

## **CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK OF MONROE COUNTY, INC. MEETING MINUTES OF January 14, 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:** Michelle Brahaney – MC-ISD; 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; Larry Csokasy - Mercy Memorial Hospital; Dave Taylor – Monroe Public Schools; Heather Hampel – MSU Extension; Jennifer Ewen – MC Prosecutor’s; George Birkam – At-large member; Jamie Leizerman – MC Health Dept; Sara Waldecker – Monroe Housing Commission; Danielle Grams – FCSS.

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

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

**Stacy** – Bedford Press article regarding CASA and Judge Hohman’s Award;

**Carroll** – “Just File It” on 1/24/09 at Whitman, may reschedule again if needed;

**Todd** – Report for MI Children: basic needs need to be addressed; Backpack committee will begin organizing for early requests to be prepared, mtg w2/3 @ 11:30 at ISD after Great Start;

**Neikirk** – currently enrolling in May weekend program Proud Parents/Proud Fathers;

**Hampel** – taking enrollments, Farm stand youth are still meeting Thursdays at ALCC preparing for spring;

**Birkam** – Returning to CAN as At-Large member;

**Waldecker** – Housing Commission is helping students w/continuing ed scholarships.

**III. MINUTES** –Stand as typed.



- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Deb B. reported \$9,440 available to CAN; two checks ~ CAC and Rent; Report placed on file for audit.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- a. **Education and Advocacy** – Todd – Good financially; training ideas needed; Parenting Conference in co-op with GS is hoped to be revived and mtg monthly. Oct 2009 is target date, 2/3/08 @ 8:45 at ISD; Be Their Hero 2/20 noon @ ISD with April 30 and May 1 set for training/summit;
  - b. **Political Action** – Carroll – UW now has a check off on state forms;
  - c. **Member Services** – Dot Stacy – new committee members meeting scheduled directly following CAN mtg;
  - d. **Finance –Brescol** – no report.
  - e. **CAC –Brooks** – 90 total forensic interviews; Received 3,000.00 training grant from Victims of Crime for child abuse seminar; Granholm approved Senate Bill 1617 which provides separate funding stream for CAC's in MI. Creates local dollars in addition to Federal.
- VI. OTHER REPORTS**
- a. **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) – Dot S. reported:** There is a training classes Feb 26 for new class of volunteers, call for details; Casino Night Bus Trip 3/27.
  - b. **Fundraising** – Street Solicitation scheduled for spring, previous date falls during spring break. Last one worked out well, collected @ \$1,300
  - c. **Golf Outing** – September 4, 2009, we need to try to increase golfers to previous levels.
- VII. CORRESPONDENCE**
- a. Thank you from CAC
  - b.
- VIII. ONGOING BUSINESS**
- a.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS**
- a.
- X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION**
- a. CAN has an E-mail address: [monroecancouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:monroecancouncil@yahoo.com). Please send any fliers or information you would like distributed to this address.
  - b. Taylor: Nortel is offering their facility for poker for charity 4 days a week; this is an opportunity to raise \$ with little outlay of time and money. Group needs to be there the day they are sponsored.
  - c. Hampel: 1/19 there will be an MLK celebration at MCCC. 7pm a collection of local youth & choirs will perform at the La-Z-Boy Center.



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**Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 a.m.**

**XI. NEXT MEETING**

**Monthly Meeting –February 11, 2009 at 9:00 AM at United Way.**

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

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Boudrie