



## CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF August 10, 2011

### 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:** Dot Stacy – CASA; Deb Brescol – RSVP; Tracy Boudrie – American Red Cross; Lynn Gluvna – Child Care Network; Carlton Korzeniowski – DHS; Connie Carroll – UW; Chris Todd – MC-isd; Doug Redding – Community Rep; Patty Corder – Head Start; Lynda Nickelson – BBBS; Larry Csokasy – MMH; Nancy Thompson – MCISD Great Start; Tressa Duffin – MSP; April Corie Demers – MCSAC; Frank Arnold – Family Court; Amanda Schmitz- Monroe Family YMCA; Melissa Strong – Monroe County Youth Center; Jim Vanderpool – Community Rep/CAN Golf; Terri Langton – MCISD/CSHP; Lauren Lee – FCSS; Lynette Lange – FCSS; Nanette Gribble – FCSS Children’s Center.

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

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

**Carroll** – UW ~ Crib Exchange new, kick up breakfast Sept 9 at VFW Hall, week of caring starts officially, but recruiting volunteer to help with various things which may need to be done at your organization; Text to Give MI Ass. Of United Ways, currently for this week; Motorcycle run this sat;

**Redding** – CF Imagination Library has a 50/50 raffle; Aug 11 Rolling on the River, tickets still available at MB&T;

**Korzenowski** – DHS ~ now officially fully staffed, 14 PS workers for Monroe County; up to 10 Foster Care specialists, 3 now attending new worker institute;

**Corder** – Head Start ~ Corder moving into Ida school, building a natural playscape, working with MI State co op extension for parenting classes which are open to public with various topics; anticipate major changes in HS over the next year, CC going under major reconstruction and more info to come but will have services in Monroe;



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**Nickelson** – BBBS new match specialists, Joann Weeks;  
**Thompson** – Great Start~ Thompson ~ many activities coming from Great Start;  
**Duffin** – Duffin ~ Sept 21 Human Trafficking presentations at MCCC, happening more than many are aware of. 5-7:30pm;  
**Corie** – Corie ~ Substance Abuse Coalition ~ med take back days, youth get most from home or places they know and are taking it, Dundee August 31 3-7pm, Bedford 8a-12. Also did a display at Fair, had a guide of substances abused in our community. Please let her know if you need any information to display.  
**Arnold** – Family Court ~ theme of change for upcoming years, dollars will be cut in spending, announcement will be coming in regard to court systems because of this. Rolling on River co sponsor, looks forward to seeing anyone who can attend.  
**Langton** – ISD ~ working on a lot of things with Bullying prevention  
**Lee** – Picnic in the part, Aug 20, 11-2 with free food at St. Mary's Park  
**Lange** – FCSS~ Sept 17, fundraiser for Domestic Violence  
**Todd** – MCISD ~ Early Head Start full  
**Korzeniowski** – DHS ~ Cap on benefits for Low income from DHS, may be expanding

**III. MINUTES** –Motion to Approve: Carroll; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Korzeniowski.

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Deb B. Total reported \$ 6873.13 available to CAN;  
Revenue: Kohls ~ 1500 additional fundraiser; 500 celebrate children; 20 in the name of Sickels; 500 to Babynet from Exchange Club; golf income coming in; \$6525.95 available for Celebrate Children. Backpack still needs funding, we do have money to spend, but do we know what has been raised so far and how much do they need. Report placed on file for audit.

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Education and Advocacy** –TBD – still need a chair, if you are interested please talk to Todd after meeting;  
Halo Sleepers and Babynet ~ correspondence ~ Exchange Club donated \$500 to Babynet and will be an annual donation and will be sending a TY;  
Making Connections ~ 1<sup>st</sup> mtg in December and is part of our work plan as forum to use as mandatory reporting;  
Celebrate Children ~ received DTE \$ balance is 6525.95. Herkimer was chair and due to health issues rehabbing. Gluvna and Zarend worked last year to keep it going  
Pinwheels ~ invoice in, need to decide how many we want to order or if we do. Brescol~ think it is a good idea as it is a state wide initiative. Should we double our order? Work to get every school district to allow a display. Motion to triple order by Carroll, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Korzeniowski. Motion passed. Total order moving to 75 boxes from 25. with Pinwheel project need a manager, please let Todd know.  
Imagination Library ~ Redding ~ about 380 registered. PDF registration form is on CF website to print and send in to enroll your child. Thompson can send out to publicize, just let her know.

- b. **Political Action** – Arnold ~ does not know status of Anti bullying law, but issue seemed to be the verbiage; Sex offender registry passed, no public registry for juveniles;
- c. **Membership** – TBD – Invitation to reserve Country Club, Carroll will take care of this, just need to send invitation for Oct 12 at CC at 8am;
- d. **CAC** – Korzeniowski ~ Board members in Dallas attending a national conference on multidisciplinary conference on how to help/deal with the issues. July was a busy month at CAC;

## VI. OTHER REPORTS

- a. **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)** – Stacy: tomorrow swearing in of new volunteers in Weiperts courtroom; have about 45 active volunteers, hope is for 55. Monthly informational meetings, today at noon is this months.
- b. **Golf Outing – Vanderpool** – Scheduled for Sept 2, sponsor, hole, and golfer letters went out. All support is welcome. In need of golfers, please advertise. Need hole sponsors, door prizes. Vanderpool passed out tickets, 2 to each person.

## VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Invoice for pinwheels
- b. Letter from exchange club w/donation
- c. Letter & donation for Sickels memorial fund

## VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS

- a. Sickels Memorial ~ Birthday will be celebrated tomorrow, 8/11. \$1510 raised to date, 500 to parent coalition spent.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Gluvna ~ Crib Exchange ~ Aug 27 at Health Dept. Looking for volunteers from 10-2, receiving 50 cribs and would appreciate help getting cribs to the licensed child care providers. Crib requirements changed as of April 1, and this will help licensed providers to meet the new standards.
- b. Parent Conference Seminar ~ Todd ~ will this be happening again? Questions from MCCC about. Not in our work plan, but could put it in for next year. Do we want to pursue this or find a new opportunity? Plan for fall of 2012? Incorporate into next grant? MCCC has a funding source which helped with this previously. Will put on the agenda.
- c. Backpacks ~ do we have funds to distribute and what did we do last year? Need to look back to see what we did, but need to get it in today to make sure we are. Motion to donate \$500 by Redding, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carroll. Passed. Tables available at the event, e-mail Gluvna.
- d. Parenting magazine ~ have we supported previously? Yes, every month, discussion regarding where to donate. Had been cancelled, but due to support will not be.
- e. CCN ~ lending library for families ~ housed at CCN offices at Riverside. If you are looking for something specific can be requested from other CCN offices



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

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:08 a.m.**

**XI. NEXT MEETING**

**Monthly Meeting – Sept 14, 2011 at 9:00 AM at United Way.**

**Executive Board Meeting – Sept 14, 2011 8:00 AM –United Way**

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Boudrie