



CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF December 13, 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: Victoria Brown, El Shaddai Counseling and Consultation Services, Mike Smith, AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison, Connie Carroll, United Way of Monroe County, Deb Brescol, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Doug Redding, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Andrew Lewandoski, Monroe County Mental Health, Jim Vanderpool, Monroe County Youth Center, Kris Theisen, Community Foundation, Tracy Boudrie, American Red Cross, Dave LaMontaine, Monroe County Sheriff Department, Anne McCarthy, Monroe County Prosecutor’s Office, Dot Stacy, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Larry Csokasy, Mercy Memorial Hospital System, Michelle Brahaney, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Mary Kapp, Michigan State Police, Aimee Nimeh, Wraparound/ Monroe County Mental Health, Jodi Truel, Camp Fire USA, Kaye Lani Wilson, Gabby’s Ladder, Sima Haghpassand, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Rebecca Pasko, Innermission Counseling Inc., April Corie, Active Balanced Community/Monroe County Guardian, Sandra Hall, Monroe Catholic Charities Headstart, Lynda Nickelson, Monroe County Mentors, Heather Hempel, Michigan State University Extension and Pat Kosanovich, Child Advocacy Center.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME –Vice President Michelle Brahaney, presiding.

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Theisen- Community Foundation has moved to 28 S. Macomb St. (old MB&T building)

Kosanovich – Introduced as new Director for the Child Advocacy Center.

Wilson – Jan Baden is doing well, hopes is that she will return soon. Jane Davidson is handling counseling and Kaye Lani is handling the administrative area. New workshops begin in January – as always they are free. Ellie Mruzek has developed a new coloring book.

Boudrie - American Red Cross seeking nominees for their Every Day Heroes.

Redding –Great Start Collaborative Kickoff Event December 15 at 1:00 PM Interactive Family Concert, 2:00 PM Ceremonial Check Presentation

Truel – Camp Fire USA is partnering with the Library to do a program on Money Management for Teens.

Csokasy – Clinic beginning in Dundee beginning February 1 – expanding services to cover ages 3 to adult substance abuse therapy.

Smith – Took order for toy trucks made available by Society Engineers – Plastivan. He will be driving to Lansing to pick up as many as he can get.

Brown – Parent programs start January 9 at Speckled Frog Child Care Center at Greenwood.

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

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT: Theisen provided written reports

Available Balance \$10,738.31 Checking \$4,993.32 Savings \$6,778.26

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Education and Advocacy – **Herkimer** – No Report

b. Political Action – **Nichols/McCarthy** – No Report

c. Member Services –**Crego** – No Report

d. Finance – **Brescol** — Brescol will be working on the submission of our requests for CTF funds with help from Dave LaMontaine. Doug Redding will be helping with the narrative.

VI. OTHER REPORTS

a. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) –Stacy –Planning on starting a new training class in January or February.

b. Child Advocacy Center –LaMontaine- Introduced Pat Kosanovich as the new Center Director

c. Professional Development ––Corie –Nothing to Report at this time.

d. Parenting Conference – Currently scheduled for March 10, 2007 at ISD. Discussion was held regarding the date, March 10, 2007. That is the same weekend as the Bedford Trade Fair and the Home Builder’s Show. Concern was that they would interfere with Conference attendance. Brescol and Brahaney will investigate the possibility of changing the date. They will check with Brenda Reau, whose staff does the registration for the conference.

e. Fundraising –Executive Board – No Report

f. Celebrate Children – Set for April 28, 2007 –On ISD website

g. Golf Outing – Brescol –August 31, 2007

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Thank you letter from United Way’s 211 Regional Call Center for our support.

VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS

a. Strategic Plan

Brahaney hopes to revisit this area at the January Meeting.

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

a. Resignation – It was announced that the board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Pam Barker, Member at Large. Suggestions for replacement were requested from the general membership.

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

Lynda Nickelson gave a presentation on Monroe County Mentors.

XI NEXT MEETING

Monthly Meeting –January 10, 2007 9:00 AM United Way Building

Executive Board Meeting – March 14, 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.**



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