

 <p>foster parents British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p>Board of Directors December 18, 2018 Conference Call</p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Marcy Perron, President Chad Hooker, Vice President Lance Bereck, Treasurer Julie Holmlund, Secretary Tanya Hooker, Vancouver Island Delegate Kevin Daniel, Interior 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. Regional Delegate Reports</p>	<p><i>General Discussion</i> Not enough support available for out of care families.</p> <p><i>Interior Region</i> The region appears to be winding down for Christmas. Kamloops protocol was referred to the office. Some areas are showing a small growth in foster homes. Macro is meeting next month.</p> <p><i>North Region</i> No regional report available.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region</i> Delegate not available for call.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region</i> Transition model is in use now. It wasn't very effective years ago. Foster care is not the first option when children can't stay with their parents.</p> <p>Met with family services. Courtenay and Campbell River both hosting meet and greets. Branch meeting last week. Trying to support the needs of different communities by moving the meetings around.</p>	
<p>2. MCFD Liaison</p>	<p>Liaison not available.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting</p>	<p>Acceptance of November 27th, 2018 Meeting Minutes.</p>	<p>MOTION to accept the Minutes of November 27, 2018 meeting as circulated. M/S/C Chad/Julie</p>
<p>4. Agenda</p>	<p>No changes to the agenda.</p>	
<p>5. President's Report</p>	<p>Meeting in Kelowna regarding a mentor program. Were told there would be a provincial mentor program run through Victoria. Will use Kelowna's model regardless.</p>	<p>ACTION Look into this "provincial mentor program"</p>

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	<p>2 new foster homes in Kelowna – can be used for respite while they're empty. Will use new brochures and welcome baskets.</p> <p>Partnership meeting in Kelowna. Mentioned that at the appreciation event through the Aboriginal office hosted in 2017, the speaker offended the foster parents so attendance was lower this year. Feedback was that the event was about building bridges not appreciation.</p> <p>Acknowledged our Coast Fraser Delegate's contribution – he was absent from the call.</p>	<p>MOTION to set a budget of up to \$500 for the Coast Fraser Delegate thank you gift for 3 years of service to the community. M/S/C Marcy/Chad</p>
6. Vice President's Report	<p>All is going well in the office. Has been checking in with staff.</p> <p>Attended FCSS December 14 meeting to discuss MCFD's Service Plan. 4 strategic points. Rollout expected for 2020. Documents stayed in the meeting and there was a brainstorming session.</p>	
7. Treasurer's Report	<p>All financial statements are in order. There is a significant surplus at this time. Some additional expenses will be covered.</p>	<p>MOTION to accept the treasurer's report and financial statements as presented. M/S/C Kevin/Julie</p>
8. Executive Director's Report	<p>Reviewed the home study project challenges with the closure of the adoption agency and others who are unable to pick up the additional referrals. Have some time to propose solutions and is working on a couple of ideas.</p> <p>Video scripts are in draft form. Must finalize in the new year and schedule production.</p>	
9. Ongoing Business	<p><i>AGM 2020</i> The Coast in Kamloops is available but would need to move the AGM date to a week before. They require a commitment to secure the time but members need to vote first. Result: won't host 2020 in the Interior region due to unaffordability of Okanagan region and no other venue that can accommodate our needs.</p> <p>Will look at Vancouver Island options.</p> <p><i>Bylaws</i> BCFFPA's Bylaws require a thorough revision as advised by the lawyer. Will work with him to put this in place in time for the pre AGM membership vote.</p>	

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	<p><i>North Region Delegate</i> The Treasurer reiterated the importance of the North Delegate role. The ED had one enquiry a week ago.</p>	
10. New Business	<p><i>BCFFPA Open House Calls</i> Discussion about hosting calls that any foster parent in the province can dial in to. Would assist with spreading the word as the work of informing new foster parents about BCFFPA is continuous.</p> <p>Need a platform that would support this. Looking into Zoom.</p> <p><i>Solutions Program</i> Would like an update on how many supports are currently underway and what trends are showing up.</p> <p><i>Notification of Protocols</i> How do we hold MCFD staff accountable to notify BCFFPA of protocols in process? New social workers don't know about us and don't always honor the contract wording.</p> <p>Annette will certainly education the staff as she visits the MCFD offices.</p> <p><i>Foster Parent Rights</i> The draft is currently sitting with Annette for review. Discussion needed with her to find out the history of the desire to legislate the Foster Parent Rights.</p>	<p>ACTION Michelle is looking into Zoom</p> <p>ACTION Jayne will follow up with Annette</p>
11. Next Meeting	Next meeting via conference call on January 15 th , 2019.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.	