

 <p>foster parents British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p>Board of Directors October 3, 2017 Fairmont Chateau Whistler Whistler, BC</p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Marcy Perron, President Russell Pohl, Vice President Lance Bereck, Treasurer Chad Hooker, Secretary Walter Aguilar, Coast Fraser Delegate Tanya Hooker, Vancouver Island 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>Victor Elkins, Coast Fraser Delegate</p>
<p>A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 9:05 a.m. *M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)</p>		
ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. Minutes of Last Meeting	<p>Minutes should reflect that CFFA representatives are actually attending some of the conference activities that their fees will be applied to.</p> <p>We need to create a clear policy around cancellation and reimbursement of AGM fees.</p>	<p>MOTION to accept the Minutes of September 2017 meeting as amended. M/S/C Tanya T./Walter</p>
2. Agenda	Add Permanency Forum to the Agenda.	
3. AGM Event Walkthrough	<p>Ronda outlined the week's schedule. Board members are scheduled to assist with activities throughout the event. Discussion regarding CFFA AGM.</p> <p>Fundraising during the AGM: 50/50 tickets will sell for \$10 for 5 tickets and an arm length of tickets for \$20. 50/50 on banquet night will support CFFA.</p> <p>We are expecting a significant invoice for this AGM. Would like all to be aware of cost savings for the next year.</p>	
4. President's Report	<p>Met with the Representative for Children and Youth, Bernard Richard, in September. Had a very good discussion. Mr. Richard is interested in attending AGM 2018.</p> <p>Met with Carolyn Kamper, ADM Strategic Priorities Division. Is tasked with planning the System of Care. Currently engaged in interviews with stakeholders. Discussed maintenance rates, service payments and consistency in payments as well as the recent changes to the training projects. She is aware of the challenges.</p>	
5. Vice President's Report	Presentations to UBC students at the School of Economics regarding the project to establish the actual costs to foster parents of raising foster children.	

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	<p>Has decided not to return to the Solutions Facilitator role in a volunteer capacity. Providing support is a passion but it appears that the service is being taken advantage of and we are receiving many referrals from the agencies that are funded to provide the service.</p>	<p>ACTION ED to write letters to regional MCFD offices requesting dollars for our support/advocacy service as it relates to the referrals coming from their region.</p>
6. Treasurer's Report	<p>Review financial statements. The Rider Insurance expenses appear to be too low considering this year's road trip to the Interior.</p>	<p>ACTION investigate the expenses reflected in the Rider account and adjust the next financial statement as necessary.</p> <p>MOTION to accept the financial statement as circulated.</p> <p>M/S/C Lance/Chad</p>
7. Executive Director's Report	<p>Move to Kamloops went well and office is set up. Summarized current work activities and goals for new location.</p> <p>Training projects meeting with new business owners (Learning & Development and Guardianship, Adoption & Permanency) coming up in November in Victoria.</p>	
8. Regional Delegate Reports	<p><i>Interior Region</i> Macro Board held a meeting. The East Kootenays are discouraged but there is no disclosure about what the concerns are. Delegate spoke about Motions for the AGM – the Kootenay region has much to put forward. The Cariboo region received funding after the fires to assist. There is much stress in the foster community in the Cariboo area.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region</i> 10 new members in the North Island Branch. A very positive group of long term foster parents who are very involved. Courtenay/Comox newspaper interviews with foster parents for Foster Family Month. Last time this was done the messages were misconstrued. Region's CSM is very receptive to any issues that arise. Campbell River would like to open a BCFFPA Branch.</p> <p>1 month contracts being provided to get around the need for 60 day notice in situations where decisions are pending in court.</p> <p>Safe Babies program is going into homes rather than group training.</p>	

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	<p>The Island agency is insistent that all foster parents complete their training in the 53-hour curriculum.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region</i> Local branch is not really operating right now. There are no foster parents who are available to fill the Board positions. Foster parents in the region are working in isolation. No letter went out to introduce the two delegates – they haven't met to discuss.</p> <p>Region needs to do recruitment of foster parents.</p> <p><i>North Region</i> Baby Steps will be replacing Safe Babies, which isn't so successful in the North region. MCFD still not attending partnership meetings. Delegate received some financial support to attend the Permanency Forum.</p> <p>Circle of Security (attachment themed training) for foster parents is being offered. Aboriginal Adoption training in process through IPS. Delegate has heard that workers don't know how to connect their foster parents to PRIDE training.</p> <p>Delegate has called all Branch presidents. The common theme for all is lack of funding from BCFFPA and lack of engagement from the community. The technology committee could be helpful with community connection.</p> <p>Discussion regarding trainings in the north and alternatives to online access. No trainings have been offered in Prince George area for 2 years.</p>	
9. Ongoing Business	<p><i>Camps for Kids</i> Discussion about summer camp costs and raising bursary amount for Camps for Kids. Some Island foster parents being told to access JumpStart funds through Canadian Tire before MCFD will consider paying for camp.</p> <p><i>Foster Parent Rights</i> An MLA for the Stikine region is supportive of legislating the Foster Parents Rights. The Board will review proposed amendments.</p> <p><i>Letter from T. Smith</i> Discussion regarding response to the letter received in September. Reminder to review our Code of Ethics for Board of Directors.</p> <p>Discussion about Board succession planning. Strategic plan will be reviewed at the Winter face to face meeting.</p>	<p>MOTION to increase Camps for Kids bursary to a maximum of \$300 per bursary application. M/S/C Russell/Kevin</p>

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10. Next Meeting	Next meeting is the AGM on October 7, 2017	
	Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.	