the 2016 BCFFPA AGM in Nanaimo.</p> <p><i>North Region– Tanya Tagmann</i> MCFD currently are working through multiple home studies.</p> <p>There has been some dialogue with AXIS about co sharing the summer event.</p> <p>Local will be losing 2 board members in the fall. The Provincial President is invited to join the local's conference call on May 26, 2016.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region– Victor Elkins</i> Mr. Elkins introduced himself to the Board. He noted that he is very involved in the community and social justice sectors. He is the President of the hospital union. Works closely with First Call. Looks forward to working with the board.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region- Chad Hooker</i> The Delegate attended the Island partnership meeting on April 14, 2016. Feels as though BCFFPA is making some progress.</p> <p>Attended Campbell River Partnership meeting. Campbell River has a very positive fostering community. MCFD has formed good relationships with the foster parents in their region.</p> <p>There continues to be questions regarding empty homes versus homes that are in overage.</p> <p>Delegate continues to receive calls from foster parents and is active in the community making contacts. Has received a few calls for support.</p>	

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	<p>Courtenay foster parents and MCFD partnership meeting went well on March 9, 2016. Meet and Greet was cancelled due to weather. Hope to reschedule in the near future.</p> <p>Still to connect with the Port Hardy MCFD contact.</p>	
9. Next Meeting	Next meeting Conference Call on May 30, 2016 at 6:30 pm.	
	Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.	