

# Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition

Franklin County Children Services

4071 E. Main St., Room 369

Columbus, Ohio 43213

May 25, 2016 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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## Minutes

- I. **Welcome** - Co-Presidents (Tim Harless)
  
- II. **Introductions – Officers and Attendees**

Tim Harless	Richland County Children Services
Megan Stevens	Franklin County Children Services
Becky Murray	ODJFS
Susan Leviten	Caregiver
Dot Erickson Anderson	OFCA
Rhonda Marsh	Richland County Children Services
Chandael Foreman	PFSN (Kinship Support)
Jane Byrnes	Department of Aging
Dionne Simmons	WSU/CHC
Misty N. Boston	WSU/CHC
  
- III. **Approval of Minutes** Harless asked for the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, meeting minutes to be read. After reading, Susan motioned that for minutes to be approved. Dionne provided the second. Minutes unanimously approved.
- IV. **Treasurer’s Report** – Old Balance as of 3/22/16 \$1546.84. New Balance as of 5/25/16 \$1506.00
- V. **HB 458 update (Tim Harless)** – Reviewed HB 458 and Tim will continue to update.
- VI. **OGKC Membership** – We continue to focus on membership. We made updates to the website and will regularly monitor website.
- VII. **OGKC By-Laws** – We will review and revise the By-Laws moving forward without changing the status of OGKC 501c3.
- VIII. **Moving Forward** - All of us have strived to not only improve the OGKC, but ensure kinship families are receiving or are aware of resources that will improve their ability to care for youth. We have an opportunity to improve the structure of the OGKC and make it the go to resource for kinship information in the State of Ohio. We must band together with Courts, Education, Easter Seal, United Health Care, OWACA, and Department of Aging to name a few.
- IX. **Continuous updates for the website**- We made updates to the website and Rhonda will submit those changes to our web master. Please continue to give all updates and changes to Rhonda.

For additional information visit the Ohio Grandparent Kinship website at:

[www.ohiograndparentkinship.org](http://www.ohiograndparentkinship.org)

2016 Meeting Dates

January 27    March 23    May 25    July 27    September 28    November 16