



## **CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF April 9, 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:** Andrew Lewandoski - Community Mental Health Authority, 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, Jennifer Slaten – Prosecutor’s Office, Carl Korzeniowski – DHS, Chris Notario - Children’s Center, Heather Kokosky – MCOP, Al Neikirk – El Shaddai, Connie Carroll – United Way, Megan Booth – Children’s Center, Danielle Grams – Safehouse, John Plath – Monroe County Sheriff, Mike Smith – AFL-CIO United Way, Jamie Leizerman – Health Dept., Heather Hampel – MSUE, Hwa Stacy – YMCA, Jeff Radde – YMCA, April Corie – CFCG, Larry Csokasy- Mercy Memorial Hospital, Lt. Mary Kapp – MSP, Trooper Brad Smith, Dot Stacy – CASA, Jim Vanderpool – Youth Center, Sommer Wiederhold – DHS, Mike Boczar – MC Sheriff, Melodie Brooks – MMHS, Doug Redding – ISD/CFMC, Bill Geddes – HCCS, Mariya Lajiness – HCCS, Bret Smith – MSP, Mike Smith – AFL/CIO/United Way, Kris Theisen – CFMC

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME** – President Michelle Brahaney, presiding called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

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

**Community Foundation** – Kris T. reported the Foundation’s next grant round is due April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Center For Philanthropy** – Doug R. reported the Community Foundation’s Center For Philanthropy is providing a nonprofit mini workshop in April, May and June. Brochures were passed around. This is in partnership with United Way and the Community College.

**Child Care Network** – Lynda reported on May 29<sup>th</sup> is there Open House at Cantrick. All are invited.

**MSP** – Lt. Mary Kapp reported Child Safety Seat Inspections would take place during the month of May. Rep. Kathy Angerer is attempting to get sponsorships for child seats. Trooper Brad Smith is taking over for Trooper Jim Jarrett.

**MCOP** – Heather K. reported the Relatives & Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Educational Series starts April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**United Way** – Connie C. reported Health Check starts April 15<sup>th</sup> and goes through May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ISD** – Michelle B. reported the ISD is now enrolling children in their programs.

**III. MINUTES** – Motion by Carl K., and seconded by Doug R. to accept the March 12, 2008 meetings minutes.

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Deb B. reported there is a correction to February's financial statement that we had \$8,594.45. Correction will be noted and placed on file. For March we had \$5,100 in revenue and \$4,205.93. We are holding \$3,233.26 for Celebrate Children. We have a total of \$9,489.00 in the savings. Report placed on file for audit.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*a. Education and Advocacy* – No report.

*b. Political Action* – No report.

*c. Member Services* – No report.

*d. Finance* – **Deb B. reported** requests for next year's funding are due in August. You can get your requests into Judge Joe Costello.

*e. CAC* – The move is coming along. Pat K. will be on leave starting the end of April. There is a long distance learning opportunity on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 at the ISD on How to Not Give Away Sexual Abuse Cases.

**VI. OTHER REPORTS**

*a. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)* – **Dot S. reported:** Denise Gray is now full-time.

*b. Professional Development* – **April C. reported** there is a meeting April 23<sup>rd</sup>. April talked about a professional development calendar. It was suggested to work with the Library as they have a community calendar.

*f. Parenting Conference* – This is on hold.

*c. Fundraising* –

a. April 19<sup>th</sup> is our street solicitation in Bedford and Monroe. We are using CTF items for giveaways and **we need volunteers**. We need ten for Monroe plus three for Bedford. Connie will have United Way open for those working in Monroe. Deb B. is in charge of Bedford. We need to use orange aprons. It was suggested we could purchase aprons with CAN on it for future years or for this year we could print large CAN stickers and put on the orange vests. The jugs will have CAN on it. Kaye Lani will try and get Kohl volunteers.

b. Dot Stacey followed up on Ebay donation information. Account is set up with Herkimer. You can drop off your items there.

*d. Celebrate Children* – April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-21 April 15<sup>th</sup> is the vendor meeting. They have 50 vendors, 500 free t-shirts, 300 food coupons. The CAN booth needs volunteers. Please call Deb. The Mason will be at Celebrate Children again this year.

*e. Golf Outing* – We need donations for door prizes. Contact Jim if you can help this coming year. August 29<sup>th</sup> at Giant Oaks

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

## **VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS**

We are submitting the grant to move from Tier I to tier II as was discussed at the last meeting. The strategic plan was reviewed at this meeting. All committee chairs are to get their committee goals, objectives, and strategies to Doug Redding by this Friday (11<sup>th</sup>). The grant to move to Tier II is due April 25<sup>th</sup>. We need to move the committee objectives and goals into a Prevention Plan. The Prevention Plan is an important piece. Motion by Kaye Lani and seconded by Deb Brescol to allow the grant writing committee to make the necessary changes to the Strategic Plan as proposed and complete the Prevention Plan and move forward with submitting the grant by the due date. Motion passed.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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

April Corie mentioned Big Brother/Big Sister's Monroe's Biggest Idol. Please try and attend.

Connie Carroll brought up the newspaper article on Hookah. CAN discussed how Monroe Evening News glamorized Hookah and as a community paper they should not have done so. It was further discussed to send a letter to the News stating CAN's position on this. Additionally, Michelle B. and the substance abuse coalition will set up a meeting with the News and let them know CAN's position, who is on CAN, and how they should not have glamorized this. Michelle will report at the next meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:05 a.m.**

## **XI. NEXT MEETING**

**Monthly Meeting – May 14, 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