



**Board of Directors  
May 30, 2016  
Conference Call**

*In Attendance*

Russell Pohl, President  
 Tamara Smith, Vice President  
 Monica Buchanan, Secretary  
 Walter Aguilar, Coast Fraser Delegate  
 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*

Lance Bereck, Treasurer

*Guest*

Anne Clayton, MCFD  
 Connie Epp, MCFD

The meeting commenced at 6:32 p.m.

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

ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
<p>1. Ministry Liaison</p>	<p>Liaison introduced Connie Epp. Connie will be taking the position of MCFD liaison for BCFPPA once Dr. Clayton retires in January 2017.</p> <p>Liaison attended an Aboriginal Children and Families Ideas Forum involving Federal government and MCFD in Vancouver on May 30 &amp; 31, 2016. Main focus of discussion is how the indigenous communities can be better served.</p> <p>The Permanency training pilot for staff has been completed. The goal is to have foster parents and guardianship workers take the 1<sup>st</sup> module of training together. Additional modules were added to focus on trauma, attachment and special needs. There is also a module on how to complete care plans. MCFD is pleased with how the training is coming together.</p> <p>The online adoption management system is up and running. All adoption processes have been centralized and applications to adopt are now made online. This is to better track stats and free up social workers in the beginning stages of adoption. Currently, tracking of foster parent contracts and statistics is challenging. In the future, cloning the adoption management systems for fostering will improve tracking and result in more suitable placements.</p> <p>June 5 – 11, 2016 is Youth In Care Week. MCFD and foster parents are celebrating youth in different events around BC.</p> <p>The Guardianship Forum is scheduled for September 28 – 29, 2016 in Richmond, which leads nicely into October’s Foster Family Month and November Adoption Month.</p>	
<p>2. Regional Delegate Reports</p>	<p><i>Interior Region– Kevin Daniel</i>          Kamloops local held their Annual General Meeting on April 26, 2016. The Board was disappointed with the attendance.</p>	

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	<p>10 foster parents attend. Special guest was BCFFPA President.</p> <p>The regional Board is currently speaking with contacts in the West Kootenay areas to find out how the caregiver support network system is doing.</p> <p>Interior continues to fundraise to help foster parents attend the 2016 BCFFPA AGM in Nanaimo.</p> <p><i>North Region– Tanya Tagmann</i> Prince George Local is hosting a Youth in Care week event on June 11, 2016.</p> <p>BCFFPA Provincial President attended the Prince George Local’s monthly conference call.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region– Walter Aguilar</i> Delegate attended the foster parent support meeting hosted by Hollyburn Family Services at Douglas College.</p> <p>Spoke with Michelle Collins from the Coquitlam MCFD office. She updated delegate on upcoming training offered to foster parents. Safe Babies training was held May 13 – 17, 2016 in Coquitlam. 13 foster parents completed and were certified in Safe Babies training. Foster parent Aboriginal training is scheduled for September 2016. Information sessions are ongoing. For more information on upcoming trainings foster parents are to contact the MCFD Coquitlam office.</p> <p>Foster parents have expressed concerns about the difficulty of securing resources and services such as therapy for the children in their care.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region– Victor Elkins</i> Delegate requested a list of Coast Fraser members in order to contact them to introduce myself.</p> <p>Foster parents have expressed concerns with the new After Hours reporting procedures.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region– Tamara Smith – Vice President</i> Caregivers have concerns about the new After Hours reporting. With the implementations of new procedures, caregivers are put at risk for liability. After Hours staff are not tracking calls. Caregivers are being told not to call about “missing” children or youth until Monday morning (following new policy of 48 hours). This causes a lot of stress to an already strained caregiver and puts them in an untenable position.</p>	<p><b>ACTION:</b> Staff to send BCFFPA membership details to Coast Fraser Delegates.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> MCFD liaison will review the process.</p>

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	<p>Caregivers in Courtenay/Comox , Vancouver Coastal, and Fraser areas are reporting same experience. Concerned foster parents are speaking out that the government, as legal guardian, is not practising due diligence regarding whereabouts of the children and youth in care.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region- Chad Hooker</i> Great relationships continue to be built between foster parents and MCFD on the North Island.</p> <p>Foster parents have expressed interest in forming a BCFFPA local in Courtenay/Comox and Campbell River regions. A meeting is scheduled the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June to discuss further.</p> <p>MCFD in Courtenay scheduled a meeting on May 31, 2016 with group home foster parents. Foster parents are expressing concerns about this last minute meeting.</p>	
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of April 25, 2016 meeting.	<p><b>MOTION</b> to accept the Minutes of the April 25, 2016 meeting as circulated. *M/S/C Monica/Tanya</p>
4. Additions and Changes to the Agenda	<p>The following topics were added to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Washington State Foster Parent Conference</li> <li>• Outcome of RFP Response for Aboriginal FP Education and Support</li> </ul>	
5. President's Report	<p>President attended the CFFA Board meeting in James River May 17 – 20, 2016.</p> <p>President and Vice President attended the Foster Parent Association of Washington State (FPAWS) AGM on May 13 – 15, 2016. Washington foster parents are not unionized though their representative association has a union affiliation. Legislation has been enacted that ensures FPAWS is consulted before changes are made regarding fostering guidelines. Foster parents feel they are slowly making positive strides. Washington foster parents consider themselves volunteers and are happy with that status.</p> <p>Workshop presenters at the event referenced YouTube videos originating from Canadian trainings. Washington recently hosted 10 caregivers from Prince George to review the Mockingbird Model homes. Prince George was to host the Washington caregivers.</p> <p>President has discussed a BC union in his travels. Some foster parents are more concerned about the AGM location.</p>	

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6. Vice President's Report	<p>Executive Director reported on behalf of Vice President.</p> <p>Sheri resigned from her contract position. The position has been posted for new applicants.</p> <p>Krissy has accepted the role of Support Coordinator. She will be splitting her time between Support Coordinator and Reception. Whoever we hire for the contract position will do reception backfill.</p>	
7. Treasurer's Report	<p>Executive Director reported on behalf of Treasurer. Net insurance funds available for admin and programs has increased due to reduction in Rider Insurance premium.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to accept the 2016/2017 budget as presented. *M/S/C Kevin/Chad</p>
8. Executive Director's Report	<p><i>Family Care Home Agreement Changes</i> Executive Director and President met with MCFD to discuss changes in the caregiver contract. Executive Director submitted the requested changes. Waiting to hear outcome.</p> <p><i>Annual Honorary Awards</i> As discussed two new titles have been proposed for the Annual Honorary Awards. Changes in title will be put forward as Special Resolutions for membership vote.</p> <p>"President's Tribute Award" is the proposed rewording of the Honorary Lifetime Award. "Foster Community Ally Award" is the proposed rewording of the Honorary Associate Member Award.</p> <p><i>AGM Support from Megson FitzPatrick Insurance</i> Megson FitzPatrick has generously agreed to support BCFFPA 2016 AGM with \$5000.</p>	<p><b>ACTION:</b> Summarize the letter from BCFFPA's lawyer regarding changes to the Family Care Home Agreement – forward to Board members.</p>
9. Ongoing Business	<p><i>Resource Social Worker Training</i> The Resource Social Worker training is being developed by the Justice Institute of BC. Currently looking at the existing platform. Updated training will require social workers to complete 40 hours non-facilitated training. BCFFPA's role is to oversee in the development of the curriculum. MCFD will take over once in pilot stage.</p> <p><i>Caregiver Training Program</i> BCFFPA has signed the contract for the PRIDE training program. Currently waiting for the signed contract to be returned. First draft of the Aboriginal content to be presented the first week of June. Have heard reports that social workers are impressed and happy with what they are seeing from the development of PRIDE in BC. There will be a pilot training in September with a role out in October.</p>	

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	<p><i>BCFFPA Website Rebuild</i>            BCFFPA website is being redesigned. Updates to include online database, new membership renewal process, tracking of foster parent training and support and advocacy.</p> <p><i>AGM Workshops</i>            Coast Fraser Delegate offered to present a half day workshop regarding unions at the AGM conference day.</p>	
10. Next Meeting	Next meeting Conference Call on June 27, 2016 at 6:30 pm.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.	