

 <p><b>foster parents</b> British Columbia BCFPFA</p> <p><b>Board of Directors September 17, 2019 Conference Call</b></p>	<p><i>In Attendance</i></p> <p>Marcy Perron, President Chad Hooker, Vice President Lance Bereck, Treasurer Julie Holmlund, Secretary Kevin Daniel, Interior Delegate Tanya Hooker, Vancouver Island Delegate Ronda Sweeney, Community Network Manager Jayne Wilson, Executive Director</p>	<p><i>Absent</i></p> <p>Jeanette Dyer, Coast Fraser Delegate</p> <p><i>Guest</i></p> <p>Rena Bacy, Provincial Director of Adoption/Executive Director of Adoption and Permanency Branch (Contract Manager)</p>
<p>No quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:35 p.m. <b>*M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)</b></p>		
ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
<p>1. MCFD Contract Manager</p>	<p>Working committee about the Foster Parent Rights. Provincial Director of Child Welfare, Contract Manager and Strategic Priorities staff attending AGM. Foster Family Month letters are coming out soon. Indigenous Child Welfare policies take affect in January. Focus is on the Federal Election coming up.</p> <p>Contract Manager is happy to host a session or be available to speak to foster parents during the event.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> follow up with Contract Manager to discuss how to coordinate chats with foster parents at the AGM</p>
<p>2. Regional Delegate Reports</p>	<p><i>Interior Region</i></p> <p>Not a lot to report after the summer months. 14 day notice still being written into contracts at Kamloops DAA. ED has been in touch with policy analyst for discussion. Reports from the region is that respectful treatment of foster parents is still an issue but no examples provided.</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region</i></p> <p>Challenges continue. One foster parent is seeking reimbursement for relief needed for medical visits. Another foster parent is being asked to provide funding to adoptive family including food during adoption transition. Safe baby home has been told that prescription baby formula must be paid for by foster parents. Board Secretary provided information about a program where it's paid for through other means.</p> <p><i>No Coast Fraser Region Report available.</i></p> <p><i>No North Region Report available.</i></p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> Contract Manager mentioned possibly hosting a town hall in the future with Strategic Priorities ED or maybe joining a Branch conference call</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> provide itemized detail of reported Vancouver Island region issues to Contract Manager in writing. Island Delegate should follow up with DOO in the meantime.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> please send information about prescription formula coverage to the Contract Manager</p>
<p>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting</p>	<p>No changes to the Minutes of July 16, 2019 meeting.</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> to approved the Minutes of July 16, 2019 meeting as circulated. <b>M/S/C</b> Chad/Julie</p>

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4. Agenda	Additional topics under New Business.	
5. President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with Strategic Priorities regarding incorporating the Foster Parent Rights into a Memorandum of Understanding.</li> <li>• RCY Care Plan meetings appear to have stalled. Will follow up.</li> <li>• Foster Family Month: 2 planned events in Kelowna area</li> <li>• No partnership meetings in about 3 months</li> <li>• Branch meetings every 2 months</li> <li>• Consider seeking someone to speak about the dark web (suggestion was Jesse Miller or Safer Schools in Abbotsford)</li> </ul>	
6. Vice President's Report	<p>Staff reports received. Activity has a lot to do with the AGM preparation. Krissy is providing very detailed reports. She is very invested in the role. Michelle is challenged with others not keeping to the needed timelines (ie. Board members). Soula is learning her role, communications are clear and she's working hard.</p> <p>Tamara Smith engaged on contract part time until the end of the fiscal year to work on the OTO project for trainings.</p>	
7. Treasurer's Report	<p>All is in line for this time of year. Questioned the cost of rent/hydro category. Staff members mentioned the ongoing challenge of resolving the overcharge from Hydro. Building manager has refused to allow us to call Hydro directly. Something seems very fishy with the billing based on our usage, however. We suspect we are paying for a portion of the neighbouring office space.</p>	<p><b>ACTION</b> provide building contact information to VP and Secretary as well as billing information and floor plans. They will investigate the situation.</p> <p><b>MOTION</b> to accept the financial statements as circulated.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>M/S/C Kevin/Julie</b></p>
8. Executive Director's Report	<p><i>OTO Trainings Project</i> MCFD has decided to use the OTO funding sitting with us (unused Home Studies Project funds) toward delivering classroom training sessions for foster parents (some modules of PRIDE in-service and the Kinship training) and to develop and deliver videos and a classroom training for caregivers to supplement Learning and Development Division's current Problematic Substance Use training. BCFPPA will be partnering with Learning and Development Division.</p> <p><i>Bookkeeping</i> We have identified and contracted for a new bookkeeping service to begin sometime in January, freeing Michelle up for her increasing Communications Coordinator tasks.</p>	

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	<p>Solutions database is live and Krissy is transferring the data. Her computer may need an upgrade to Windows 10.</p> <p>Seeking quotes from our computer tech for 3 new computers so that all are operating with Windows 10.</p> <p>Office Manager provided an AGM walkthrough and update about planning in process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need time for a group photo and individual photos</li> <li>• Fundraising is going to be different this year as there is no loonie auction</li> <li>• One very large package that will be raffled off individually - \$20/ticket or 3 tickets for \$40. Sales for fundraising will take place all day and extend 30 minutes after workshops and end of AGM</li> <li>• 50/50 sales/draws will be held during lunch on Friday</li> <li>• Current registration sits at 135 for Friday and 130 for Saturday</li> <li>• Increased room block. Based on room bookings, we are waiting for 22 AGM registrations</li> <li>• Revenue is over \$30,000 so far</li> <li>• BCFFPA staff and Board jackets have been ordered</li> </ul> <p>Negotiating with Prince George for 2022 AGM. 3 different dates available (working around Thanksgiving). Board decided that earlier is better than risking the snow. September 21-25 chosen.</p> <p>Discussion about MOU will continue in October. Discussion about foster parent rates will be had with Strategic Priorities soon after the AGM.</p>	
9. Ongoing Business	<p>Discussion regarding MOU call earlier in the day and priority of MOU over Rights of the Child when there is a conflict during a protocol. Concern that foster parents will always be suspect regardless of the Rights.</p> <p>Discussion regarding MOU being a living document and that partnership and accountability is important. Regardless, the resulting document should be enforceable.</p> <p>Discussion regarding legislation.</p>	
10. New Business	Due to time, Interior Delegate and ED will bring forward their new business at the pre-AGM Board meeting.	
11. Next Meeting	Next Meeting October 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2019 at Harrison Hot Springs.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm	