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## Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition

Franklin County Children Services

4071 E. Main St., Room 369

Columbus, Ohio 43213

September 28, 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
Susan Leviten	Caregiver
Rhonda Marsh	Richland County Children Services
Ronald Browder	Ohio Federation for Health Equity and Social Justice
Dionne Simmons	WSU/CHC
Patrick Donovan	Muskingum County CSB
Louanne Zipfel	Kinship Care Program CRC
Becky Murray	ODJFS
Emilia Jackson	Ohio Dept. Aging

III. **Approval of Minutes** Harless asked for the July 27<sup>th</sup>, meeting minutes to be read. After reading, Susan motioned for minutes to be approved. Louanne provided the second. Minutes unanimously approved.

IV. **Treasurer's Report** – Old Balance as of 7/27/16 \$1549.84 New Balance as of 9/28/16 \$1547.84

V. **Washington DC 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. All changes must be given to Dionne.

#### VIII. **Moving Forward :**

a. We will continue 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.

b. 2017 look into interns working at County Fairs throughout our communities.

c. 2017 OGKC meeting will be held at 855 W. Mounts St Columbus, Ohio 43223 Room 138

IX. **OGKC 2017 Conference:** (Tim will talk with Wendy)

#### X. **Continuous updates for the website**

a. To continue give all updates and changes to Rhonda for website.

b. Look into interns updating the website. (Send Dionne the list of County's)

**Tim adjourned the meeting Patrick motioned and Rhonda seconded all in favor.**

**Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Marsh**

**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**