**Council on the Status of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

**August 12, 2014**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Toni Buxton, DCFS

Donna Bowie, OJJ

Chris Mayers, LDE

Stacy Mills, Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs

Mary Norris, DHH

Carmen Weisner, LA NASW

Winona LeJeune, Citizen

**Present by Telephone:**

Patricia Robinson

1. Meeting called to Order at 1:30 PM
2. Welcome & Introductions
* New representative for LDE, Chris Mayers was introduced
1. Quorum not established; Reading and Acceptance of the prior meetings’ minutes was deferred.
2. Moving Forward
* The Fact Sheet was shared with the group and it was decided to edit the Fact Sheet to make it more specific to Louisiana for bullets 8, 14, and 15.
1. Amanda Brunson will reproduce the Fact Sheet for reproduction
2. The Fact Sheet should be presented in a Truth vs. Myth layout
3. Explain the whys of the Fact Sheet and tweak the numbers per parish
4. Rework the 1st three bullets
* The group will continue to encourage participation of the other members of the Council, so that minimally a quorum could be established to carry forward the business of the Council.
* The last meeting was held at the Grandparents’ conference and the attendees express the need and appreciation for the Council.
1. Information to be Shared:
* Ekhaya(sic) will host a meeting in St. John Parish on Saturday, September 13, 2014 from 10 AM- 12 Noon
1. Ekhaya has transportation services
2. Works with the COA
3. Meals for seniors and school-age children
4. In-home services
5. Center-based services
6. The provide a potential for meeting places across the state
7. The End of the Year Report will be shared at the next meeting. It will provide a snapshot of the work the Council has accomplished in 2014.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:25 PM