

 <p>foster parents British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p>Board of Directors April 24, 2017 Conference Call</p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Marcy Perron, President Russell Pohl, Vice President Lance Bereck, Treasurer Chad Hooker, Secretary Tanya Hooker, Vancouver Island Delegate Victor Elkins, Coast Fraser 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>Walter Aguilar, Coast Fraser Delegate</p>
<p>A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:35 p.m. *M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)</p>		
ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
<p>1. Ministry Liaison</p>	<p>First official cohort underway with PRIDE Preservice. Resource worker training content development is mostly complete. The project team is working on alternative delivery approaches for those who won't have connection to the internet.</p> <p>Strategic Priorities will focus on Grand Chief Ed John's report over the next year – Aboriginal children in care and permanency options. Existing priorities will still carry on.</p> <p>Child and Youth in Care Week is coming up in June. Award nominations are now closed. Graduates in the month of June will receive cards from Provincial Director of Child Welfare.</p> <p>Will touch base with Strategic Priorities about BCFFPA joining the table to discuss foster parent rates.</p> <p>Russell addressed the issue that recruitment and awareness posters are not displayed in MCFD offices and made note of the expense of the campaign and the investment by foster parents. Seems disrespectful. Connie said more materials coming to us and another blitz is being planned. Campaign is moving to Connie's office from Strategic Priorities.</p> <p>Tanya acknowledged the announcement about teaching youth to drive.</p>	<p>ACTION Contact Strategic Priorities for PRIDE in-service access for V. Elkins.</p>
<p>2. Regional Delegate Reports</p>	<p><i>North Delegate – Tanya Tagmann</i></p> <p>Compliments on the recent FosterlineBC magazine.</p> <p>Delegate is going to Vanderhoof to present at PSO. Did a presentation in Prince George. Is delivering BCFFPA posters and has reported that there are no recruitment posters in MCFD offices.</p>	

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	<p>Working on PRIDE in-service subcommittee and attending Adoption education.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region – Victor Elkins</i> Very busy pre-election period. Impact of poverty on CICs discussed with potential MLAs. Trying to do more foster parent recruitment and promotion. Negative media coverage has a real impact on recruitment.</p> <p>HEU sponsored Aboriginal youth to do care aid program. Looking at ways to connect more youth with what assistance is available.</p> <p><i>Interior Region– Kevin Daniel</i> Foster parents are reporting not feeling supported. MCFD is citing 20-year old situations during Quality of Care Investigations.</p> <p>Kamloops FPA had AGM in April and has new people in positions. Russell joined the Regional Board meeting call.</p> <p>Many children coming into short term care due to domestic violence. It is causing challenges with beds available.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region – Tanya Hooker</i> FPSSS conference on the Island last week. Many new and renewed members for BCFFPA plus interest in the AGM. Russell will be delivering 6 workshops on the Island in May.</p> <p>Overages in Campbell River and Port Hardy. Not enough homes available. Partnership meetings are going well and there is a lot of progress on the Island with trust being built.</p>	
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of March 27, 2017.	<p>MOTION to accept the Minutes of March 27, 2017 meeting as distributed. M/S/C Kevin/Russell</p>
4. Agenda	No changes to the agenda.	
5. President’s Report	<p>No meetings this month. VP’s presentations in the region went well and good feedback was received.</p> <p>Conference call regarding progress on foster parent insurance. Presentation in May.</p>	
6. Vice President’s Report	<p>Kelowna, Oliver, Vernon presentations this week. Is stressing the need for regional representation for BCFFPA.</p> <p>Workshops on the Island in May. Opportunity to build more relationships.</p>	

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	<p>North delegate is doing an amazing amount of work in the North region. Smithers calls are coming in again requesting assistance since the return of the former Team Lead. Seeking MCFD support for another trip to Smithers.</p> <p>2 new reception staff beginning May 1.</p>	
7. Treasurer's Report	Budget for 2017 was reviewed. Appreciates the explanatory comment fields added. (Continue in the future.) Discussion regarding projected surplus this year.	<p>MOTION to accept the proposed Operations Budget for 2017-2018 as presented. M/S/C Lance/Marcy</p> <p>MOTION to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. M/S/C Lance/Kevin</p>
8. Executive Director's Report	ED provided an update on Trainings project timelines.	
9. Ongoing Business	<p><i>Foster Parent Rights</i> All the feedback from our request for additions or changes has been analysed. There weren't any suggested additions that weren't covered elsewhere. Suggestion to send to lawyer who was willing to assist with foster parent issues once draft of new version is done.</p> <p><i>Union Committee</i> Formed the working group and will be meeting soon to discuss the task list and deadlines. ED will be present for initial call and then will be main point of contact.</p> <p><i>Technology Committee</i> Touched base with branch presidents.</p> <p><i>Annual General Meeting Committee</i> Moving full steam ahead. Donations continue to come in. Awareness of the value of the registration fee is growing. Room block is over 70% full.</p> <p>CFFA requests for the AGM have mostly been met. Some were unable to delivered due to cost (eg. rental of a room for duration of event for the silent auction would have cost us approximately \$3,000).</p>	<p>ACTION Send draft of new version to T. Hudson when ready.</p> <p>ACTION Reach out to IFCO to seek information about an advert in their magazine about the 50th anniversary.</p>
10. New Business	<p><i>Victoria Foundation</i> VP was asked to join the Lex Reynolds Adoption and Permanency Committee.</p> <p>VP has joined another Board with a national focus on solutions for foster and adoption issues.</p>	

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	<p>North delegate asked about the possibility of another face to face meeting this year. President stated that we would host 2 face to face meetings in 2018 but this year's budget must be conserved for the AGM.</p> <p>North delegate concerned that we haven't been invited to the discussions regarding changes in maintenance rates. Suggested that, as UBC and SFU both have economics departments, we should engage an economist to come up with real cost of maintenance.</p>	<p>ACTION North delegate will look into securing an economist to assess the real cost of maintenance.</p>
11. Next Meeting	Next meeting on May 29 th , 2017 by conference call.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.	