

 <p>foster parents British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p>Board of Directors January 22, 2018 Conference Call</p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Marcy Perron, President Chad Hooker, Vice President Lance Bereck, Treasurer Tanya Tagmann, Secretary Tanya Hooker, Vancouver Island Delegate Kevin Daniel, Interior Delegate Walter Aguilar, Coast Fraser Delegate Jayne Wilson, Executive Director Ronda Sweeney, Community Network Manager</p>	<p><i>Absent</i></p> <p>MCFD Liaison</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
1. Ministry Liaison	No report this month.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Change Chad and Tanya Tagmann's positions on the Minutes of December 11 th meeting.	<p>MOTION to accept the Minutes of December 11th, 2017 meeting as amended. M/S/C Chad/Walter</p>
3. Agenda	Additional items added to be discussed under new business.	
4. President's Report	<p>Attended the Kelowna Branch meeting. Discussed agenda and speakers for the year.</p> <p>Upcoming presentations at lower mainland service clubs for February, March and April.</p> <p>Phone interview for a radio station in Montreal and an interview for Today's Parent magazine.</p>	
5. Vice President's Report	<p>Krissy is back in the office on contract. Michelle is working with Jayne on proposal and on Rider Insurance claims. Michelle has been working with UBC on the study and the results of the first study are in.</p> <p>Fund developer is in the office 3 days a week.</p> <p>Things going well in Kamloops. Projects are all on target.</p> <p>Memberships are low for this time of the year, but it's renewal season so new revenue will be reflected in next financial statements.</p>	
6. Treasurer's Report	Discussed financial statements. Executive Committee approved a \$5000 budget to cover travel to office. Much is up in the air with the new fiscal year coming, an office move and the proposal potential.	<p>MOTION to accept the December 2017 financial statement as presented. M/S/C Lance/Walter</p>

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	<p><i>North Region Update for Smithers Area</i> Challenging MCFD staff member has returned and there is a lot of community discord. Adoption processes in the works have been stalled. Provincial Director of Child Welfare has been notified and has responded.</p> <p>Discussion about BCFFPA involvement if necessary.</p>	
7. Executive Director's Report	<p>No response yet on the proposal sent to MCFD.</p> <p>Made some enquiries about Safe Babies criteria. There is nothing in policy. A further email sent requesting more information.</p> <p>Draft Agreement sent to MCFD regarding requesting foster parents to attend to babies in hospital without contracts or remuneration. Waiting for response. If no response is received, will disseminate among the agencies for their caregivers.</p> <p>Hoping to meet with the Kamloops Branch tomorrow.</p> <p>\$10K received for a grant to assist foster parents with medical visit expenses. Will define the parameters of the grant shortly.</p> <p>Letter sent to V. Elkins regarding his role on the Board and his foster son aging out of care. No response received.</p> <p>Discussion regarding AGM motion for AGM month change. The survey reflects a fairly even split of opinions at this point. The office may be unable to accommodate a May AGM date. Discussion.</p> <p>Find the background for the October change and check with our auditor. Discussion.</p> <p>Union alignment process – left a message for BC Home Share Providers Association – no response yet.</p> <p>Upcoming meetings with Teresa Dobmeier, ADM of Service Delivery Division, and Laurie Throness, the MCFD critic. Critic requested a meeting with BCFFPA which Marcy and Jayne will attend in March.</p>	<p>ACTION Find the background document for the October AGM date change and check with the Auditor</p>
8. Regional Delegate Reports	<p><i>Interior Region</i> A meeting was held but no quorum was available – next call on February 19th. Yvonne Langlois is retiring from fostering. Foster parents are upset that they aren't eligible for Jumpstart as they should already be funded by MCFD.</p>	

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	<p><i>North Region</i> There has been no partnership meeting and no events are schedule. No local meeting taking place in January.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region</i> The Mission branch spoke about a webinar about Resiliency. Access to the webinar didn't last long and it costs extra for longer access. BCFFPA may want to look at purchasing it. Foster parents don't have enough time to complete the webinar.</p> <p>7 or more people attending Mission meetings. New foster parents are experiencing challenges with social workers. Had a session about laughter.</p> <p>FVFPA reiterated the need to increase maintenance rates. New foster parents are receiving regular rates but promises of increases aren't followed through on; most told they need additional training.</p> <p>Difficult kids going to regular level homes. Inconsistent payments are an issue.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region</i> Partnership meeting is on February 22nd. Branch meeting was held. Created strategic priorities and will be presenting them to the MCFD regional Director of Operations. Level 2 and 3 homes are being scrutinized regarding relief contracts with relief beds being considered a full time overage. This direction is said to be coming from provincial office.</p> <p>Social workers are placing kids under 12 in the front seat of cars against ICBC recommendations.</p> <p>Mileau housing is new in the region providing staffed resource homes.</p> <p>ID is required for anyone picking up medications for a CIC.</p>	<p>ACTION Establish which webinar this is and look into cost</p>
9. Ongoing Business	Board meeting in Richmond begins at 4 pm on February 22 nd . Our agenda runs to after lunch on Saturday, February 24 th .	
10. New Business	<p>Would like to write a letter to our Ministry liaison inviting her back to the calls on a regular basis.</p> <p>We need to address the ever-present concern over foster parent rates.</p>	<p>ACTION invite MCFD liaison back to the meetings</p> <p>ACTION summarize the UBC study statistics and complete the letter for the Minister</p>

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	<p>How to invigorate interest in branches and membership. Discussion about branches working in isolation and connecting through conference calls.</p> <p>Would like to see committee and “portfolio” lists and all active branches.</p> <p>Discussion about volunteer recognition.</p>	<p>ACTION add to Board agenda – networking plan for branches</p> <p>ACTION set up monthly calls for branch board members to be facilitated by rotating provincial Board and/or ED – 2nd or 3rd Monday of each month</p>
11. Next Meeting	Next meeting February 22-24, 2018 by conference call.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.	