



CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF February 13, 2008

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: Lynda Nickelson - Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Andrew Lewandoski - Community Mental Health Authority, Lynn Gluvna - Child Care Network, Kaye Lani Wilson - Gabby’s Ladder, Melodie Brooks - Mercy Memorial Hospital System Rape Crisis, Michelle Brahaney - Monroe County ISD, Jim Jarrett – Michigan State Police, Deb Brescol – RSVP, Mariya Lajiness – Holy Cross Boysville, Bill Geddes – Holy Cross Boysville, Kris Henry – Michigan Works, Anne McCarthy – Prosecutor’s Office, Danielle Grams – Sunrise House, Carl Korzeniowski – DHS, Dave Lamontaine – CAC, Maria Zagorski – Attorney Private Practice, Megan Schultz – Children’s Center, Chris Notario, Children’s Center, Chris Todd – Monroe County ISD, Hwa Stacy – YMCA, Heather Kokosky – MCOP, Al Neikirk – El Shaddai, Charles Justice – Private Practice, Doug Redding – ISD, Jamie Leizerman – Health Dept., Dave Taylor – Monroe Public Schools, Rusty Davis – United Way, Kris Theisen – Community Foundation of Monroe County.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND WELCOME – President Michelle Brahaney, presiding called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

II. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Making Connections – Doug R. reported Making Connections is March 6th. If you would like to present please see Doug.

Gabby’s Ladder – Kaye Lani reported they are starting their 7 week grief workshop. Flyers were passed out.

DHS – Carl K. reported Jim Jarrett received a grant for 14 new car and booster seats. Congratulations to Jim for his new baby!!

ISD – Chris T. reported Be Their Hero is May 1 and 2nd. They are recognizing family friendly employers and businesses. The form is on the ISD’s website.

YMCA – Hwa S. reported the Strong Families Safe Children Campaign has kicked off .
MCOP – Heather reported they are providing educational workshops for grandparents raising grandchildren.

El Shaddai – Al N. reported they are having a Daddy and Me Day at ALCC on Feb. 23rd and the Proud Fathers Program will be at the Speckled Frog Learning Center.

Big Brother Big Sister – Lynda N. reported they are again having Monroe’s Biggest Idol. They need singers. Lynda talked about the article in the Monroe Evening News and BBBS’s response.

Health Dept. – Jamie L. reported they are having a Lead Fair on February 7th. It is free.

III. MINUTES –Motion by Maria Z. and seconded by Kaye Lani to accept the January 9, 2008 meetings minutes.

IV. TREASURER’S REPORT: Deb B. reported that we currently have \$4,437.47 in the checking and 3,799.69 in the savings.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Education and Advocacy – Chris T. reported: Parenting Life Activity is a preschool roundup in the spring. April 12th is the tentative date at Monroe County Community College.

b. Political Action – No report. Michelle B. reported there is a 60% increase in autism and insurance companies do not provide medical coverage for certain services. Rep. Angerer is looking into having a check off on taxes.

c. Member Services – No report.

d. Finance – No report.

e. CAC – Dave L. reported: Pat K. has resigned as Director but she will stay involved until the move is complete. They are looking for a new director that has a MSW. Dave also stated the community needs to step in as board.

VI. OTHER REPORTS

a. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) – Deb reported: Dot is on medical leave.

b. Professional Development – No report.

f. Parenting Conference – Due to the fact attendance has been low in the past, it was decided this year to target preschoolers. Kris T. stated this was a good idea but we needed to make sure we followed our mission and that can be listed as the sponsor.

c. Fundraising –

a. April 19th is our street solicitation in Bedford and Monroe. We are using CTF items for giveaways and **we need volunteers**. We need ten for Monroe plus three for Bedford

b. Dot Stacey followed up on Ebay donation information. Account is set up with Herkimer.

d. Celebrate Children – April 26th. MI CHIP – need volunteers to help out with this. The volunteers need to have clearance for working on this. If an agency has staff that has clearance and they can volunteer for the day it would be helpful. The volunteers need to be there for the entire day.

e. Golf Outing – Deb is submitting the information for the raffle license. We need donations for door prizes. Contact Jim if you can help this coming year. August 29th at Giant Oaks

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Information was passed around.

VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. 211 – Maintaining the database is very important. Agencies need to contact Rusty at United Way with any up to date information.

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION

XI. NEXT MEETING

Monthly Meeting – April 9, 2008 at 9:00 AM United Way Building

Executive Board Meeting – June 11, 2008 8:00 AM –United Way

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

Respectfully submitted by Kris Theisen, Secretary