



MINUTES
National Working Group
Edmonton, Alberta
June 11, 2014

Attendees: Ed Fullawka, Christine Fullawka, Kevin Harris, Lor-lee Harris, Carrie Voode Cappelle, Crystal Jones, Sheila Durnford, Nancy MacFarlane, Wayne MacFarlane, Connie Mulholland, Sheila Whiteway, Donna Iue, Gena Morrow, Donna Wilkinson, Colette Mensink, Henry Haineault, Vina Whiteknife, Sharon Joyal, Rene Rajotte, Melissa Gee, Katherine Jones, Norm Brownell, Margaret Guthrie, Chris Dewolf, Cathy Mitchell, Margaret Wortman, Frits Wortman, Judy Smith, Cathy Wiebe, Russell Pohl, Tammy Roberts, Shirley Robinson, Linda Krauskopf, Heather Guard, Ethel Wentzell, Patricia Norman, Darlene Arseneau, Diane Molloy, Fronie Blake, Michelle Martin, Lori Rose

Regrets: Sylvia Thompson, Mary Smith, Nunavut, Quebec, BC Aboriginal

Call to order

Welcome/Housekeeping

Overview of the day

National Executive Directors Update

Provincial/Territorial Updates

Discussion regarding CFFA By-laws.

By-laws will go back to the Board of Directors for discussion and vote.

Community Recruitment discussed

- Booth at trade show, airports, malls, farmers markets
- Best people for recruiting foster parents are foster parents
- Fosterfuture.ca advertising for foster parents.
- Respite workers may become foster parents.
- Place information packages in schools, offices etc.
- Wrapped a bus with advertising regarding fostering and have it drive around area.
- Set up new foster parents with mentors
- **Parents Canada** magazine going to have an article in October/November issue and it may help with recruitments
- Give out gift certificates if you recruit a new foster parent
- Article written in Alberta by a foster child regarding "Where would I be, if I hadn't been raised in a foster home"
- Foster Parent spoke at careers day regarding being a foster parent



Mentorship

Alberta received funding and has developed a mentorship program. It provides one on one support to new foster parents for one year. They have temporary support for a foster parent needing support on a short-term basis. They also have group support groups. Alberta has a brochure on their program.

Nova Scotia has a welcome package for all new foster parents, monthly support groups. Mentors will work with new foster parents for two years.

Manitoba just starting a mentorship program and are trying to secure funding. Two seasoned foster parents will meet with a group of new foster parents in a community. Support groups are not mandatory except for specialized foster homes.

Saskatchewan has peer support and advocates to work with foster parents.

PEI had a mentorship program and does not have it anymore. Have group meetings called cluster, where foster parents meet with a knowledgeable board member to discuss issues and problems.

Collect data on mentorship.

Adjourned 3:21

ACTION ITEMS

Board of Directors	Have a Board meeting to review suggestions for By-law changes
Directors	Collect data on mentorship for Fall Board meeting