

Ohio Grandparent Kinship Coalition
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (Air Center)
4200 East Fifth Avenue-Room A119
Columbus, Ohio 43219
July 25, 2018
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Bridge Line: 614-728-7910
Meeting ID: 6144667233#
Minutes

I. Welcome – Dr. Ollie Jones (Co-President)

II. Introductions – Officers and Attendees

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| Dr. Ollie Jones | Heart 2 Heart Family Support Center |
| Patrick Donovan | Muskingum Co. Children Services |
| Marsha Cairo | Muskingum Co. Children Services |
| Barbara Turpin | Retired (ODJFS) |
| Emilia Jackson | Ohio Dept. of Aging |
| Vera Brewer | Caregiver, Cleveland |
| Darnell Brewer | Cleveland |
| Lu Zipfel | Clintonville Resource Center, Columbus |
| Nancy Mendoza | O.S.U. College of Social Work |
| Kelli Johnson | Franklin County Office on Aging |
| Toni Kleckley | G.E.M's (Grandparents Educating Minds) |
| Wendi Turner | OFCA |
| Becky Murray | ODJFS |
| Mozelle Mackey | Retired (ODA) |
| Lynn Stevens | State of Ohio |
| Ronald R. Browder | OH Federation for Health Equity and Social Justice |
| Rhonda Marsh | Richland Co. Children Services |

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Jones asked for the reading and approval of the May 23, 2018 meeting minutes. Patrick Donovan motioned for approval, Toni Kleckley seconded. Minutes unanimously approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Lynn Stevens is currently on the bank account. She will meet with Mozelle Mackey (newly elected treasurer) to add her to the account and obtain updated financial information. Payment was made for website. Account balance \$1401.17. Dues (\$10/individual; \$25/agency) will be collected at meetings or can be mailed to: Mozelle Mackey, 1282 Harlow Rd., Cols, OH 43227.

V. HB 126 Kinship Navigator Bill update: No updates. The bill continues to be active, but legislators are in recess. OGCK will continue to monitor and support the bill.

VI. Family First Prevention Services Act: Becky Murray: October 1, 2018 federal allocation of \$473,000 planning grant for 2019 state implementation of the Kinship Navigator program. Georgia is currently using Ohio's previous kinship navigator program.
Wendi Turner: Casey Family Programs, Foster Club and Generations United taking the lead are convening a meeting in Columbus on July 27, to discuss how to engage family voices. Casey Family Programs will be sponsoring a meeting in Atlanta on August 15, to discuss

implementation of the Act, with Public Children Services Agencies of Ohio (PCSAO) and Ohio Family Care Association (OFCA) attending.

- VII. **Ohio's Grandrally 2018:** The rally will be held on September 26; 10:00 – 2:00 on the High St. entrance to the State House. Representatives LaTourette and Boyd, ODJFS Director Cynthia Dungey and former state Representative and recently appointed Montgomery Co. Juvenile Court Judge, Jeff Rezabek will be speaking. Senators Peggy Lehner, Edna Brown, Charleta Tavares, Senators Portman and Brown, and Beverly Laubert, Director of Aging have been invited. Lynn Stevens is working on the Governor's Proclamation and he has been invited to read it.

Tables will be available for vendors.

Ron Browder has invited the choral group Harmony Project to provide entertainment.

Radio One is considering being a sponsor.

Ron Browder is working on funding from a variety of foundations to pay for lunches; transportation for caregivers from Cleveland/Akron and Dayton/Cincinnati; and other expenses. He has secured a \$3500 grant from Health Path Foundation to support the rally. Everyone is encouraged to reach out to their connections for financial support.

The planning committee will do a conference call in August to discuss progress and finalize a program by August 31.

Eventbrite is on the Facebook page for registration. It is important to have numbers to plan for food and attendee addresses to make appointments for legislative visits.

Caregivers who can't attend can provide their written stories with address to provide to legislators.

Dr. Jones has sent information to county Kinship Permanency Incentive contacts, Juvenile and Domestic Courts.

Media coverage, including the use of social media, is going to be critical to getting the word out to the public. We will use our partners to get the information out to their networks.

VIII. **Updates**

- a. Nancy Mendoza has joined the OSU College of Social work as a Professor. Her focus is on kinship care.
- b. Wendi Turner (OFCA) suggested that Kinnect, (formerly Waiting Child Fund) a program developed by the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition participate in OGKC meetings. There is no objection to them being at the table.
- c. Annemarie Halfpap has done a tremendous job updating the website. Please check it out and make suggestions.
- d. Patrick Donovan brought up for discussion regarding the make-up of the board. It is a requirement that a 501c3 has an advisory board. Officers and past-presidents are board members. Their role is to advise officers and generate revenue. Edie Trump advises on structure of the board.
- e. Rhonda will email by-laws and committee descriptions to discuss at the November 14th meeting.
- f. Dr. Jones is managing the Facebook page.
- g. Toni Kleckley discussed the G.E.M.s program. She is developing a grandparenting school to offer relevant topics of learning for caregivers; a Grandcares project, supported by the USDA, which offers a self-care program reaching out to grandfamilies for social support, including powerful tools to caregivers of older adults, funded by Ohio Dept. of Aging; self-care for grandchildren and webinars. She is working with Katie White on an environmental scan.

- h. Patrick Donovan – Muskingum Co. Navigator program of 14 years; currently serving 500 families. They provide support groups, special events for families i.e., cookouts, Christmas, school readiness.
- i. Becky Murray ODJFS: Kinship Childcare program – \$15M 3-year TANF funding provided to kinship families who have had children placed by the county children services agency. Income based 200% of poverty. KPI brochure and Caregiver Resource Guide being updated. She will provide the kinship childcare program data when available.
- j. Mozelle Mackey and Barbara Turpin attended the Franklin County Office on Aging Town Hall meeting about the effects of opioids on older adults. Mozelle also attended the Senior Services Roundtable with 2000 participants to identify needs and services in Columbus and Franklin Co.
- k. Dr. Jones is working with Summit Co. PCSA to re-establish the kinship program. Also with Juvenile court to recreate support groups and other supports.

Louanne Zipfel motioned and Mozelle Mackey seconded for the meeting to be adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Barbara Turpin.

For additional information visit the Ohio Grandparent Kinship website at:

www.ohiograndparentkinship.org

2018 Meeting Dates

March 28 May 23 July 25 September 26 (Rally) November 14