



## **CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF May 14, 2008**

### **Name and Mission Statement**

**This corporation shall be known as “Child Advocacy Network of Monroe County, Inc.” and exists as a chartered local coalition of the Michigan Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse and a designated council of the Children’s Trust Fund. The mission of CAN is to promote community awareness through programs, initiatives and general education, concerning the physical, social, and emotional well being of children and families in Monroe County.**

**ATTENDEES:** Lynn Gluvna - Child Care Network, Carl Korzeniowski – DHS, Kaye Lani Wilson - Gabby’s Ladder, Michelle Brahaney - Monroe County ISD, Deb Brescol – RSVP, Kris Henry – Michigan Works, Chris Notario - Children’s Center, Heather Kokosky – MCOP, Connie Carroll – United Way, Megan Booth – Children’s Center, Danielle Grams – Safehouse, Mike Smith – AFL-CIO/United Way, Lt. Mary Kapp – MSP, Dot Stacy – CASA, Jim Vanderpool – Youth Center, Melodie Brooks – MMHS, Jeff Radde – YMCA, Doug Redding – ISD/CFMC, Mariya Lajiness – HCCS, Bret Smith – MSP, Pamela Lynch – Health Dept., Tracy Boudrie – American Red Cross, Jodi Truel – Camp Fire USA, Charles Justice – Family Counseling Shelter Services, and Kris Theisen – CFMC

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME** – President Michelle Brahaney, presiding called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

### **II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CAC** – The first interview at the new facility was held.

**Camp Fire** – Two summer days camps are planned at Bedford and Monroe.

**Community Foundation Center For Philanthropy** – The Community Foundation’s Center For Philanthropy is providing a nonprofit mini workshop in May and June. This is in partnership with United Way and the Community College. Reservations are still being accepted.

**AFL-CIO** – The Salvation Army is having a Back to School Back Pack meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> at Bedford YMCA. They are looking for committee members.

**Youth Center** – Rummage sale this weekend.

**American Red Cross** – May 30<sup>th</sup> is the Ladies Golf Outing.

**Gabby’s Ladder** – Registration night is June 10<sup>th</sup> for the next sessions.

**MSP** – The Child Safety Seat Inspections will take place at Harwood on Saturday from 10-2.

**III. MINUTES** –Motion by Connie C. and seconded by Doug R. to accept the April 9, 2008 meetings minutes.

**IV. TREASURER’S REPORT:** Deb B. reported we had \$7,277.67 in revenue and \$8,849.34 in expenses. We are holding \$2,945.70 for Celebrate Children. We have a total of \$7,917.80. Report placed on file for audit.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*a. Education and Advocacy* – No report.

*b. Political Action* – No report.

*c. Member Services* – Need a new chair. Anyone interested is to see Michelle Brahaney.

*d. Finance* – **Deb B. reported** street solicitations brought in \$838.92. Kohl’s volunteers were very supportive. Requests for next year’s funding are due in August. You can get your requests into Judge Joe Costello. General Liability insurance was discussed and Director’s and Officer’s Liability. Minimum Policy will cost \$500. The Executive Committee and Board should be covered but the committee felt we needed a legal opinion. Melodie will check with Patricia.

*e. CAC* – The first interview took place. The offices are sound proof. They are looking for Board members.

**VI. OTHER REPORTS**

*a. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)* – **Dot S. reported:** CASA is looking for volunteers.

*b. Professional Development* –No report.

*c. Parenting Conference* – No report.

*d. Fundraising* –

*a.* Dot Stacey followed up on Ebay donation information. Herkimer does not do this anymore.

*e. Celebrate Children* – Overall comments were good.

*f. Golf Outing* – We need donations for door prizes. Everyone is asked to bring a gift to the next meeting. This will be a tremendous help.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE.** A thank you for Celebrate Children was passed around.

**VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS**

Tier II Grant – Doug Redding was thanked as he spent a tremendous amount of time in compiling. We should know in July if we received it. Doug encouraged the council to look at tier II and bring the organization up to date and implement it even if we do not receive the grant.

**\*\*\*\* Michele stated all board members need to be at the board meeting in June as we have some items to approve.**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Hookah – Many letters were sent to the Monroe Evening News regarding their article on Hookah. There will not be a CAN meeting scheduled to discuss the Hookah issue.

**X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 a.m.**

**XI. NEXT MEETING**

**Monthly Meeting – June 11, 2008 at 9:00 AM United Way Building  
Executive Board Meeting – June 11, 2008 8:00 AM –United Way**

**\*\*If Monroe Public Schools is closed due to bad weather the CAN Council meeting will also be cancelled.**

Respectfully submitted by Kris Theisen, Secretary