

## CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF April 12, 2006

### 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:** Denise Gray, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Dave Taylor, Monroe Public Schools, George Birkam, Holy Cross Children Services, Jerry Williford, Holy Cross Children’s Services, Connie Carroll, United Way of Monroe County, Maria Zagorski, private practice, Deb Brescol, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Doug Redding, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Trooper Jim Jarrett, Michigan State Police Department, Sandra Hall, Catholic Charities of Monroe County Head Start, April Corie, Active Balanced Community/County Guardian, Michelle Brahaney, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Sgt. John Plath, Monroe County Sheriff Department, Mike Boczar, Monroe County Sheriff Department, Larry Csokasy, Mercy Memorial Hospital System, Rebecca Pasko, Child Advocacy Center, Dot Stacy, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Heather Hempel, Michigan State University Extension, Jennifer Monday, Gabby’s Ladder, Joyce Weipert, Catholic Charities of Monroe County, Carole Scott, Monroe County Department of Human Services, Jim Vanderpool, Monroe County Youth Center, Sima Haghpassand, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Beth Ervin-Bedra, Mercy Memorial Hospital System, and Connie Harvell, Monroe County Health Department.

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME** –President Maria Zagorski, presiding.

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

Zagorski – Local Bar Association will hold a free legal clinic on April 27 from 4-7 PM at the Court House

**Brahaney** – Application for Children’s Trust Funds has **arrived**. Once it is completed it will need to be reviewed by individual members of the Council. Volunteers are being requested.

**Burkam** – Announced Boysville Golf Outing for June 16

**Csokasy** – MMHS has a new one hour stress program on May 2 at 6 PM

**Redding** – Referred to ISD Website – Be Their Hero from Age Zero will hold their annual summit with other events taking place May 11, 2006 10:30 AM - A concert with Jim Gill, child development specialist, singer, songwriter, May 11, 2006, 5:30 PM (dinner served first) -Jim Gill dinner and an exciting presentation, (limited child care is available), May 12, 2006 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM Jim Gill- and author workshop for early childhood professionals. Be Their Hero From Age Zero will also be having summer camps – Check out website.

**Carroll** –Run for the Roses is May 6 at Monroe Golf and Country Club – All are invited

**Brescol** – Health Check – low and free medical screening.

May 2	8AM-2PM	Carleton	Carleton United Methodist Church
May 11	8AM-2PM	Monroe	Monroe County Community College Welch Health Center
May 16	8AM-2PM	Bedford	Mt. Carmel Church
May 25	12PM-6PM	Dundee	Dundee Baptist Church

**Taylor** – Ask that everyone support the technology millage

**III. MINUTES** –of the February 8, 2006 meeting were approved as typed.

**IV. TREASURER’S REPORT:** Theisen sent report                      Balance                      \$7,643.68  
Checking \$1,060.18    Savings                      \$6,796.72

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Education and Advocacy* – Herkimer – Carroll ask about updated Sexual Abuse Handbooks – she has had inquiries –Pasko said that the Child Advocacy Center is currently update and preparing for distribution.
- b. Political Action* – Nichols/Lohmeyer – Letter received from Judge Costello inform the the organization that he is trying to get changes in the Personal Protection Order laws.
- c. Member Services* – Crego –Updated brochure was sent around for corrections and changes. Bresco will get it Crego and hopefully back to Sue Miller at ISD for printing before Celebrate Children.
- d. Finance* – Brescol – It was discovered that in order to obtain a CD it would require too much personal information from each board member. No CD will be purchased this year.

**VI. OTHER REPORTS**

- a. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)* –Stacy –Just back from National Convention –new ideas. Light of Hope will take place at 1 PM at the Mall on April 29 during Celebrate Children.
- b. Child Advocacy Center* –Poupard and Pasko CAC –New brochure of services was distributed and CAC is holding a fund raiser selling stuffed lambs for \$15.
- c. Professional Development* –Corie – Reported that a workshop on Gender Relevance will be presented on May 4 at ISD for Educational professionals. Charge is \$25.00 per participant, but it will cost CAN \$4.25 per participant unless we can find breakfast sponsors.
- e. Fundraising –Executive Board* –Gender Relevant will be a fund raiser. Taylor and Zagorski will present to the United Way of Monroe County Board of Directors on April 27 to request \$2000 from United Way’s Community Impact fund.
- g. Golf Outing* – Brescol –September 1, 2006, annual golf outing. Certificate for La-Z-Boy chair has arrived.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS**

**a. Strategic Plan**

- 1. *True community coordination to address needs.*
  - a.* Working on renewing the Bubbylonian program
  - b.* Working on Celebrate Children
- 2. *Consistent flow of services*
  - a.* Working on up dating CAN brochure
  - b.* Working on up dating Sexual Abuse Handbook
- 3. *Parenting training in high school setting.*

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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

Jerry Williford from Holy Cross Children Services gave a presentation on Holy Cross's Forster Care program and how they are seeking homes in Monroe County.

**XI NEXT MEETING**

**Monthly Meeting – May 10, 2006 9 AM - United Way Building**  
**Executive Board Meeting – June 14, 2006 8 AM –United Way Building**



Connie L. Carroll  
Secretary

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Child Advocacy Network of Monroe County***

***Milk & Cookies Supporter***

Patricia Poupard  
Pam Barker  
LaVoy & Zagorski, P.C.  
Judge Joe & Amy Costello  
Judge Pamela Moskwa  
Hwa Stacy

***Macaroni & Cheese Supporter***

Kris Theisen  
Janet Crego  
George Birkam  
David Taylor  
April Corie

***Peanut Butter & Jelly Supporter***

Dot Stacy  
M.P. Patrick  
Douglas Redding

***Other:***

Tony Brescol