

**Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition**  
**Overbrook Presbyterian Church**  
**4131 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43214**  
**May 27, 2015 10:00A.M. - 12:30P.M.**  
**Minutes**

- I. Welcome** - Co-Presidents (Tim Harless & Melissa Ruffner)
- II. Introductions – Officers and Attendees**
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| Melissa          | BCESC – Kinship Navigator         |
| Tim Harless      | Richland County Children Services |
| Rhonda Marsh     | Richland County Children Services |
| Jenny Rugg       | Fairfield County                  |
| Jamie Richardson | AOOA Lucas County Kinship         |
| Louanne Zipfel   | Kinship Care Program CRC          |
| Kristen Torres   | Healthy Bodies, Healthy Futures   |
| Patrick Donovan  | Muskingum County CSB              |
| Wendi Turner     | OFCA                              |
| Megan Stevens    | Franklin County Children Services |
| Lynn Stevens     | State of Ohio/Co VP OGKC          |
| Becky Murray     | ODJFS                             |
| Carlos Christian | StartsWithin                      |
- III. Approval of Minutes** – Harless asked for the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes to be read. After reading, Melissa motioned that for minutes to be approved. Louanne provided the second. Minutes unanimously approved.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report** – Please check address for membership dues for Wendi.
- V. Carlos Christian** from StartWithin will be a Youth Speaker at the 2015 Kinship Conference
- VI. Kristen Torres** is a Health prevention speaker of facts and truth and will be speaking to the Youth at the 2015 Kinship Conference.
- VII. Kinship Advisory Board** (Tim Harless) – Tim will be working on getting people from the Mental Health Board, Police Dept., Criminal Justice Dept., and others to become partners on the Advisory Board.
- VIII. SUB HB 63** (Tim Harless) – Harless testified 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.
- IX. Letter to Director Dungey** – Tim read the letter that was received from Director Dungey.
- X. Review the By-Laws for Officer Requirements** – Tabled until July meeting.
- XI. Facebook Discussion (Co-Secretary Rhonda)** –Angie will design the OGKC Facebook and Jamie will help assist with administrative task.
- XII. PCSAO Conference 2015** – Tim put in an application on behalf of the OGKC to participate at the conference. OGKC will have a conference call to discuss the topics for the conference.
- XIII. Kinship 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. Megan is asking for volunteers to help with Conference please email her to see what slots she needs volunteers for. The Kinship Conference RSVP will start August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Meeting was motioned to adjourn by Patrick and seconded by Melissa

**2015 Meeting Dates**

**January 28    March 25    May 27    July 22    September 23    November 18**

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