



CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2007

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: , Connie L. Carroll - United Way of Monroe County, Carlton Korzeniewski - Department of Human Services, Jim Vanderpool - Monroe County Youth Center, Michelle Brahaney - Monroe County ISD, Charles Justice - Private Practice, April Corie - Active Balanced Community, Jim Jarrett – Michigan State Police, Dave Taylor – Monroe Public Schools, Janet Crego – Monroe County Opportunity Program, Jodi Truel – Camp Fire USA, Hwa Stacy – YMCA, Dave LaMontaine – Monroe County Sheriff Dept., Amy Hammons – Monroe County Intermediate School District, Pat Kosanovich – CAC, Mike Smith – AFL-CIO/United Way, Andrew Lewandoski- Monroe Mental Health, Denise Gray – CASA, Kris Henry – MCETD, Pamela Lynch – Monroe County Health Depart., Lynn Gluvna – Child Care Network, Deb Brescol – RSVP, Heather Hempel – MSU Extension Service, Melodie Brooks, Mercy Memorial Rape Crisis Center, and Kris Theisen, Community Foundation of Monroe County.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME – President Michelle Brahaney, presiding called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Foundation of Monroe County – Kris reported the Center For Philanthropy is having a grant-writing workshop starting Sept. 7th for four sessions. The cost is \$50 and at the end of the workshop the individual will have an actual grant they can present for funding. The next round of grant applications is due Oct. 15th.

YMCA – In October they will be having interactive games. More go come.

CAC – Pat K. reported they would be having a garage sale Aug. 17th and 18th. They are taking donations for the sale.

MPS – Dave T. reported they are reopening Cantrick as the Cantrick Learning Center. It will house community education for adults, co-op nursery, latch key program, and some preschools.

State Police – Jim J. reported they are having a car seat check on September 29th at Harwood Buick.

AFL-CIO – Mike S. reported they put in three ramps and potentially one more.

United Way – The golf outing is 9-29, kick-off is 9-14, and the Flat Rock Speedway event is 8-18.

III. MINUTES – Motion by Connie Carroll and supported by Dave Taylor to accept the June 13, 2007 meetings minutes as typed.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Dave reported there is \$4,649.28 in checking and \$6,792.28 in savings for the July report. Treasurer's Report is placed on file. Dave announced that he would no longer be able to take on the Treasurer's position. Michele will look at the process for the Board. Deb Brescol stated she would take over the books for the month of August.

Committees broke out into groups.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Education and Advocacy – Heather H. reported:** The funds from the parenting conference they would like to use towards the MPS's program with the car seats and tents for the cars to drive under. Michele B. and Deb B. will work with Heather on getting the proper documentation to make this happen by September 30th.
- b. Political Action – Carl K. reported:** Bill Nichols is working on a polygraph letter that can be sent to the State. Michelle B. will contact Bill and see where he is.
- c. Member Services – Janet C. reported:** The annual meeting will be a breakfast this year on October 10th. The committee needs ideas for a speaker.
- d. Finance – Deb B. reported:** Several requests for CAN funds has come in. The committee will be meeting to review and prepare next year's budget. Deb is in the process of finishing the CTF Report.
- e. CAC – Pat K. reported:** The grant with the ISD for educational programs will start relatively soon. Pat provided some stats for January – June '08. Some of these are: 28 children were seen, 22 female and 6 male, 10 cases they charged have been filed. For more information see Pat K.

VI. OTHER REPORTS

- a. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) – Denise reported** the cable program is still running. They need more volunteers. They are having a Mom-to-Mom Resale Event on 9-8 and a Casino Night on 9-28.
- b. Professional Development – No report.**
- c. Parenting Conference – Targeting education and this has been assigned to Education & Advocacy Committee to work on.**
- d. Fundraising – Executive Board – No report.**
- e. Celebrate Children – No report.**
- f. Golf Outing – The outing is August 31, 2007 at Giant Oaks. Hole sponsors are needed along with teams. Every member is asked to purchase or sell raffle tickets and donate a door prize. Turn in unused raffle tickets to Deb B. or Jim Vanderpool. They need 1 more individual to sell raffle tickets on the day and 1 individual from 12:00 to 1:00 at the 9th hole.**

VII. **CORRESPONDENCE** Information was passed around.

VIII. **ONGOING BUSINESS**

IX. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Michele stated the Great Start Collaborative would be at the next meeting for a short presentation.

XI. **NEXT MEETING**

Monthly Meeting –September 12, 2007 at 9:00 AM United Way Building

Executive Board Meeting – September 12, 2007 8:00 AM –United Way Building

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

Respectfully submitted by Kris Theisen, Secretary