

 <p><b>foster parents</b> British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p><b>Board of Directors January 23, 2017 Conference Call</b></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>A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:38 p.m.  <b>*M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)</b></p>		
ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. Ministry Liaison	No liaison report this month.	
2. Regional Delegate Reports	<p><i>Interior Region– Kevin Daniel</i>          All Christmas events were well attended.</p> <p>Foster parent of a youth in care who passed away is being well supported.</p> <p>Some Board resignations from the Kamloops Local Foster Parent Association. Young people addicted to meth are having babies. There have been 6 critical babies born in Vernon and there aren't enough homes. Hospitals are short staffed and are relying on the caregivers, youth workers and MCFD. Foster parents are expected to be with the babies in hospital at all times (24/7). Concern regarding other responsibilities for foster parents and relief costs.</p> <p>Coast Fraser Delegate noted standard practice at Childrens Hospital that caregivers be in attendance 24/7.</p> <p>1 youth in Williams Lake won a contest to see a game in Montreal. Will attend with foster parent.</p> <p><i>North Region– Tanya Tagmann</i>          Like the Interior region there are many babies. Prince George has a program similar to Safe Babies.</p> <p>Delegate has begun the online adoption training.</p> <p>Partnership meetings will be beginning again. Had not been well attended and not held in recent months. The Local is struggling and meetings are not well attended.</p> <p>Delegate will be speaking at the next pre-service training.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> Enquire with MCFD regarding requirement of foster parents to be present at the hospital 24/7</p>

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	<p><i>Coast Fraser Region– Walter Aguilar &amp; Victor Elkins</i> Coquitlam monthly meetings continue. Mentor concept is being tried. Delegate is available to help foster parents managing CICs with behavioral issues.</p> <p>Funding is available through Childrens Foundation for access to help for behavioral issues.</p> <p>Survey distributed in Vancouver area regarding training services. Stand Together conference is coming soon.</p> <p>Looking at automated voice message to introduce the Delegates and BCFFPA to the regional foster parents.</p> <p>Aging out continues to be a challenge for young people. Looking at what could be done to offer programs for these youth.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region- Chad Hooker</i> No report available.</p>	
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of November 28, 2016.	<p><b>MOTION</b> to accept the November 28, 2016 Minutes as distributed. <b>M/S/C</b> Tanya/Walter</p>
4. Agenda	No changes or additions to the agenda.	
5. President’s Report	<p><i>Meetings Attended:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Met with Melanie Filiatrault re the Foster Parent Rights document. Discussed process of review and revision.</li> <li>- Met with insurance broker. Risk for coverage is being identified.</li> </ul> <p>In light of the Vice President’s letter dated December 16<sup>th</sup>, the President provided a brief preamble in consideration of the resignation or leave of absence. Brief discussion.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> distribute the existing Foster Parent Rights document to all members and agencies (to forward) with instructions regarding feedback</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to accept Tamara Smith’s resignation from the Vice President role. <b>M/S/C</b> Tanya/Victor</p>
6. Treasurer’s Report	The Treasurer stated that all is in order with the December 2016 financial statement.	<p><b>MOTION</b> to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. <b>M/S/C</b> Lance/Walter</p>
7. Executive Director’s Report	The Caregiver Training PRIDE pre-service has been piloted and suggested changes are underway. Launch will take place in April. PRIDE Pre-Service will be facilitated through Learning and Development.	

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	<p>Resource Social Worker Training development is ongoing. Videos were recently filmed. Aiming for a pilot in the Spring.</p> <p>Anita continues to submit funding requests and she is pursuing donations for the AGM.</p> <p>MCFD has confirmed that we will receive one time only funds to support the AGM this year as well as SDA funding to provide foster parents with bursaries to attend the AGM.</p> <p>C. Geddes of the CCI program has requested a list of our Local Foster Parent Associations. The Executive Director has asked for clarification regarding the reason for the request.</p> <p>The online membership database is 90% complete. Just finishing the last few reviews to ensure that everything is in order.</p> <p>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo has been created to use this year.</p>	
8. Ongoing Business	<p>Reminder about room bookings for face to face Board meeting in February.</p> <p><i>AGM 2017</i> Will have a committee discussion at the Board face to face following the Board meeting. Will look at the speakers and review the recommendations. 3 sponsor tables have been sold so far. The week is going to be jam packed.</p> <p>Anita will follow up on the Federation of Labour contact suggestion seeking financial sponsorship for the AGM.</p> <p><i>Union Committee</i> Application for the committee has been created and has been sent out for feedback prior to distribution.</p> <p><i>Solutions Program</i> Currently sitting at about 55 active support cases. Chilliwack, Mission, Abbotsford support case numbers are very high. Have a meeting with the regional EDS this week.</p> <p><i>Recruitment Campaign</i> What are the statistics following last October's campaign? How many applications and any training started?</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> will follow up with Strategic Priorities to receive the campaign numbers</p>
9. Next Meeting	Next meeting is face to face meeting at the Metrotown Hilton on February 24-25, 2017.	
	Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.	