

CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF February 11, 2009

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/MC-ISD; Lynn Gluvna – Child Care Network; Melodie Brooks – CAC/MMH Rape Crisis; Al Neikirk – El Shaddai; Carlton Korzeniowski – DHS; Andy Lewandowski – MCMHA; Connie Carroll – UW; Chris Todd – MC-ISD/ SW-MC AEYC; Dave Taylor – Monroe Public Schools; Jennifer Ewen – MC Prosecutor’s; Danielle Grams – FCSS; Sima Haghpassand – MC-ISD; Kaye Lani Wilson – Gabbys Ladder; Lynda Nickelson – BB/BS; Doug Redding – MC-ISD; Mike Smith – AFL-CIO/United Way; Deb Brescol - RSVP.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME – President Connie Carroll, presiding called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wilson – Baden fighting leukemia; offering clients 8 weeks of counseling instead of 7;
Redding – Making Connections is 3/5/09 @ MCCC; Com. Foundations 5K run on 2/14 and Adaptive Sport Presentation

Smith – AFL/CIO 50yr Anniversary at KofC on 2/14/09; 2nd Annual UW & AFL/CIO Easter Egg Hunt needs members currently cooperate w/MI Works!

Todd – GS Pirates & Princesses 2/20/09 at the ISD over 600 regs, volunteers needed;

Brescol – CAN sponsorship of Bedford Business Ass raffle on 3/21 Millionaires Night needs volunteers to work, 15% return for this;

Nickelson – BB/BS Bowl for Kids Sake 3/21, this is a pilot, runs noon-midnight w/3hr slots available

Haghpassand – Frontline news says advocating for kids is becoming harder, please consider schools/social workers to advocate.

III. MINUTES –Stand as typed.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: D. Brescol – Balance \$5,340.47 filed for audit.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Education and Advocacy** –Todd – Parenting Conference 10/2009 @ MCCC working on goals & objectives, key note TBD, mtg is 1st Tues of month at 8:45 prior to GS at 9:30am at ISD; Training & Education Grant – can this be offered?;
- b. **Political Action** – no report;
- c. **Member Services** – Stacy – CAN meets CTF requirements & by-laws & board actually exceed; discuss to be held at Ex Board; updated membership packets available; last mtg reviewed membership list and think there should be more school districts involved, need people to sign up for committees.
- d. **Finance –Brescol** – \$100 for AFL/CIO Easter Egg Hunt w/CAN receiving sponsor publicity and \$300 to Making Connections.
- e. **CAC –Brooks** – E-mail legislators w/in next 24-48hrs about VOCA and VOWA funding to cover medical exams for children, w/no funding stream parents or DHS are currently billed, MI NEEDS these \$\$\$, CAC submitted application for \$10,000 Victims of Crimes Grant.

VI. OTHER REPORTS

- a. **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)** – **Stacy**: send newsletter info ASAP; Redding suggested specific CAN member to send CAN updates; regular informational mtg held monthly 2nd Thurs .
- b. **Fundraising** – Street Solicitation Carroll submitting apps to Monroe
- c. **Golf Outing** – September 4, 2009, we need golfers & hole sponsors \$50.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

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VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS

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IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Todd – CAN mini grant flier finished suggestions: Add CAN & CTF logos; discussion: Brescol-cash flow may prevent awarding these, to ensure ability to provide all of them we promised CTF , we need volunteers to step up and help at fundraisers, projected budget is \$29,000; possible raffle at making connections? 30% of MI children have parents who do not have full time employment. Motion to accept mini grant w/addition of logos by Korzeniowski, supported by Smith.

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

- a. CAC presentation by Brooks ~ Alison Arnold was originator of CAC proposal. This is a place for forensic interviews of children for submission to Court. The



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last place these children need to deal w/is a police station. All interviews need to have a multi-disciplinary approach w/forensic interview w-DHS, prosecutor, medical, and police all involved. Tele-medicine is 1 person doing interview w/child. MMH has improved medical direction under Dr. Brooks and all communication improved, MMH president must sign off on everything. Process & flow: the move closer to MMH has improved atmosphere and is making data collection easier from 1st entrance through entire interview. Interview room like a living room ~ no beds or intimidating or scary reminders of any type of trauma. Family Justice Center provides One-Stop-Shop and is very helpful for all family members. Referral process goes through DHS and Brooks 24/7. There is a countywide/Agency signed agreement for CAC, CAC Board should not be on the team. Interview happens w/in a week of the incident and includes coordination of all involved is necessary, but severity determines immediacy. Removal from home is a TEAM DECISION which then goes to the Judge for an order.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

XI. NEXT MEETING

Monthly Meeting –April 8, 2009 at 9:00 AM at United Way.

Executive Board Meeting –March 11, 2009 8:00 AM –United Way

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Boudrie