

 <p>foster parents British Columbia BCFFPA</p> <p>Board of Directors May 25, 2020 Conference Call</p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Marcy Perron, President Julie Holmlund, Treasurer Kevin Daniel, Secretary Jeanette Dyer, Coast Fraser Delegate Raquel Lesieur, Interior Delegate Jayne Wilson, Executive Director</p>	<p><i>No Guests</i></p>
<p>A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:32 p.m. *M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)</p>		
ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
<p>1. Regional Delegate Reports</p>	<p><i>Interior Report</i> Many in the Kamloops area need a break but, due to COVID-19, there isn't much relief available. Foster parents are engaged in homeschooling and are nervous about sending kids back to school at this time. Delegate is suggesting that foster parents refer to guardianship worker for a decision. ICS is hosting many zoom meetings and regular trainings – some foster parents are feeling burned out trying to attend meetings and manage the children. Over 20 people attended Safe Babies training in Kamloops. No trainings have been offered in Kelowna through OFPA for a long time.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Report</i> The situation is similar to the Interior. Foster parents are feeling shut in, tired and burned out with no relief available. All are suffering from lack of support from the guardianship team. Youth aren't taking social distancing seriously and the ministry staff aren't supporting the foster parents' efforts to have them understand the important message from the Provincial Public Health Officer.</p> <p>No reports of anyone in the fostering community ill with COVID-19. Trauma informed practice online training coming up soon.</p> <p>Feedback that the MCFD-hosted foster parent call with the Minister was a slap in the face. It's nice to hear thank you but it's not enough during the pandemic. We're all aware that other front line workers are receiving additional pay and foster parents are still in the same situation. Foster parents are feeling unacknowledged, unheard and left behind.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of Previous Meeting</p>	<p>No changed to the Minutes of April 2-3, 2020 meeting.</p>	<p>MOTION to accept the Minutes of April 2-3, 2020 meeting. M/S/C Julie/Raquel</p>

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3. Agenda	Additional topics noted under Director's Report and New Business.	
4. President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing calls to discuss the Foster Parent Rights and how to insert them (or supportive wording) into child welfare policy. • Co-hosted the Minister's conference call with foster parents. • A few media interviews. • Discussion regarding increasing exposure to other people. Understanding is that this is at the foster parent's discretion. 	
5. Staff Update	<p>BCFFPA's Fundraiser/Outreach Coordinator has left the role due to budget constraints for this coming year. The ED has all relevant files for follow up.</p> <p>Staff team is slowly transitioning back to the office. The Office Manager and Receptionist are working in the office as of May 25th. Those who take public transit have the option to come in or work from home. Those with health concerns are encouraged to stay home.</p> <p>Staff reviews are complete for this year.</p>	
6. Treasurer's Report	<p><i>Year End Financial Statement</i> Treasurer and ED discussed questions. All is in order for year end.</p> <p><i>Budget 2020-2021</i> Acknowledgement was given to the ED for working with less funds this year to come up with a budget that serves everyone's best interests.</p> <p><i>"Workplace Bullying" JIBC Course</i> As part of our compliance with WorksafeBC requirements we have updated our policies and staff members have taken an online Workplace Bullying course through JIBC.</p> <p>Discussion regarding whether and why the Board members should take the course as well. Should include any new Board members and staff going forward.</p> <p>ED provided a brief description of the online course and the process of module completion and final test.</p>	<p>MOTION to approve the financial statements as presented. M/S/C Jeanette/Kevin</p> <p>MOTION to approve the 2020-2021 budget as presented. M/S/C Jeanette/Kevin</p> <p>MOTION that all existing and any new Board and staff members must take a Worksafe Bullying course – to be paid for by BCFFPA. M/S/C Julie/Jeanette</p> <p>ACTION ED will look at available course dates and discuss with Board members prior to registration.</p>

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7. Executive Director's Report	<p><i>President's Legacy Award</i> ED was in touch with the recipient of this year's award. In light of the changed format of this year's AGM, he would prefer to receive the award next year in Kamloops.</p> <p><i>Draft New Bylaws</i> The draft new bylaws are being sent to all members for review and comment/questions. The packages are ready to send out.</p> <p><i>AGM Planning</i> The possibilities for hosting the online portion of the AGM meeting are being reviewed by the Communications Coordinator. May do a survey of members to see what they'd prefer and will provide all options to the Board for a decision.</p> <p>Topics for the 2 online workshops will be gathered and provided to the Board for a decision.</p> <p><i>Quality Assurance Work (MCFD)</i> BCFFPA has been included for information and discussion regarding a new framework that is being developed by the Quality Assurance division. They are seeking an outcomes-based model rather than the compliance model they currently use. We will be kept in the loop regarding the work in process.</p> <p><i>Sharon Armstrong, Director of Residential Resources</i> We should revisit inviting Sharon to a Board call to discuss her role and how her work can support BCFFPA's role in the community.</p> <p><i>After Hours/Foster Parent Support Line</i> Acknowledgement was given on a recent conference call that foster parents prefer to call BCFFPA for support rather than the After Hours line or the now mostly defunct Foster Parent Support Line since it's no longer staffed.</p> <p><i>WorksafeBC Investigation</i> A former staff member has submitted a claim against BCFFPA for emotional injury. Treasurer provided background and explanation of investigation and findings. BCFFPA has filed the form 7 with BCFFPA's details of the injury claim.</p>	
8. Ongoing Business	No ongoing business.	

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9. New Business	<p><i>Safe Babies Training</i> OFPA is advertising Safe Babies training through AFABC's online platform at a cost of \$150 per attendee. Some foster parents may be able to submit to the ministry for reimbursement.</p> <p><i>Brief Mention of Increase for Foster Parents</i> On the Minister's conference call there was a brief mention of a 1.9% increase in the Canada Child Benefit that will be passed on to foster parents. We have requested clarification and a total of what this increase will be. With no additional money coming from MCFD during this COVID-19 time (other than the \$300 passed on from the Federal benefit in June), many foster parents are feeling financial pressure. Others would just be happy if they had some support from guardianship workers.</p>	
11. Next Meeting	June 23 rd , 2020 at 7:30 pm (please note time change!)	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.	