

 <p>foster parents British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p>Board of Directors November 28, 2016 Conference Call</p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Marcy Perron, President Tamara Smith, Vice President Lance Bereck, Treasurer Walter Aguilar, Coast Fraser Delegate Kevin Daniel, Interior Delegate Tanya Tagmann, North Delegate Jayne Wilson, Executive Director Ronda Sweeney, Community Network Manager Russell Pohl, Solutions Facilitator</p>	<p><i>Absent</i></p> <p>Chad Hooker, Secretary Tanya Hooker, Vancouver Island Delegate</p> <p><i>Guest</i></p> <p>Connie Epp, MCFD</p>
<p>A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:32 p.m. <p style="text-align: right;">*M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)</p></p>		
ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
<p>1. Ministry Liaison</p>	<p>Anne Clayton retires this month.</p> <p>Chief Ed John’s review report has been released. Board members noted that BCFFPA wasn’t included in the consultation group.</p>	<p>ACTION link to the report on our website.</p>
<p>2. Regional Delegate Reports</p>	<p><i>Interior Region– Kevin Daniel</i> The regional call was 2 weeks ago. Discussion regarding Foster Family Month. All areas had different activities. There are increases in anxiety assessments for CICs. AGM 2017 discussions about fundraising continue. Questions about the union process and next steps. The delegate told the regional board members that this was still early days.</p> <p><i>North Region– Tanya Tagmann</i> The delegate participated in the PRIDE pilot which took some time to complete. One person attended the Local meeting. AXIS hosted a training session. Good conversation regarding online training and the value of in-person training. Spoke at the Foster Family Month lunch.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region– Walter Aguilar & Victor Elkins</i> Tricities Local hasn’t met recently. Finding it difficult to engage the foster parents. Mission foster parents are enthusiastic about a Christmas Carnival being planned by MCFD in the region. More questions about union piece – again responded that it’s early days. All want to know what the next steps are.</p> <p>Looking for meaningful ways to support foster parents through the isolation of caring for special needs kids.</p> <p>A letter is being created introducing both delegates. Goal is to engage foster parents in the region.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region- Chad Hooker</i> No report available.</p>	

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3. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of October 24, 2016.	MOTION to accept the October 24, 2016 Minutes as distributed. M/S/C Tanya/Walter
4. Agenda	No changes. Question about adding a meeting with foster parent association to February meeting	ACTION contact North Delegate to discuss addition to February agenda.
5. President's Report	<p>The survey regarding health insurance for foster parents is underway. If we can create a workable program in BC it could be extended across the country. The larger the group, the cheaper the coverage.</p> <p><i>Meetings Attended:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Russell, Ronda, Jayne and I attended the recruitment campaign celebration in Victoria. - Assistant Deputy Minister in charge of the Residential Design project (Tami Currie), Provincial Director of Child Welfare (Cory Heavener), and an aid from the Deputy Minister's Office presented the Ministry's multi-year plan that focuses heavily on quality assurance in a number of service streams. - Executive Director and Director of Strategic Priorities (Linda Bradford and Mark Fassina), to discuss the training projects and for a "get to know you" chat. - Manager and Director of Guardianship (Connie Epp and Brenda Lewis) to discuss our current activities. - Online adoption announcement in Kelowna. 	ACTION distribute the survey to MCFD as well to gather kith and kin (out of care) feedback.
6. Vice President's Report	<p>Our part time contract for donation gathering ended in October. Social media continues to be monitored for any feedback from the recruitment campaign and updates to the website are taking place as necessary.</p> <p>Ronda is already working on the details of AGM 2017.</p> <p>Discussion regarding revising the Foster Parent Rights document and distributing information for feedback. Perhaps email to members? The Treasurer's local MP is very supportive of foster parents. Design questions to send to members.</p> <p>Union committee: Vice President, Coast Fraser Delegate (VE), Treasurer, North Delegate, Community Network Manager</p>	<p>ACTION design questions regarding changes to FP Rights document to send to members.</p> <p>ACTION design questions for application to be part of 6-person union committee.</p>

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7. Treasurer's Report	<p>The financial statement was reviewed and highlights were mentioned.</p> <p>Discussion regarding growing the membership and Locals. Treasurer would like to have regular meetings between the Locals via conference call with a regular facilitator from the provincial Board. Discussion regarding creating regional Boards in other areas.</p>	<p>MOTION to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. M/S/C Lance/Tamara</p> <p>ACTION add arranging Local conference calls to February face to face agenda.</p>
8. Executive Director's Report	<p>Executive Director provided information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training development projects - A community member came forward to request a new Board seat be added to represent the Aboriginal community - Solutions Facilitator will attend the face-to-face meeting in February - Christmas office closure between Dec. 22-Jan. 2 - Fund development contract until the end of this fiscal year - Online Satisfaction survey link distributed to partners for further distribution to all community foster parents 	
9. Ongoing Business	<p><i>AGM 2017</i> Proposed speakers list is being compiled and meeting will be set to discuss and decide. Fundraising for AGM 2017 was discussed. A site visit will take place this week. Hoping to adjust the block numbers as our initial estimates were likely optimistic (based on actual attendance at CFFA AGM 2016).</p> <p>PRIDE Pilot is currently in process. Over 60 have registered.</p> <p>EDS in North East region has ideas for more workshops and locations to follow from the Smithers visit and presentation.</p> <p>Solutions Facilitator would like the Board to consider an extension of our mandate and reflect that in change of language from "foster parents" to "foster families". Feels that as advocates for the children in foster care, when we represent a foster parent we organically are representing the children in care as well. Any change would require a vote of all members to change the mandate.</p> <p>Membership database still being constructed.</p>	<p>ACTION bring forward to February meeting.</p> <p>ACTION check on status of member database.</p>
10. New Business	<p>Discussion regarding linking all Local Facebook pages to BCFFPA's.</p>	<p>ACTION Treasurer could connect with S. Beyer about this.</p>
11. Next Meeting	<p>Next meeting Conference Call on January 23, 2017.</p>	
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.</p>	