

Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition
Overbrook Presbyterian Church
4131 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43214
March 25, 2015 10:00-12:30PM
Minutes

- I. **Welcome** - Co-Presidents (Tim Harless & Melissa Ruffner)
- II. **Introductions – Officers and Attendees**
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| Tim Harless | Richland County Children Services |
| Rhonda Marsh | Richland County Children Services |
| Karen McGormley | ODJFS |
| Jamie Richardson | AOOA Lucas County Kinship |
| Louanne Zipfel | Kinship Care Program CRC |
| Alice Goff | Grandparent |
| Patrick Donovan | Muskingum County CSB |
| Wendi Turner | OFCA |
| Lynn Stevens | State of Ohio/Co VP OGKC |
| Melissa Ruffner | BCESC-Kinship Navigator |
| Dionne Simmons | Center for Healthy Communities/Wright State University |
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Harless asked for the January 28th meeting minutes to be read. After reading, Harless motioned that for minutes to be approved. Jamie provided the second. Minutes unanimously approved.
- IV. **Treasurer’s Report** – Simmons asked for the treasurer’s report of the March 24th to be read, unanimously approved.
- V. **SUB HB 63** (Tim Harless) – Harless will testify regarding SUB HB-63 and the problems it may cause for Kinship families. Additionally, the focus should be expanding the POA to all Kinship Caregiver’s.
- VI. **Kinship Advisory Board** (Tim Harless) – Tabled to May meeting. Rhonda will email Becky the Kinship Advisory Board names and e-mails.
- VII. **Letter to Director Dungey** – Lynn will resend a letter to Director Dungey.
- VIII. **Review the By-Laws for Officer Requirements** – Tabled to May meeting
- IX. **Facebook Discussion (Co-Secretary Rhonda)** – Rhonda announce that Angie will be more than happy to design the OGKC Facebook if others will assist with administrate. We have unanimously agreed to have the OGKC Facebook and Jamie and Rhonda have agreed to help with administrate. We would also like Facebook to be connected to the OGKC website.
- X. **PCSAO Conference 2015** – Tim will provide that information.
- XI. **OGKC Conference 2015**- There will be a Meet and Greet presented by the OGKC. This will be held at the State House. Lynn has sent menus for the event, and OGKC members are identifying possible legislators to attend. Tim will check with Megan in Franklin County to see if she has any Kinship caregivers who would be willing to attend the Meet and Greet. Tim will also ask how much the cost will be for the speaker at the Franklin County / OGKC Conference on June 19th, 2015.

Meeting was motioned to adjourn by Melissa and seconded by Dionne

2015 Meeting Dates
January 28 March 25 May 27 July 22 September 23 November 18
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