

CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF August 9, 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: Janet Crego, Monroe County Opportunity Program, Denise Gray, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Connie Carroll, United Way of Monroe County, Deb Brescol, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Doug Redding, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Trooper Jim Jarrett, Michigan State Police Department, Anne McCarthy, Monroe County Prosecutor’s Office, April Corie, Active Balanced Community/County Guardian, Aimee Nimeh, Monroe County Mental Health Authority, Jennifer Drumm, Family Counseling and Shelter Services, Andrew Lewandoski, Monroe County Mental Health Authority, Pam Barker, Member at Large, Carlton Korzeniowski, Monroe County Department of Human Services, Jim Vanderpool, Monroe County Youth Center, George Birkam, Holy Cross Children Services, Sandra Hall, Catholic Charities Headstart, Michelle Brahaney, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Kaye Lani Rafko-Wilson, Gabby’s Ladder, Renee Gonzales Department of Human Services, Robin Opfermann, Monroe County Health Department, Kathleen Bruce, Family Counseling and Shelter Services, Hwa Stacy, YMCA, Lynn Glovna, Child Care Network, Kris Theisen, Community Foundation, Heather Hempel, Michigan State University Extension, and Sima Haghpasand.

- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME** –President Michelle Brahaney, presiding. Welcomed new attendee –Renee Gonzales, Department of Human Services, and Robin Opfermann, Monroe County Health Department.
- II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
Carroll –United Way will hold their annual Night at the Races at Flat Rock Speedway on August 19, and Campaign Kickoff Breakfast on September 12.
- III. MINUTES** –of the June 14, 2006 meeting were approved with corrections.
- IV. TREASURER’S REPORT: Theisen provided written reports**

Balance	\$	9,227.59
Checking	\$	2,457.87
Savings	\$	6,769.72

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. *Education and Advocacy* – Herkimer – No Report
- b. *Political Action* – Nichols/McCarthy – Waiting to see what effects the elections will have on laws and services.
- c. *Member Services* – Crego Committee will meet following this regular meeting to discuss a slate of officers and plan the Annual Meeting.
- d. *Finance* – Brescol – Only one funding request has been received for next year. Finance Committee needs funding requests for next year are due by September Board of Director's Meeting – Sept 13.

VI. OTHER REPORTS

- a. *Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)* – Stacy – Annual Fashion Show on October 25. Tickets are available.
- b. *Child Advocacy Center* – Poupard and Pasko CAC – Money from the sell of the lambs needs to be turned in to Pasko. Jarrett of the Michigan State Police reported that OMNI has donated an updated computer system and other necessary furniture and items out of drug forfeiture money (due to the relationship between substance abuse and child abuse related incidences).
- c. *Professional Development* – Corie – Monroe County Substance Abuse Coalition is presenting a forum on Methamphetamine today 12-1:30 PM lunch included at the La-Z-Boy Center.
- e. *Fundraising – Executive Board* – Everything is on hold pending word from the Visteon Request.
- f. *Celebrate Children* – Set for April 28, 2007 – First Meeting for next year will at September 12, 10:30 AM at ISD in the Lake Erie Room.
- g. *Golf Outing* – Brescol – September 1, 2006, annual golf outing. Raffle tickets were distributed. Need to sell more raffle tickets, more door prizes and a commitment of more golfers.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Washtenaw County United Way requesting a letter of support for the United Way Regional Call Center for the 2-1-1 initiative. The initiative is a partnership between United Way of Monroe County, Washtenaw United Way and the United Way of Livingston County. MOTION by Kris Theisen that we send letter of support. PASSED Secretary, Connie Carroll requested that someone else write the letter due to a conflict of interest on her part. Brahaney will contact Zagorski to send letter.

VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a. A Grant for prevention services was submitted to Children Trust Fund – it is unclear whether the grant was accepted by CTF – committee will work on getting it in earlier next year.
- b. CAN's CTF grant went through just fine. Funding has been received for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters
- c. **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

Long discussion on 2-1-1 and how it will/will not replace First Call For Help – Carroll said the ongoing discussions with Huron Valley Ambulance, administrator for the initiative, will determine the future and activities of both 2-1-1 and First Call for Help.

Concerns were raised on making sure that agency and organization information for 2-1-1 is always current.

It was suggested that the Children's Yellow Pages be expanded to help. Redding will send info to the Secretary for mass emailing to members for suggestions on how this can work. It was also suggested that CAN be responsible for sending updates, maybe adding a agenda item to make sure it is discussed at each meeting. Also suggested that this project be given to the Education and Advocacy Committee.

XI NEXT MEETING

Monthly Meeting –October, 11 2006 11:45 AM – Annual Meeting at Monroe Golf & Country Club
Executive Board Meeting – December 13, 2006 8 AM –United Way Building



Connie L. Carroll, Secretary

***Supporting Members of the
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